

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
THORNTON RURAL FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
25999 Thornton Rd., Thornton, CA. 95686
August 13, 2026**

CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Allan called the regular meeting of the Thornton County Fire Protection District Board of Directors to order at 6:03 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

Directors Present: Jim Allan, William Stokes, Jose Torres, and Paul Guzman
Absent: Frank Yoka
Staff Present: Fire Chief Alberto Garcia and Secretary Diana Tidwell

GUESTS ATTENDING:

None

AGENDA:

On motion of Vice Chairman Stokes, seconded by Director torres, agenda for August 13, 2026, meeting approved. All ayes. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC DISCUSSION:

None

COMMUNICATION RECEIVED:

None

READING OF THE MINUTES:

On motion of Vice Chairman Stokes, seconded by Director Guzman, minutes for the regular meeting on July 9, 2026 approved. All ayes. Motion carried unanimously.

FINANCIAL REPORT & BILL LOG:

On motion of Vice Chairman Stokes, seconded by Director Guzman financials and bill logs for July 2026 in the amount of \$133,581.17 approved. All ayes. Motion carried unanimously.

COMMITTEE MEETING:

None

FIRE FIGHTERS ASSOCIATION REPORT:

None

OLD BUSINESS:

- A. No action taken on Budget Updates. Information purposes only.

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Board requests continuation of fiscal year 2023-2024 audit and to see if Hawks and Associates can possibly separate the fiscal year 2024-2025 audit and continue with the bi-annual audits as approved prior by SJ County Board of Supervisors. Chief will discuss with auditor during telephonic meeting 8/14/2026.

CHIEFS REPORT:

- A. Chief Garcia reviewed the Alarm and Fire Prevention Reports, and each board member received a copy. Alarm reports show 52 calls for the month of July 2026, for a total of 194 calls on the year, a decrease of 59 calls from last year.
- B. There is nothing new to report for grants.
- C. There is nothing new to report for staffing.
- D. District assessments have been completed and submitted to the county.
- E. Crews were at the Gann Fire and were reassigned to the Timber Fire. Crew swap is anticipated for the 18th.

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- F. Department training and the monthly North County training continue as scheduled.
- G. Firefighters participated in National Night Out and are planning Thanksgiving with the community. They are currently participating in back to school night.
- H. Inspections are scheduled for next month.
- I. Engine 17-1 monitor needs to be serviced and the transfer case and foam system need repair. Engine 17-2 is out of service and undergoing repairs. Engine 17-3 passed demob. The engine is leaking oil and the chainsaw is out of service due to piston failure on the strike team. The Water Tender is in service. Chief 17-1 heater hose was replaced in house and is back in service.

OPEN DISCUSSION:

None

CLOSED SESSION:

None

ADJOURN MEETING:

On motion of Vice Chairman Stokes, seconded by Director Guzman, the Board of Directors meeting was adjourned at 6:36 p.m. All ayes. Motion carried unanimously.

ATTEST:

DIANA TIDWELL