



Mokelumne Rural Fire District
13157 E. Brandt Road
Lockeford, CA 95237
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Meeting Minutes of January 7, 2026

*The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Mokelumne Fire District at Fire Station 13-1
13157 E. Brandt Road, Lockeford, CA 95237 at 6:00 p.m.*

1. **CALL TO ORDER – ROLL CALL:** 6:01 p.m. by Mark Sperling – John Anagnos absent
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Led by Mark Sperling
3. **COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:** None
4. **LATE AGENDA ITEMS 54954.2 SUBSECTION (B) 2:** None
5. **COMMUNICATIONS/CORRESPONDENCES:** None
6. **CONSENT ITEMS:**
 - 6.1 **Approval of Minutes** - December 3, 2025, Regular Board Meeting Minutes:
Motion to Approve the minutes: Frank Schulz
Second: Joe Valente, Vote: Motion passed 4-0
 - 6.2 **Financial Reports/Expenses** - December 3, 2025 Board approval of Financial Expenses
Motion to Approve: Joe Valente
Second: Andrew Lucchetti, Vote: Motion passed 4-0
 - 6.3 **Warrant Approval** – Warrant Request 2026-1 \$81,000. Motion to accept the payment of bills and warrant request:
Motion to Approve: Frank Schulz
Second: Andrew Lucchetti, Vote passes 4-0.
 - 6.4 **Budget Review** - Chief Weber went over the budget. Still waiting for Strike Team funds to come in for 2 fires. Seasonal program is working with payroll expenses.
 - 6.5 **Cyber Security Grant** - An expense/reimbursement report was given to each board member to review. Each board member was issued an iPad sleeve for their MKE issued iPad. Today a reimbursement was sent in today for the Cyber Security Grant.
7. **OLD BUSINESS**
 - 7.1 **Discussion & Possible Action** - Diesel Fuel Tank at Station update: The plans were approved at San Joaquin County. There was an additional permit fee of \$500. The electrician will be out next week to hook up the electrical for the tank.
 - 7.2 **Discussion & Possible Action** – MSR Joint Ad-Hoc Committee update: Meeting was last month with Director Valente and Director Lucchetti representing Mokelumne Fire. Next meeting is scheduled for next month.
8. **NEW BUSINESS**
 - 8.1 **Discussion & Possible Action** – Resolution 2026-01: Additional VFC Grant Money additional Funds: These funds are in addition to the funds we were already awarded
Motion to Approve: Joe Valente
Second: Andrew Lucchetti, Vote: Motion passed 4-0
 - 8.2 **Discussion & Possible Action** – Election of Board Members – Director Frank Schulz moved to come back and discuss after closed session. A nomination made by Frank Schulz to nominate Director Mark Sperling for President and Joe Valente for Vice-President.

- Motion to Approve: Frank Schulz,
Second: Andrew Lucchetti, Vote: Motion passed 4-0
- 8.3 **Discussion & Possible Action** – Surplus: G-1 Radio Pagers and 3 old office computers. This equipment is no longer in use. The Chief would like to sell the G-1 Radio pagers to an agency that currently uses them. The computers from the Admin Assistant, Chief and front office have been replaced with the Cyber Security Grant funds.
Motion to Approve: Andrew Lucchetti
Second: Joe Valente, Vote: Motion passed 4-0
- 8.4 **Discussion & Possible Action** - Chapter 8 Tax Defaulted Parcels – Public Auction for defaulted tax list was received from San Joaquin County. The Chief made contact with the county and submitted a “Interest Letter To Pursue”. The district would be able to rescind at any time without any obligation. The board would like to bring this back to the next board meeting with any information that the Chief receives.
- 8.5 **Discussion & Possible Action:** Front Entry Clean up: The Chief would like to remove some of the built-in cabinets and clean-up/remodel/rearrange with desks, file cabinets and office equipment. These funds for this project would come out of Fire Prevention fees and not out of the district’s budget. Estimate of \$6,000 approved for the work.
Motion to Approve: Frank Schulz
Second: Joe Valente Vote: Motion passed 4-0
- 8.6 **Discussion & Possible Action:** Repeal of prior Impact Fee Res. 2024-01 & consider adoption of Res. 2026-02 Phased Fee Increase: This would gradually increase the fees over a 5 year period.
Motion to Approve: Joe Valente
Second: Frank Schulz, Vote:
Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Valente, Schulz, Lucchetti, Sperling. Absent: Anagnos
- 8.7 **Discussion:** MSR-Joint Ad Hoc Committee – Report Out - Was reported on Item 7.2 and will be brought back at next months meeting.

9. STAFF AND FIRE CHIEFS REPORT

- 9.1 **Operations** - Chief Weber went over the calls for the month. We closed the year with 997 calls. Fire impact fees will go to CDD to get on their board agenda. ISO rating is out as a rating of 4/10. MSR – no update. Cyber Security Grant is moving forward. News media from CBS13 was out here for an interview about the vehicle fires. Seasonal fire fighter program will end on 1/31/2026 with a 3-month break.
- 9.2 **Prevention/Public Education** – The District will start handling its own permitting and move away from San Joaquin County CDD.
- 9.3 **Training** - Operator driving training and sending an engineer to Fresno for training. Training will be paid with USAR funds. River is releasing and is rising. Going out to the river for a drill with several other agencies.
- 9.4 **USAR Association Update** - Financials were given to each board member. Next week the new AC/Furnace will be installed. Chief is working on getting a quote for new siding on the classroom. Both items will be covered by USAR Funds.

10.COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC: None

11.EXECUTIVE SESSION (Closed Session) Director Mark Sperling reported the board would enter closed session at 8:05 p.m.

- 11.1 Section 54957.6: Personnel Section 54957.6: Personnel

Director Mark Sperling reported that the Board returned from closed session at 8:45 p.m.

Director Mark Sperling announced that no actions were taken. The Chief will contact legal

counsel on a few items.

12.ADJOURNMENT – Board meeting adjourned at 9:51 p.m.

Next Meeting February 4, 2026 At 6:00 P.M.

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Respectfully Submitted

Mark Weber, Fire Chief

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Mark Weber', is written over a horizontal line. The signature is somewhat stylized and loops around the line.

Board of Director Signature