

**VISTA FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT  
Board of Directors  
AGENDA**

**Meeting Location**

“Smart Space” Office Center  
450 South Melrose Drive  
Vista, CA 92081



**Regular Meeting**

Wednesday, April 8, 2026  
1:00 P.M.

**BUSINESS SESSION – REGULAR AGENDA**

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CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

FLAG SALUTE

ORAL COMMUNICATION (PUBLIC COMMENT)

The Board invites District residents and others in attendance to address the Board on any matter of public concern related to the District’s business.

MOTION WAIVING READING IN FULL OF ALL RESOLUTIONS/ORDINANCES

All items listed on the Consent Calendar are considered routine and will be enacted by one motion without discussion unless Board Members, Staff, or the public requests removal of an item for separate discussion and action. The Board of Directors has the option of considering items removed from the Consent Calendar immediately or under Continuing Business.

### CONSENT CALENDAR

1. Board of Directors Minutes
  - a. **Approve** the Board of Directors regular meeting March 11, 2026
2. Payroll Register
  - a. **Ratify** Payroll paid on April 7, 2026 \$7,850.00
  - b. **Ratify** Payroll Taxes paid on April 6, 2026 \$600.53
  - \$8,450.53
3. Accounts Payable
  - a. **Ratify** Accounts Payable Check 4394 through 4398 on April 8, 2026 \$87,457.26
  - b. **Ratify** Auto withdrawal(s) paid on March 7 – April 6, 2026 \$1,066.85
  - \$88,524.11
4. Receive and File – Information
  - a. Monthly Reports
    - i) Fire Chief
    - ii) Fire Marshal
    - iii) Effective Response Force Report – February 26
    - iv) Southern Operations Seasonal Weather Outlook – April – July 2026
    - v) Administrative Manager’s Report
    - vi) Correspondence
  - (1) None

### DISTRICT BUSINESS

#### 1. Resolution 2026-01

To discuss and/or adopt Resolution 2026-01 *entitled* A Resolution of the Vista Fire Protection District Establishing Procedures for Appointment to a Board Vacancy Pursuant to California Government Code Section 1780. [Staff Report 26-03](#)

ACTION REQUESTED: **Adopt**

### ORAL REPORT(S)

1. Fire Chief
  - a. Fire Department Coffee Club
  - b. San Diego Regional Fire Foundation
2. Administrative Manager
3. Legal
4. Board of Directors

### FUTURE AGENDA ITEM(S)

The purpose of this item is to identify issues presently known to staff or which members of the Board of Directors wish to place on an upcoming Board of Directors agenda. Board comment on these future agenda items is limited by California Government Code Section 54954.2 to clarifying questions, brief announcements, or requests for factual information in connection with an item when it is discussed.

1. District Hydrants; date TBD

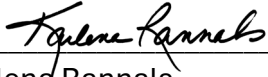
### ADJOURNMENT

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## CERTIFICATION OF POSTING

I, Karlana Rannals, Board Clerk for Vista Fire Protection District, certify that on April 2, 2026 a copy of the foregoing agenda was posted on the District's website and near the meeting place of the Board of Directors of Vista Fire Protection District, said time being at least 72 hours in advance of the Board of Directors meeting (Government Code Section 54954.2).



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Karlana Rannals  
Board Clerk



**VISTA FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT  
Board of Directors Meeting  
Minutes – March 11, 2026**

*These minutes reflect the order in which items appeared on the meeting agenda and do not necessarily reflect the order in which items were considered.*

**BUSINESS SESSION – REGULAR AGENDA**

**CALL TO ORDER**

President Ploetz called to order the regular meeting of the Vista Fire Protection District Board of Directors at 1:00 PM at the “Smart Space” conference room located at 450 S. Melrose Dr., Vista CA.

a. Roll Call

Directors Present: Elliott, Hill, Miller, Ploetz, Fougner

Directors Absent: None

Staff Present: Karlena Rannals, Administrative Manager; Gerard Washington, Fire Chief; Bret Davidson, Deputy Chief; and Chris Cardinale, Legal Counsel

**FLAG SALUTE**

Director Fougner led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ORAL COMMUNICATION (PUBLIC COMMENT)**

No one requested to speak to the board.

**MOTION WAIVING READING IN FULL OF ALL RESOLUTIONS/ORDINANCES**

MOTION BY DIRECTOR ELLIOTT, SECOND BY DIRECTOR HILL, and CARRIED 5 AYES; 0 NOES; 0 ABSENT; 0 ABSTAIN to waive reading in full of all resolutions and/or ordinances.

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

MOTION BY DIRECTOR ELLIOTT, SECOND BY DIRECTOR FOUIGNER, CARRIED 5 AYES; 0 NOES; 0 ABSENT; 0 ABSTAIN to approve the consent calendar with the removal of Item 1 a. Board of Directors Minutes as submitted:

2. Payroll Register (Ratify)

a. Payroll paid on March 7, 2026	\$6,250.00
b. Payroll taxes paid on March 6, 2026	<u>\$478.13</u>
	<u>\$6,728.13</u>

3. Accounts Payable (Ratify)

a. Accounts Payable Check 4388 through 4393 paid March 11, 2026	\$147,464.93
b. Auto withdrawals(s) paid February 7 – March 6, 2026	<u>\$1,126.76</u>
	<u>\$148,591.69</u>

Total

4. Receive and File (Information)

a. Monthly Reports

i) Fire Chief

ii) Fire Marshal

iii) Effective Response Force Report – January 26

- iv) Southern Operations Seasonal Weather Outlook – March – June 2026
- v) Administrative Manager’s Report
- vi) Correspondence
  - (1) None

MOTION BY DIRECTOR HILL, SECOND BY DIRECTOR ELLIOTT, CARRIED 4 AYES; 0 NOES; 0 ABSENT; 1 ABSTAIN (Fougner) to approve the balance of the consent calendar as submitted:

- 1. Board of Directors Minutes - APPROVE
  - a. Regular Meeting February 11, 2026

**DISTRICT BUSINESS**

1. Strategic Plan Update

Chiefs Washington and Davidson delivered a PowerPoint presentation that covered the following information:

Vegetation Management Notices The board reviewed an updated mailer notice to be sent to all properties in fire hazard security zones. Key revisions include: highlighted compliance dates, QR codes linking to the ordinance and instructional videos, a contractor list for vegetation removal, and a smoke detector program reference. The notice will be translated into Spanish. Staff confirmed the mailer is nearly ready to send mid-March, pending any final board edits. The board requested removing the appeal rights language from the notice, as it is premature before any violation has been issued, and softening the compliance language (e.g., "you may assume your property is compliant").

Xylo Plan (Fire Risk Mapping) The city is in procurement for the Xylo plan, a GIS-based fire risk mapping tool. The vendor estimates an 8-week turnaround once data access is granted. The goal is to have the system operational before fire season to help prioritize fuel abatement locations and provide information for future grant applications.

California Conservation Corps (CCC) Workforce Program Chief Washington presented a multi-agency pilot program pairing Vista Unified School District seniors with the California Conservation Corps for wildland fire training and vegetation management. Key points included cost savings (CCC crews run roughly \$3,600/day versus \$8,500/day for private contractors), the grant funding is tied to a 6-month timeline, and potential for multiple CCC crews operating within the city and district simultaneously. MOUs and legal review are in progress, with CCC crews expected to begin clearing vegetation soon and student participants joining in June/July.

Red Flag Warning Protocols The district has partnered with Vista Unified School District to display red flag warnings and is working to align all regional water districts (Rainbow, Vista Irrigation, Vallecitos, Oceanside) on a common red flag response policy modeled after Rainbow Water District's existing policy. Plans are also underway to push red flag alerts to unhoused residents via county-provided phones.

Additional Updates

- A SIM table was debuted at the Havens event for public education and EOC training; train-the-trainer sessions are scheduled for next month.

- Zone 0 inspections have been rolling out with a soft, educational approach, with positive results noted.
- The district continues to promote Alert San Diego, Genesis/Watch Duty integration, and the Pulse Point CPR app to the public.

## 2. Fixed Assets Impairment

Ms. Rannals summarized the staff report noting that the district's financial records have included capitalized assets, specifically road improvements and signage, that the district does not own and has easements only. These items should not have been capitalized to begin with and have been carried on the fixed asset schedule at a depreciated value.

She reported that in coordination with the district's auditor, recommended removing these improperly capitalized assets from the fixed asset schedule. The adjustment would result in a one-time non-cash expense of approximately \$98,000 (the original capitalized value), replacing the current annual depreciation expense of \$15,960. After this adjustment, the financials would reflect only cash-related assets and liabilities going forward. The auditor confirmed that because the district does not own the property, these items do not qualify as fixed assets and should be removed.

Director Elliott noted the one-time non-cash expense will appear on year-end financials but will not recur unless the district acquires qualifying assets per its existing capitalization policy.

MOTION BY DIRECTOR ELLIOTT, SECOND BY DIRECTOR MILLER, CARRIED 5 AYES; 0 NOES; 0 ABSENT; 0 ABSTAIN to authorize staff to remove the improperly capitalized assets and record the associated non-cash expense for the FY26 fiscal year.

## **ORAL REPORT(S)**

### 1. Fire Chief

In addition to his report, the following information was discussed:

Mr. John Connely, City Manager, City of Vista attended the meeting to discuss the following and respond to any questions the board may have. The following summary is reported:

Office Space at Station 3 The City Manager reported that office space at Station 3 has been constructed and will be ready for occupancy after April 1st. The space includes a separate entrance, foyer, private office, and dedicated bathroom access separate from the station. The space is being offered to district staff at no cost (effectively \$1/year) through the term of the current contract.

Meeting Space at Civic Center In response to the district's request for regular meeting space, the city agreed to provide space at the Civic Center at no cost to the district. This arrangement, along with past cost offset reimbursements, will be memorialized in a side letter or formal agreement. City and district legal staff are already in communication to draft the documentation.

City Hall Office Space A question was raised about the feasibility of placing district staff in City Hall for convenience. The City Manager indicated that City Hall does not have dedicated, private office space that could be guaranteed long-term, and that the city needs to reserve available space for its own potential staffing growth.

Board members expressed appreciation for the significantly improved working relationship between the district and the city, noting the City Manager's willingness to attend district meetings with reasonable notice.

Chief Washington also informed the Board that Vista Fire Rescue's Senior Management Analyst is no longer with the City of Vista, and that a replacement will need to be identified.

## 2. Administrative Manager

In addition to her report, she added:

- California Special Districts Association (CSDA) Annual Conference: staff announced that the CSDA Annual Conference will be held in Palm Desert, August 24-27, 2026. Board members and the Chief who attended last year's conference in Monterey spoke positively about the experience, noting strong content on current issues facing special districts, including legal challenges. Board members interested in attending were asked to notify staff as soon as possible, as securing hotel accommodations is the primary time-sensitive item. Registration is currently open.
- Aztec was authorized to complete the repair on Hardell Drive, which an additional 200 sandbags were needed to complete the repair work. The additional cost to complete the repair work is \$3,350.
- The grand opening of fire station 3, located at 1962 E. Vista Way, is scheduled for April 27, 2026 starting at 10 am. All board members and legal counsel are invited to attend.

## 3. Legal

- Mr. Cardinale expressed appreciation for the City Manager's attendance at the meeting, noting it was responsive to prior communication and administrative support concerns. While the district did not receive everything requested, he highlighted the key outcomes: office space at no cost (\$1/year) for the life of the contract and meeting space at no charge. He also acknowledged Ms. Rannals leadership in facilitating the arrangement.
- He noted that homeowner's insurance rates have been a concern for many residents and board members. He referenced a recent state settlement that reportedly capped single-family home insurance rate increases at 17%, down from the 33% insurers had sought. He noted that some policyholders who already paid at the higher rate may be eligible for rebates and encouraged board members and the public to follow the news on this topic.

## 4. Board of Directors

- Miller: inquired if staff were aware of a project at 2183 Primrose Ave. He recently received notice from a property manager regarding a proposed development — Primrose Homes, located at 2183 Primrose — a County of San Diego discretionary permit application for 56 duplex structures totaling 112 condominium units. The project appears to be in or near the district boundary in an unincorporated county area. He expressed his concern about not receiving timely notification of new development applications. Staff have noted they have previously made requests to be included in early-stage county notifications and do receive some notices, though the process is inconsistent. Staff agreed to research the matter further and reach out to county contacts.
- Plötz: reminded the board that this is an election year and that District D currently has no candidates identified. Maps of District D with street boundaries were distributed to board members to help identify the area. He encouraged board members to spread the word within their personal and community networks — such as church, youth sports, or neighborhood connections — to identify potential candidates who reside within District D. The filing period is July 13 – August 7, 2026. He also expressed his appreciation for the support on the vegetation management program.

- Fougner: He announced that the April meeting will mark his 20th consecutive year of service on the board and that it will be his final meeting. He made the announcement in advance to give the board ample time to identify and seat a replacement. He advised that it would be better to identify and onboard a successor sooner rather than later, noting that placing someone on the board only a couple of months before an election is not an effective recruiting approach. An earlier appointment would allow an individual to get up to speed before potentially running as an incumbent. He expressed his gratitude to Director Miller and former board members Mike McReynolds and Richard Hemenez for the opportunity to serve 20 years and thanked current board members and staff for their experience. The board acknowledged the announcement with gratitude for the members' long tenure and dedication to the district.

#### **CLOSED SESSION**

Legal Counsel reported that there was no need for closed session.

#### **FUTURE AGENDA ITEM(s)**

No additional items were added to the list.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

President Ploetz adjourned the meeting at 2:24 pm.

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Karlana Rannals  
Board Clerk


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John Ploetz  
President

**VISTA FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT**  
**PAYROLL REGISTER - March (Paid 4/7/2026)**

Payment No.	Name	Gross
Direct		
Deposit	Elliott, James (Jan - Mar 2026)	\$ 400.00
Direct		
Deposit	Fougner, Robert (Jan - Mar 2026)	\$ 100.00
Direct		
Deposit	Hill, Jerry (Jan - Mar 2026)	\$ 300.00
Direct		
Deposit	Miller, Read (Jan - Mar 2026)	\$ 400.00
Direct		
Deposit	Ploetz, John (Jan - Mar 2026)	\$ 400.00
Direct		
Deposit	Rannals, Karlena	<u>\$ 6,250.00</u>
		\$ 7,850.00
	Employer Payroll Taxes	
	Federal (Social Security/Medicare)	\$ 600.53
	State	<u>\$ -</u>
		<u><u>\$ 8,450.53</u></u>

**VISTA FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT**  
**ACCOUNTS PAYABLE**  
**April 8, 2026**

Check #	PAYEE & ADDRESS	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
Auto Withdrawal	SmartSpace Vista (c/o SVN Vanguard) 4455 Murphy Canyon Road, Ste 200 San Diego, CA 92123	Space Rent - April 2026 <i>Paid on 04-1-2026</i>	\$952.95
Auto Withdrawal	ADP, Inc.	March Payroll Fee <i>Paid on 4-6-2026</i>	\$113.90
		<b>Accounts Payable (Auto withdrawal)</b>	<b>\$1,066.85</b>
	AZTEC LANDSCAPING 7980 Lemon Grove Way Lemon Grove, Ca 91945	Emergency Access Roads, Invoice # L7294, March 2026 Emergency Access Roads, Invoice # L7256, Repair Hardell Lane	\$2,464.33 \$3,325.00
	CITY OF VISTA 200 Civic Center Drive Vista, CA 92084	Fire Emergency Services TA#8	\$73,535.75
	LITTLE YELLOW BUDDIES 13615 Fairlane Road Valley Center, CA 92082	Inv 338 - Serviced Hydrants - Qty 223 Inv 339 - Hydrant Supplies	\$6,690.00 \$53.73
	RANNALS, Karlena	Out of Pocket Expenses (Feb 1 - Mar 31, 2026)	\$1,238.45
	RGM CONSULTING 815 Sierra Verde Dr. Vista, CA 92084	Monthly Maintenance (April 2026) Inv # 7427	\$150.00
		<b>Accounts Payable (Checks)</b>	<b>\$87,457.26</b>
	<b>PAYROLL:</b>		
	See Payroll Register	Employee & Directors	\$7,850.00
	U.S. TREASURY (PAYROLL TAX)	FEDERAL FORM 941-EFT VIA EFTPS-DEPOSIT	\$600.53
		<b>February Payroll Total</b>	<b>\$8,450.53</b>
		<b>Total District Expenses -March 2026</b>	<b>\$96,974.64</b>
	<b>Director</b>		<b>2-Apr-26</b>
			
	<b>Administrative Manager</b>		<b>8-Apr-26</b>

**Accounts Payable  
Certification**

Vista Fire Protection District  
450 S. Melrose Dr., Ste 105  
Vista, CA 92081

CERTIFICATION FOR PAYMENT NO. TA#8

CONSULTANT/VENDOR:  
City of Vista

BILLING PERIOD:

ADDRESS: 200 Civic Center Drive, Vista, CA 92084

ACCOUNT No.:

DESCRIPTION: Tax Apportionment #8

**STATEMENT OF PAYMENT**

				Apportionment of Fee	FEE PAYABLE
Gross Tax Apportionment	100%	\$	81,706.39	0%	\$ -
Less Interest Allocation	100%			0%	\$ -
Tax Apportionment (Net)	100%	\$	81,706.39	90%	<u>\$ 73,535.75</u>
Invoice Billed #: 30963					\$ 73,535.75
Discrepancy					<u>\$ 0.00</u>



Certified by: Karlene Rannals, Administrative Manager

17-Mar

Date



TO: BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
FROM: GERARD WASHINGTON, FIRE CHIEF  
SUBJECT: MONTHLY ACTIVITY REPORT – FIRE CHIEF’S REPORT  
DATE: April 2, 2026



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## Monthly Activity Summary (March 1 - 31, 2026)

The following highlights the work activities for the reporting period:

1. The 2026 vegetation management program initial notice was mailed on 3/27/26.
2. A grand opening celebration for Fire Station #3 is planned for Monday 4/27/26 at 10:00 a.m. Vista Fire Rescue staff, City Communications staff, and Vista Fire Protection District staff are collaborating on the event.
3. Participated in the San Diego Workforce Partnership (SDWP) Steering Committee and first quarterly Advisory Board meeting with the University of California, San Diego (UCSD) Center for Research and Evaluation, and the San Diego-Imperial Center of Excellence (COE).
4. Grant opportunities were discussed with the City Manager’s office grants writer and multiple City departments regarding Proposition 4 funding.
5. Staff discussed with California Conservation Corps regarding Station 2 fuel mitigation and LED lighting work that needs to be re-evaluated at all six fire stations.
6. Work on the upcoming re-accreditation is continuing.
7. On Duty Health assessments continue. This project provides annual wellness exams for fire department personnel and is being coordinated by Chief Sweeney.
8. Conducted a Vegetation Management and Red Flag Warning presentation to City Council with Chief Washington.
9. Station alerting at five stations is complete. Final walk-through with installer, project manager, and vendor completed. Stations certified by US Digital Design.
10. New Fire Station 3 move-in set for April 1. Fire and Erickson-Hall are coordinating the move.
11. Fire Dept. Coffee, a veteran and firefighter-owned company that roasts fresh U.S.-made coffee and gives back to first responders, is proud to feature the Vista Fire Rescue as its highlighted department for April 2026, with a one-of-a-kind custom coffee and shirt designed to celebrate Vista’s unique heritage and community.
12. Currently working through the City’s procurement procedure for the XyloPlan project.

TO: BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
FROM: MARK VIEROW, FIRE MARSHAL  
SUBJECT: MONTHLY ACTIVITY REPORT–FIRE MARSHAL  
DATE: April 2, 2026



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## Monthly Activity Summary (March 1 – 31, 2026)

The following highlights the work activities for the reporting period:

1. Plan Checks and Construction Inspections
  - a. 11 plan checks completed
  - b. 7 construction inspections
2. San Diego County Fire Mitigation Fees
  - a. 11,727 square feet of new construction
  - b. \$10,906.11 in fire mitigation fees
3. Meetings
  - a. Attended District Fire Marshal's Meeting at the County offices on 3/26.
  - b. 1050 Ora Avo Dr. (Buena Creek) Submitted through the county an Emergency Evacuation Assess Configuration Memorandum. Report was denied and set back with comments and questions.



# EFFECTIVE RESPONSE FORCE REPORT

**FEBRUARY 2026**



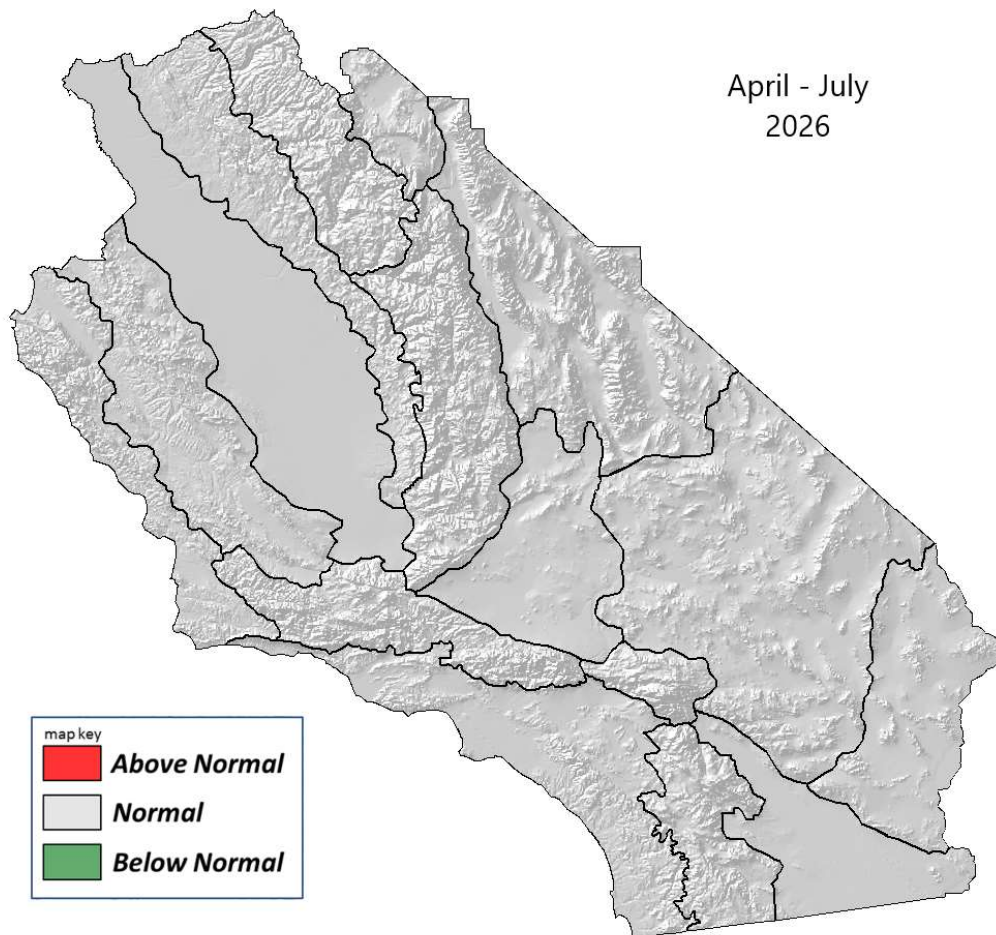
# VISTA FIRE RESCUE

## STANDARD OF COVER TRAVEL INTERVALS

February 2026

This table describes the Vista Fire Rescue standard travel interval times in accordance with Section 2.G.2. of the agreement with the Vista Fire Protection District.

Type	Risk Level	Unit Complement	Parameter	Urban	Suburban	Rural
All Risks	N/A	1 Engine or 1 Aerial	Objective	00:05:40	00:06:30	00:08:00
All Risks	N/A	1 Engine or 1 Aerial	90th Percentile	00:07:52	00:09:14	00:06:45
All Risks	N/A	1 Engine or 1 Aerial	Count	122	5	28
Fire	High	4 Engine, 1 Ambulance, 1 BC, 1 Aerial	Objective	00:09:30	00:11:00	00:11:30
Fire	High	4 Engine, 1 Ambulance, 1 BC, 1 Aerial	90th Percentile	n/a	n/a	n/a
Fire	High	4 Engine, 1 Ambulance, 1 BC, 1 Aerial	Count	n/a	n/a	n/a
Fire	Medium	3 Engine, 1 Ambulance, 1 BC, 1 Aerial	Objective	00:09:00	00:10:30	00:11:00
Fire	Medium	3 Engine, 1 Ambulance, 1 BC, 1 Aerial	90th Percentile	n/a	n/a	n/a
Fire	Medium	3 Engine, 1 Ambulance, 1 BC, 1 Aerial	Count	n/a	n/a	n/a
Fire	Low	1 Engine	Objective	00:05:40	00:08:00	00:08:00
Fire	Low	1 Engine	90th Percentile	00:05:20	00:09:47	n/a
Fire	Low	1 Engine	Count	6	1	n/a
EMS	High	1 Engine, 1 Ambulance	Objective	00:06:00	00:08:30	00:09:30
EMS	High	1 Engine, 1 Ambulance	90th Percentile	00:10:19	00:10:42	00:11:08
EMS	High	1 Engine, 1 Ambulance	Count	29	1	8
EMS	Medium	1 Engine, 1 Ambulance	Objective	00:06:00	00:08:30	00:09:30
EMS	Medium	1 Engine, 1 Ambulance	90th Percentile	00:11:22	00:09:10	00:09:16
EMS	Medium	1 Engine, 1 Ambulance	Count	47	1	9
EMS	Low	1 Engine, 1 Ambulance	Objective	00:06:00	00:08:30	00:09:30
EMS	Low	1 Engine, 1 Ambulance	90th Percentile	n/a	n/a	n/a
EMS	Low	1 Engine, 1 Ambulance	Count	n/a	n/a	n/a
Rescue	High	2 Engine, 1 Ambulance, 1 BC, 1 Aerial	Objective	00:09:00	00:10:30	00:11:30
Rescue	High	2 Engine, 1 Ambulance, 1 BC, 1 Aerial	90th Percentile	n/a	n/a	n/a
Rescue	High	2 Engine, 1 Ambulance, 1 BC, 1 Aerial	Count	n/a	n/a	n/a
Rescue	Medium	1 Engine, 1 Ambulance, 1 BC, 1 Aerial	Objective	00:08:30	00:11:00	00:11:00
Rescue	Medium	1 Engine, 1 Ambulance, 1 BC, 1 Aerial	90th Percentile	00:11:39	n/a	n/a
Rescue	Medium	1 Engine, 1 Ambulance, 1 BC, 1 Aerial	Count	1	n/a	n/a
Rescue	Low	1 Engine, 1 Ambulance	Objective	00:08:00	00:08:00	00:09:00
Rescue	Low	1 Engine, 1 Ambulance	90th Percentile	00:05:58	n/a	00:09:07
Rescue	Low	1 Engine, 1 Ambulance	Count	5	n/a	3
Wildland	Red Flag	2 Type 1, 3 Type 3, 1 BC, 1 WT, Aircraft	Objective	00:10:24	00:13:00	00:18:12
Wildland	Red Flag	2 Type 1, 3 Type 3, 1 BC, 1 WT, Aircraft	90th Percentile	n/a	n/a	n/a
Wildland	Red Flag	2 Type 1, 3 Type 3, 1 BC, 1 WT, Aircraft	Count	n/a	n/a	n/a
Wildland	High	2 Type 1, 3 Type 3, 1 BC, 1 WT, Aircraft	Objective	00:10:24	00:13:00	00:18:12
Wildland	High	2 Type 1, 3 Type 3, 1 BC, 1 WT, Aircraft	90th Percentile	n/a	n/a	n/a
Wildland	High	2 Type 1, 3 Type 3, 1 BC, 1 WT, Aircraft	Count	n/a	n/a	n/a
Wildland	Medium	2 Type 1, 2 Type 3, 1 BC	Objective	00:10:24	00:13:00	00:18:12
Wildland	Medium	2 Type 1, 2 Type 3, 1 BC	90th Percentile	n/a	n/a	n/a
Wildland	Medium	2 Type 1, 2 Type 3, 1 BC	Count	n/a	n/a	n/a
Wildland	Low	2 Type 1, 2 Type 3, 1 BC	Objective	00:09:00	00:13:00	00:18:12
Wildland	Low	2 Type 1, 2 Type 3, 1 BC	90th Percentile	n/a	n/a	n/a
Wildland	Low	2 Type 1, 2 Type 3, 1 BC	Count	n/a	n/a	n/a
Hazmat	High	2 Engine, 1 Ambulance, 1 BC, 1 Aerial	Objective	00:09:00	00:10:30	00:11:30
Hazmat	High	2 Engine, 1 Ambulance, 1 BC, 1 Aerial	90th Percentile	n/a	n/a	n/a
Hazmat	High	2 Engine, 1 Ambulance, 1 BC, 1 Aerial	Count	n/a	n/a	n/a
Hazmat	Low	1 Engine	Objective	00:05:40	00:06:30	00:08:00
Hazmat	Low	1 Engine	90th Percentile	n/a	n/a	n/a
Hazmat	Low	1 Engine	Count	n/a	n/a	n/a



**\*Monthly Images will only be shown when there are changes**

## **April – July 2026 South Ops Highlights**

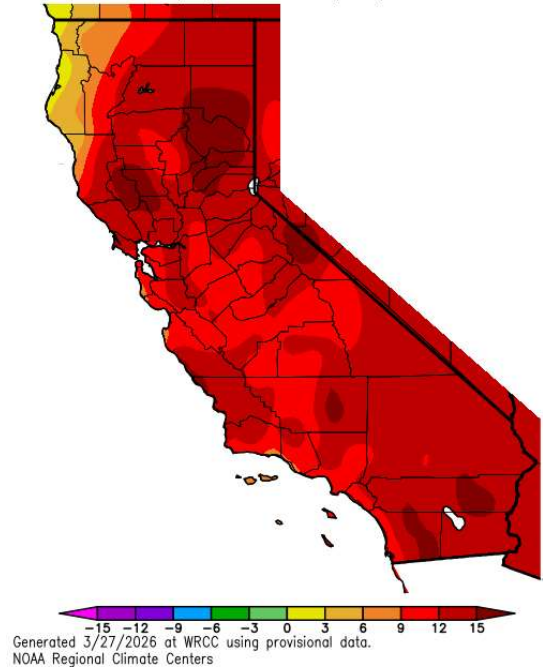
- Precipitation will likely be below normal through June.
- Temperatures will likely be above normal through July.
- The marine layer will likely be more shallow and not penetrate as far inland as normal through July.
- The monsoon will likely start mid or late July which is a few weeks later than usual, but once it starts expect near normal shower and thunderstorm activity.



## Weather Discussion

Strong high pressure off the California Coast brought above normal temperatures to the entire region for much of March. Record heat occurred from March 12-21. Central and Southern California received well above normal temperatures for the month and this will be the hottest March on record for many locations (**Fig 1**). The strong high pressure off the California Coast also caused there to be little or no rainfall across the region this month (**Fig 2**). Well above normal temperatures caused rapid melting of the snow-pack over the Sierra and over the mountains of Southern California. By the end of the month, the Sierra snow-pack was less than 50% of normal and across Southern California there was snow only on the peaks of the highest mountains (**Fig 3**). A trough dropping into the Great Basin and Desert Southwest from the Pacific Northwest brought a moderate to strong Santa Ana wind event to Southern California March 6-8. Otherwise, there were no significant winds across the region for the month.

Av. Max. Temperature dep from Ave (deg F)  
3/1/2026 – 3/26/2026



**Fig 1: March 1st - March 26th Temperature (% of Ave.)**

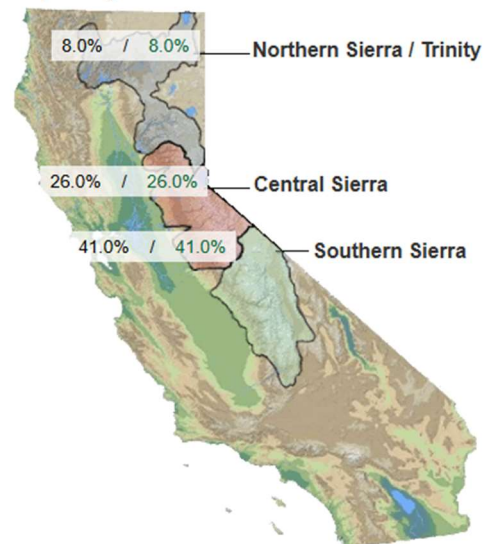
Percent of Average Precipitation (%)  
3/1/2026 – 3/26/2026



**Fig 2: March 1st - March 26th Precipitation (% of Ave.)**

Data For: 26-Mar-2026

% Apr 1 Avg. / % Normal for this Date

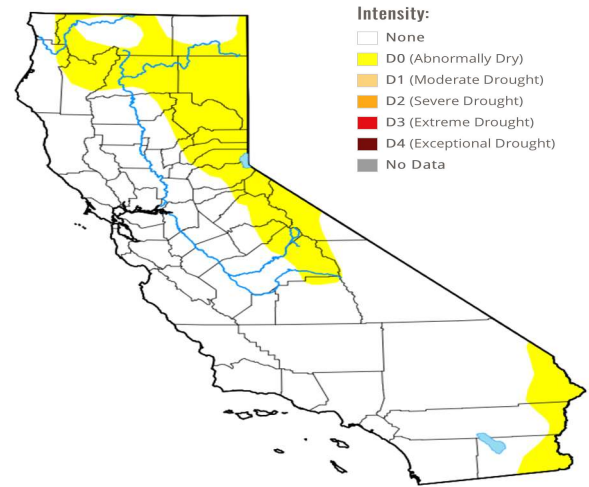


**Fig 3: Snow pack as of March 26th, 2026**

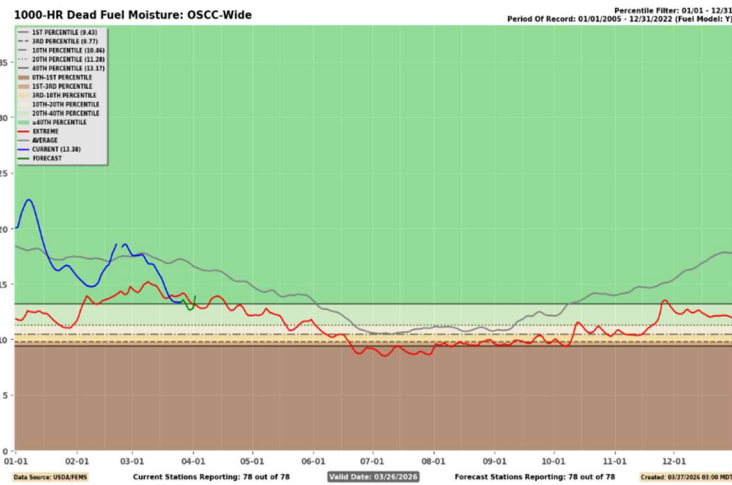


## Fuels Discussion

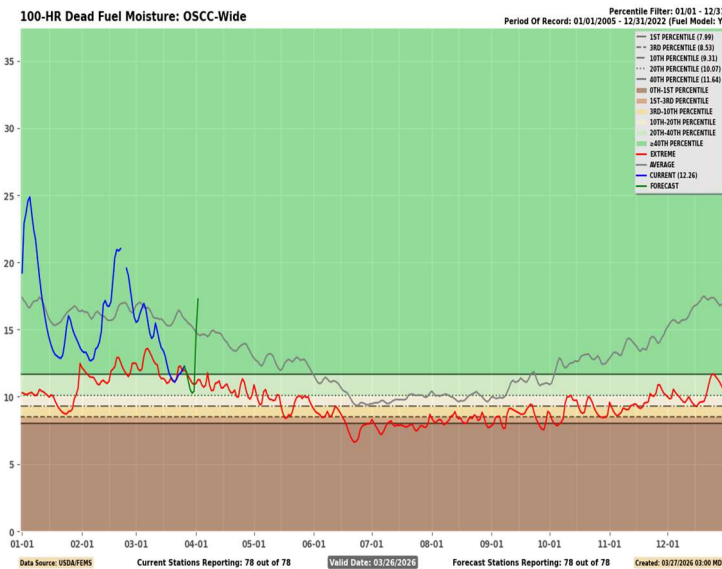
Abnormally dry conditions now exist across the Sierra and near the Colorado River, but there continues to be no drought across Central and Southern California (Fig 4). Both the 1000-hr and 100-hr dead fuel moisture started near average in March. However, hot and dry conditions caused them to substantially drop shortly thereafter. By the end of the month, there was widespread record dead fuel moisture for this time of year (Figs 5@6). The live fuel moisture reached its peak by the middle of the month but remains well above normal and it will continue to gradually decrease through the summer months (Fig 7). The hot and dry conditions caused rapid curing of the grasses at the lower elevations and expect them to be totally cured by the middle of April.



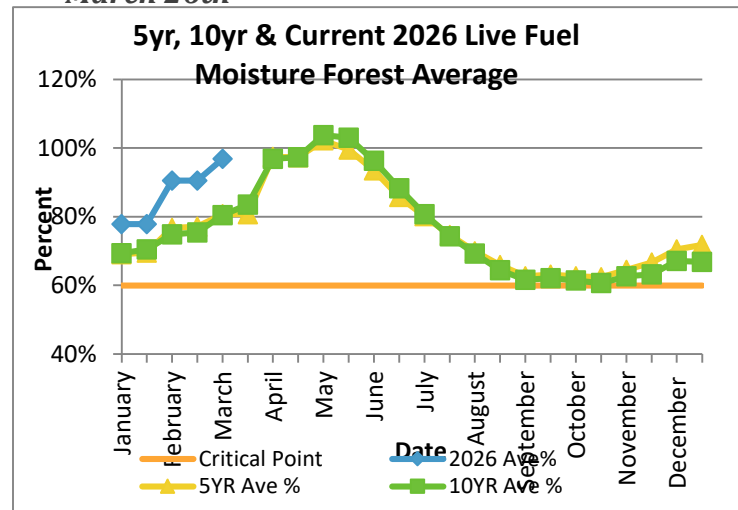
**Fig 4: Drought Monitor March 26th, 2026**



**Fig 5: OSCC-Wide 1000 hr Dead fuel moisture March 26th**



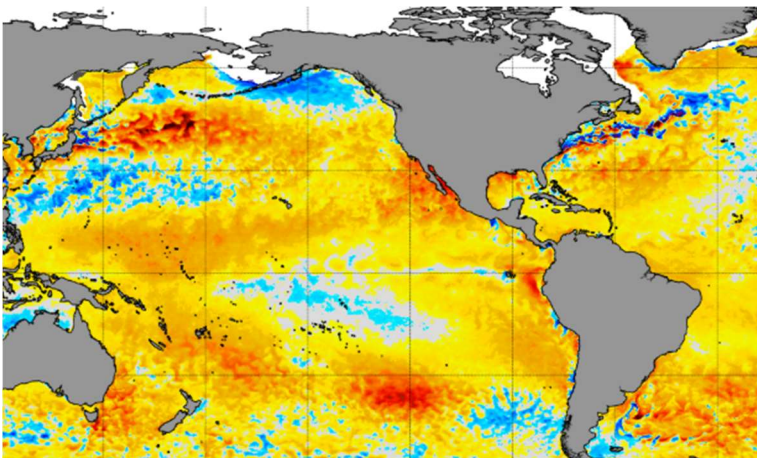
**Fig 6: OSCC-Wide 100 hr Dead fuel moisture March 26th**



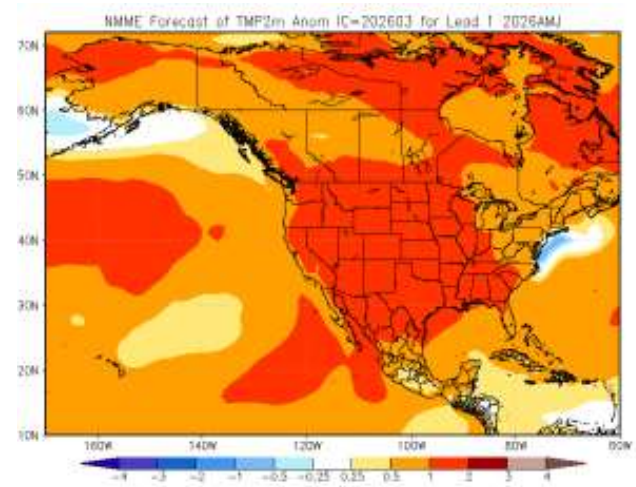
**Fig 7: LPF Live Fuel Moisture March 1st**

## **SOUTH OPS OUTLOOK**

Sea surface temperatures off the West Coast remain well above normal and computer models show that they will remain above normal through the summer months (**Figs 8@9**). Therefore, expect high pressure off the California Coast to remain the dominant weather feature through June. Temperatures will likely remain well above normal and rainfall will likely remain below rainfall. Also, the marine layer will likely not be as deep or penetrate as fall inland as normal April through July. By July, expect the persistent area of high pressure to become centered over the Desert Southwest or Great Basin. The monsoon will likely start a little later than normal, but there will likely be a near normal amount of shower and thunderstorm activity by the middle or end of July. The potential for large fire is expected to remain near normal April through July. There is normally quite a bit of fire activity and acres burned across the region, peaking June through August.



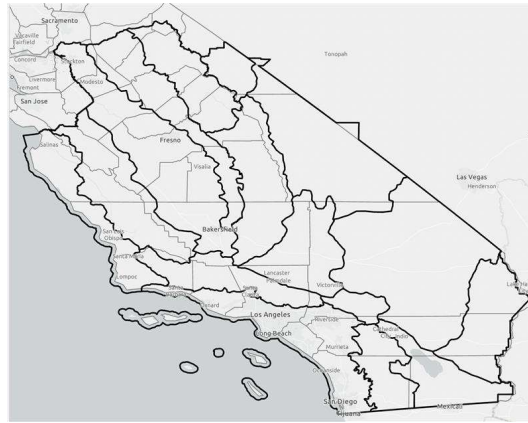
**Fig 8: Sea Surface Temperature Anomaly, March 26<sup>th</sup>, 2026**



**Fig 9: Forecast Temperature Anomalies for April through July, March 26<sup>th</sup>, 2026**

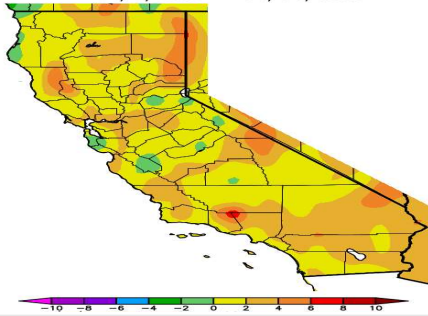


**Maps with Counties and Select Intel Links used in the forecast**



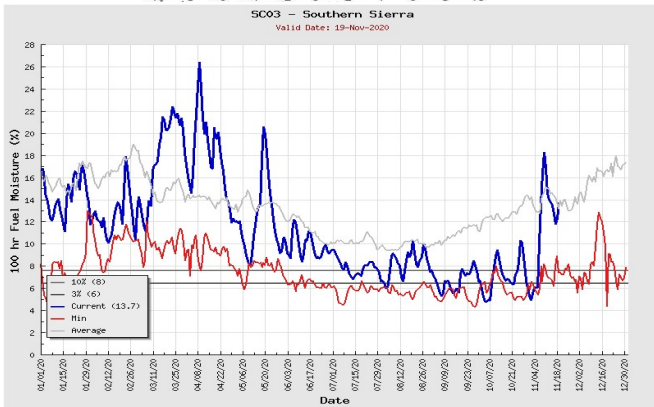
April – July 2026

Av. Max. Temperature dep from Ave (deg F)  
11/1/2020 – 11/19/2020



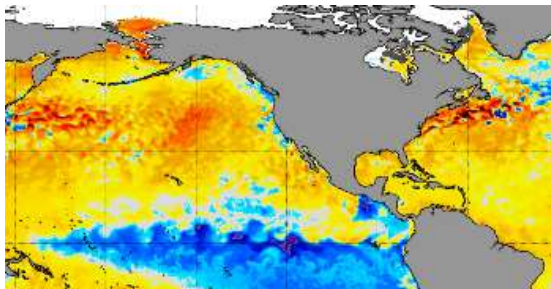
Climate

- <https://calclim.dri.edu/pages/anommaps.html>



100 hr dead fuel moisture

- [https://gacc.nifc.gov/oscc/fuelsFireDanger\\_Hundred.php](https://gacc.nifc.gov/oscc/fuelsFireDanger_Hundred.php)



Current sea surface temperatures

- <https://www.ospo.noaa.gov/Products/ocean/sst/anomaly/>

TO: BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
FROM: KARLENA RANNALS, ADMINISTRATIVE MANAGER  
SUBJECT: MONTHLY ACTIVITY REPORT - ADMINISTRATION  
DATE: April 2, 2026



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### **Activity Summary (March 1 – 31, 2026)**

The following highlights my work activities for the reporting period:

1. Met (in person) March 3 with Chief Washington, monthly staff meeting.
2. Met (virtual) March 6 with City of Vista representatives (Conley, Roxas, Davidson) and Cardinale reference fire station lease agreement
3. Met (virtual) March 9 with City of Vista reference fire station 3 grand opening planning
4. Prepared agenda and supporting material for the March 11 Board of Directors meeting.
5. Attended March 11 Board of Directors meeting.
6. Prepared all accounts payable and payroll.
7. Attended (in person) March 12 AFSS meeting in Monterey Park
8. Met (in person) March 19 with Director Elliott
9. Met (in person) March 25 with Director Miller
10. Met (in person) March 26 with City of Vista reference fire station 3 grand opening planning
11. Met (in person) March 30 with Chief Washington re: forced abatement reimbursement

The highlights do not include emails, phone calls, website updates, or other requests for review/comments on district topics.

TO: BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
FROM: KARLENA RANNALS, ADMINISTRATIVE MANAGER  
SUBJECT: ESTABLISHING PROCEDURES FOR APPOINTMENT TO A BOARD VACANCY  
DATE: April 2, 2026



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## RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommend that the Board of Directors adopt Resolution 2026-01

## BACKGROUND

The Board of Directors adopted Resolution 2022-04 on August 18, 2022 changing from “at large” elections to “election from separate geographic division” creating five divisions within the fire district. Given the District's rural and residential character makes it impractical to identify three or more traditional conspicuous public posting locations within a given division, as the statute outlines. This resolution codifies an alternative approach the Board has determined constitutes good-faith, substantial compliance with the law.

By adopting this resolution, the following key procedures are established when a vacancy arises, the District must complete the following at least 15 days before making an appointment:

- (1) publish a Notice of Vacancy in a newspaper of general circulation on two separate occasions;
- (2) post the notice on the District's official website through the date of appointment; and
- (3) post the notice at the two fire stations nearest to the affected division.

The Board retains 60 days from notification or the effective date of vacancy (whichever is later) to make an appointment and must notify the County Elections Official within 15 days of doing so. The Board may also elect to call a special election in lieu of appointment.

In addition, the resolution will take effect immediately upon adoption and also requires Board review every two years to determine whether the circumstances justifying this approach remain applicable.

## FISCAL IMPACT

The fiscal impact is minimal as there is a cost to publish the required notices in the newspaper.

## LEGAL REVIEW

This resolution has been reviewed and approved by legal counsel.

## ATTACHMENT(S)

1. Resolution 2026-01

## RESOLUTION NO. 2026-01

### A RESOLUTION OF THE VISTA FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT ESTABLISHING PROCEDURES FOR APPOINTMENT TO A BOARD VACANCY PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 1780

**WHEREAS**, the Vista Fire Protection District (the "District") is a California special district organized and operating under state law, governed by a Board of Directors consisting of five (5) members elected from five (5) divisions, which are primarily rural and residential in character; and

**WHEREAS**, California Government Code Section 1780 governs the procedure for filling vacancies on the boards of directors of special districts, and subdivision (c) specifies that the remaining members of the board may fill the vacancy by appointment or by calling an election within (60) days after the date on which the board is notified of the vacancy or the effective date of the vacancy, whichever is later; and

**WHEREAS**, if the Board desires to fill the vacancy by appointment, Government Code Section 1780(d)(1) requires that the District post a notice of vacancy in three (3) or more conspicuous places in the district at least fifteen (15) days before the Board makes the appointment, and that the District notify the county elections official of the appointment no later than fifteen (15) days after the appointment is made; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board has conducted a review of areas within the jurisdictional bounds of the District in efforts to identify qualifying locations for the posting of the notice of vacancy, and given the rural and residential nature of the area District is unable to identify three (3) or more traditional "conspicuous places" within a given division that are open and accessible to the public on a consistent basis; and

**WHEREAS** given the practical limitations on the District's ability to strictly comply with Government Code Section 1780(d)(1), the Board has determined that the posting procedures set forth in this Resolution, which includes publication in a newspaper of general circulation, posting on the District's official website, and posting at the two (2) nearest District fire stations to the division in which the vacancy occurs, constitute substantial and good faith compliance with the District's obligation to post notices of vacancies in conspicuous public notice reasonably calculated to inform residents of the vacancy; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE RESOLVED**, the Board of Directors of the Vista Fire Protection District is as follows:

**SECTION 1.** Findings. The Board of Directors hereby finds and determines that the recitals set forth above are true and correct and are incorporated herein by this reference.

**SECTION 2.** Purpose. The purpose of this Resolution is to establish the District's procedures for providing public notice of vacancies on the Board of Directors, in compliance with California Government Code Section 1780(d)(1).

**SECTION 3.** Notice of Vacancy — Required Postings. Upon the occurrence of a vacancy on the Board of Directors that will be filled by appointment, the District shall provide public notice of such vacancy by completing all of the following no later than fifteen (15) days before the Board makes an appointment to fill the vacancy:

1. Publication in Newspaper of General Circulation. The District shall publish a Notice of Vacancy in a newspaper of general circulation serving the District on two (2) separate occasions.
2. District Website. The District shall post the Notice of Vacancy prominently on the District's official

website for the duration of the notice period and until the appointment is made.

3. Fire Station Posting. The District shall post the Notice of Vacancy at the two (2) District fire stations located closest in proximity to the division in which the vacancy occurred. Such postings shall be placed in a conspicuous location accessible to the public.

**SECTION 4.** Appointment Timeline. If a vacancy is to be filled by appointment, the remaining members of the Board of Directors shall make the appointment to fill the vacancy within sixty (60) days after the later date of: (a) the date on which the Board is notified of the vacancy; or (b) the effective date of the vacancy, as required by Government Code Section 1780(d)(1).

**SECTION 5.** Notification to County Elections Official. No later than fifteen (15) days following the appointment, the District shall notify the county elections official of the appointment, as required by Government Code Section 1780(d)(1).

**SECTION 6.** Content of Notice. The Notice of Vacancy shall include, at a minimum: the name of the District; the division in which the vacancy exists; the reason for the vacancy; the date by which applications or expressions of interest must be submitted, if any; information about how interested persons may apply or contact the District; and the anticipated date of appointment.

**SECTION 7.** Special Election. Nothing in this Resolution precludes the Board of Directors from calling a special election to fill the vacancy, in accordance with Government Code section 1780€

**SECTION 8.** Election Cycle Review. This Resolution shall be reviewed each election cycle (e.g., every two years) by the Board of Directors for purposes of determining whether the circumstances giving rise to this Resolution continue to exist.

**SECTION 9.** Effective Date. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** at a regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Vista Fire Protection District on April 8, 2026, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

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John Ploetz  
President

ATTEST:

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Karlana Rannals  
Board Clerk/Secretary