

VISTA FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

Board of Directors

AGENDA

Meeting Location

City Hall, City of Vista
Vista Conference Room
200 Civic Center Drive
Vista, CA 92084



Rescheduled Regular (Special) Meeting

Wednesday, October 21, 2026

2:00 PM

BUSINESS SESSION – REGULAR AGENDA

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Rules for Addressing Board of Directors: Members of the audience who wish to address the Board of Directors are requested to complete a form near the entrance of the meeting room and submit it to the Board Clerk. Any person may address the Board on any item of Board business or Board concern. The Board cannot act on any matter presented during Public Comment but can refer it to staff for review and discussion at a future meeting. As permitted by State Law, the Board may act on matters of an urgent nature, or which require immediate attention.

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CALL TO ORDER

1. 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 September 9, 2026

2. Payroll Register

- | | |
|--|-------------------|
| a. Ratify Payroll paid on October 7, 2026 | \$7,950.00 |
| b. Ratify Payroll Taxes paid on paid on September 4, 2026 | <u>\$608.18</u> |
| | <u>\$8,558.18</u> |

3. Accounts Payable

- | | |
|---|---------------------|
| a. Ratify Accounts Payable Check 4463 through 4470 to be paid October 21, 2026 | \$107,916.07 |
| b. Auto withdrawal(s) paid on September 5 – October 16, 2026 | <u>\$266.35</u> |
| | <u>\$108,182.42</u> |

4. Receive and File – Information

- a. Financial Reports – Quarterly
 - i) FY27 Budget to Actual GF – September 30, 2026
 - ii) FY27 Budget to Actual FMF – September 30, 2026 (No Activity)
 - iii) FY27 Combined Balance Sheet – September 30, 2026
 - iv) Portfolio Summary Report – September 30, 2026
 - v) Interest Rate Summary
- b. Monthly Reports
 - i) Fire Chief
 - ii) Fire Marshal
 - iii) Workforce Program Superintendent
 - iv) Effective Response Force Report – August 26
 - v) Southern Operations Seasonal Weather Outlook – October 2026 – January 2027
 - vi) Administrative Manager’s Report
 - vii) Correspondence
 - (1) None

DISTRICT BUSINESS

1. Fire Pathways Vulnerability and Mitigation Prioritization Analysis - Update

Staff will provide an update on the Xylo Plan, a new technology that evaluates fuel-to-structure and structure-to-structure fire spread to assess wildfire risk based on existing land use and development patterns. Staff will present the findings of the completed analysis and discuss their potential application to future wildfire mitigation and prevention planning efforts.

ACTION REQUESTED: **INFORMATION AND/OR DIRECTION**

2. Update: On-Call Grant Research, Writing, and Management Consulting Services

Staff will provide an update on the Request for Proposals (RFP) process. The Board will consider appointing an ad hoc committee to review proposals, conduct interviews, and provide a recommendation to the Board for consideration.

ACTION REQUESTED: **INFORMATION AND/OR APPOINT AN AD HOC COMMITTEE**

3. RFP – Access Roads Maintenance

Staff will discuss the development and distribution of a Request for Proposals (RFP) for ongoing maintenance of access roads within the District.

ACTION REQUESTED: **DISCUSSION/DIRECTION**

4. Review – Vista Fire Protection District Investment Policy

To review, acknowledge, and retain the District's Investment Policy as adopted October 13, 2023. discuss. [Staff Report 26-21](#)

ACTION REQUESTED: **REVIEW AND ACKNOWLEDGE**

5. Community Engagement Improvement

The Board will discuss strategies to enhance communication and engagement with District constituents, including the use of social media and other outreach methods to improve public awareness, accessibility, and community involvement.

ACTION REQUESTED: **DISCUSSION/DIRECTION**

ORAL REPORT(s)

1. Fire Chief
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

CERTIFICATION OF POSTING

I, Karlana Rannals, Board Clerk for Vista Fire Protection District, certify that on October 15, 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 meeting of the Board of Directors (Government Code Section 54954.2).



Karlana Rannals
Board Clerk



**VISTA FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
Board of Directors Meeting
Minutes – September 9, 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 1:04 PM at the Vista conference room located at 200 Civic Center Dr., Vista CA.

a. Roll Call

Directors Present: Elliott, Hill, Miller, Ploetz

Director's Absent: None

Staff Present: Karlana Rannals, Administrative Manager; Mark Vierow, Fire Marshal; and Chris Cardinale, Legal Counsel

FLAG SALUTE

Director Hill led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

BOARD VACANCY – DIVISION B

1. Interview – Board of Director Vacancy

Staff informed the board that an application for the vacant position on the Board of Directors had been received. The applicant, Mr. Jose Torre-Bueno, was present at the meeting to provide an overview of his qualifications and answer any questions from the board.

Mr. Torre Bueno summarized his interest in serving on the Board of Directors, highlighting his relevant experience, skills, and commitment to serving the community. He provided an overview of his professional background and how he could potentially assist the District. He responded to questions from the board members.

MOTION BY DIRECTOR MILLER, SECOND BY DIRECTOR ELLIOTT, and CARRIED 4 AYES; 0 NOES; 0 ABSENT; 0 ABSTAIN to appoint Mr. Jose Torre-Bueno to serve the unexpired term of the vacant position in Division B, until the next general election, November 2026.

2. Oath of Allegiance –Appointed Board Member

The following member was sworn-in as members of the Vista Fire Protection District Board of Directors for terms prescribed by law:

Jose Torre-Bueno – Division B

Kallison Leahy, Notary Public, administered the *Oath of Allegiance*.

ORAL COMMUNICATION (PUBLIC COMMENT)

Mr. Daniel Gomez, Vista Valley Dr., Vista, CA: Mr. Gomez, member of the Fire Safe Council Vista, provided an update on current Fire Safe Council and Firewise activities. He advised that revisions to the Community

Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP) are due this month and invited Board members to submit any recommended changes. Proposed revisions are being coordinated with Morgan Dioli and will ultimately be forwarded to Chief Butz and other fire chiefs for review.

Mr. Gomez also discussed concerns regarding vegetation and other potential hazards along Gopher Canyon Road, which is identified in the CWPP as a primary evacuation route. The Firewise Committee has documented several areas of concern and would like to coordinate with District representatives to identify affected parcels and determine the appropriate jurisdiction for corrective action. Cal Fire has indicated it can follow up on properties within its jurisdiction once parcel information is provided.

Mr. Gomez further suggested conducting a community evacuation drill, particularly given the number of elderly residents who may require assistance during an emergency. He noted that previous evacuations identified residents who needed help with issues such as operating garage doors and leaving their homes safely.

Lastly, Mr. Gomez requested assistance with developing an address-related information flyer that had previously been discussed with City staff. He indicated that the Fire Safe Council and Firewise Committee will continue coordinating with the City on these matters.

MOTION WAIVING READING IN FULL OF ALL RESOLUTIONS/ORDINANCES

MOTION BY DIRECTOR ELLIOTT, SECOND BY DIRECTOR TORRE-BUENO, 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 HILL, CARRIED 5 AYES; 0 NOES; 0 ABSENT; 0 ABSTAIN to approve the consent calendar as submitted:

1. Board of Directors Minutes – APPROVE
 - a. Regular Meeting August 12, 2026
2. Payroll Register (Ratify)
 - a. Payroll paid on September 4, 2026

	\$6,250.00
	<u>\$478.13</u>
	<u>\$6,728.13</u>
3. Accounts Payable (Ratify)
 - a. Accounts Payable Check 4453 through 4462 paid September 9, 2026
 - b. Auto withdrawals(s) paid August 11 – September 4, 2026

	\$123,610.00
	<u>\$1,057.18</u>
Total	<u>\$124,667.18</u>
4. Receive and File (Information)
 - a. Monthly Reports
 - i) Fire Chief
 - ii) Fire Marshal
 - iii) Workforce Program Superintendent

- iv) Effective Response Force Report – July 26
- v) Southern Operations Seasonal Weather Outlook – September – December 2026
- vi) Administrative Manager’s Report
- vii) CSDA Annual Conference Summary – Director Ploetz
- viii) Correspondence
- (1) None

PUBLIC HEARING

1. Final Budget Fiscal Year 2026/27

President Ploetz opened and closed the public hearing. Ms. Rannals reported that there were no written comments submitted.

DISTRICT BUSINESS

1. Resolution No. 2026-11

Ms. Rannals summarized the staff report and explained the purpose of the resolution establishing committed and/or constrained fund balances for FY26. She noted that staff review the District’s equity, or fund balance, to ensure reserves are appropriately allocated in accordance with GASB Statement No. 54 and to address the District’s short- and long-term financial needs.

Resolution No. 2026-11 was prepared to meet GASB 54 requirements, with Exhibit A reallocating unassigned fund balances to support the District’s identified short- and long-term financial obligations. Ms. Rannals responded to questions from the Board.

MOTION BY DIRECTOR ELLIOTT, SECOND BY DIRECTOR PLOETZ, and APPROVED to accept staff’s recommendation listed in Staff Report 26-19 and ADOPTED Resolution No. 2026-11 *entitled* a Resolution of the Board of Directors of the Vista Fire Protection District Establishing Committed and/or Constrained Fund Balances for FY26 on the following roll call vote:

AYES:	Elliott, Hill, Miller, Ploetz, Torre Bueno
NOES:	None
ABSENT:	None
ABSTAIN:	None

2. Final Budget FY2026/27

Ms. Rannals presented the FY27 Final Budget and noted that there were few substantive changes from the preliminary budget. She reviewed the District’s FY26 unaudited financial results, including approximately \$5.6 million in revenue, \$4.8 million in operating expenditures, and the impact of the one-time \$2.4 million fire station replacement expenditure on the District’s year-end net position.

For FY27, staff is projecting approximately \$5.8 million in revenue and \$5.2 million in operating expenditures. Property tax revenue remains the District’s primary revenue source, with taxes and assessments projected conservatively based on an approximately 8% increase in assessed valuation. The budget also includes \$333,000 for vegetation management activities. After all projected expenditures, including vegetation management, staff anticipate positive net income of approximately \$303,000.

Ms. Rannals also reviewed the District's projected cash position, fire mitigation fee activity, investment earnings, and the status of grant opportunities. Staff estimated the District's FY27 ending cash balance at approximately \$14 million and noted that the District has issued an RFP for on-call grant-writing services to pursue funding opportunities for which the District may be eligible.

Following discussion and questions from the Board, Resolution No. 2026-12 adopting the FY27 Final Budget was presented for consideration.

MOTION BY DIRECTOR TORRE-BUENO, SECOND BY DIRECTOR HILL, and ADOPTED Resolution No. 2026-12 *entitled* a Resolution of the Board of Directors of the Vista Fire Protection District Adopting a Final Budget for Fiscal Year 2026/27 on the following roll call vote:

AYES:	Elliott, Hill, Miller, Ploetz, Torre Bueno
NOES:	None
ABSENT:	None
ABSTAIN:	None

ORAL REPORT(S)

1. *Fire Chief*

Fire Marshal Vierow reported that In addition to the Chief's report, the following information was discussed:

- He reported that an appeal related to the proposed senior facility project on York was denied. The appeal concerned a downstream sewer easement and required sewer improvements through private backyards, rather than the development itself. The project may therefore proceed.
- The Fire Department's annual open houses will begin on October 3 and continue each Saturday from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., rotating through Stations 1 through 6. A flyer is being prepared, and the schedule will be provided for distribution.
- Recruitment for the Assistant Fire Marshal position is continuing, with three candidates advancing to a second round of interviews.
- He provided an update on the recent fire near Brengle Terrace Park. The preliminary cause was associated with homeless encampments located within the drainage area. Although nearby apartment buildings experienced some heat exposure, no structural damage was reported. Evacuation orders were issued during the incident, and residents generally complied. Vista High School was identified as an evacuation gathering point. Additional shelter resources, including Red Cross support, would have been activated if the incident had continued for a longer period.

The fire generated significant ember cast, with debris reportedly traveling more than a mile from the fire area. Engines were deployed to patrol nearby neighborhoods, including Vale Terrace and Alta Vista, for potential spot fires.

The Board discussed vegetation hazards within the drainage area. Much of the property is privately owned, and vegetation management is complicated by environmental and permitting requirements associated with drainage areas. Staff have been pursuing grant funding to support vegetation reduction efforts on private property.

2. Administrative Manager

In addition to her report, she added:

- Ms. Rannals reported that additional California Conservation Corps hours were authorized to continue vegetation management within the previously approved project amount of up to \$200,000. Staff expect CCC work to continue through the end of October. Fire Department staff will provide an update at the October 21 Board meeting using data from the District-supported wildfire risk model. The model uses historical fire data, terrain, wind, and temperature to identify areas most vulnerable to wildfire. The analysis will help the District prioritize future vegetation management and long-term risk-reduction efforts.
- She provided an update on implementation of the recently approved Facility Use Agreement. The goal is to be fully relocated to the new office at Vista Station 3 by October 1. Before the move, the City needs to complete minor modifications, including removal of cabinetry and painting. Staff noted that the District must also coordinate installation of phones and internet service, arrange for movers, and provide the required 30-day notice for the current location. Board members expressed concern regarding the length of time the relocation process has taken and encouraged continued follow-up with City staff to ensure the remaining work is completed promptly.
- For planning purposes, she informed the board members of the required upcoming mandatory 2-hour training schedule that includes the following schedule:
 - Ethics: 10:00 AM – 12 NOON: Wednesday, December 9, 2026
 - Harassment: 10:00 AM – 12 NOON: Wednesday, February 10, 2027
 - Financial: 10:00 AM – 12 NOON: Wednesday, March 10, 2027

3. Legal

- Mr. Cardinale reported that, following completion of the facility-related matters, a meeting was held with the Administrative Manager, Fire Chief, and City Legal to discuss private access agreements needed for weed abatement work on private property. The City Attorney is preparing the appropriate agreement form, and staff will continue to follow up on that process.
- He also identified the District's policies and procedures as the next major administrative priority. Updated materials are being prepared for review and will be provided to the Administrative Manager for placement before the Board.

4. Board of Directors

- Ploetz: he reported that he and Ms. Rannals on their attendance at the California Special Districts Association (CSDA) Annual Conference. They noted that CSDA represents special districts throughout California and provides valuable resources, training, legislative updates, networking opportunities, and educational programs designed to support effective special district governance.

The conference included workshops and presentations on Board responsibilities, applicable California laws, and best practices for special district operations. The Board member commented that the conference was worthwhile and encouraged directors, particularly newer Board members, to consider attending CSDA leadership training and future conferences. It was also noted that next year's CSDA Annual Conference will be held in San Diego and that CSDA provides extensive educational and informational resources through its website and publications.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEM(s)

No additional items were added to the list.

President Ploetz adjourned the meeting at 2:10 pm.

Karlana Rannals
Board Clerk

John Ploetz
President

VISTA FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
PAYROLL REGISTER - September (Paid 10/7/26)

Payment No.	Name	Gross
Direct		
Deposit	Elliott, James (Jul - Sep 2026)	\$ 400.00
Direct		
Deposit	Hill, Jerry (Jul - Sep 2026)	\$ 400.00
Direct		
Deposit	Miller, Read (Jul - Sep 2026)	\$ 400.00
Direct		
Deposit	Ploetz, John (Jul - Sep 2026)	\$ 400.00
Direct		
Deposit	Rannals, Karlana	\$ 6,250.00
Direct		
Deposit	Torre-Bueno, Jose	\$ 100.00
Total		<u>\$ 7,950.00</u>
Employer Payroll Taxes		
Federal (Social Security/Medicare)		\$ 608.18
State		<u>\$ -</u>
		<u><u>\$ 8,558.18</u></u>

VISTA FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
ACCOUNTS PAYABLE
October 21, 2026

Check #	PAYEE & ADDRESS	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
Auto Withdrawal	ADP, Inc.	September Payroll Fee	\$115.15
		<i>Paid on 10-3-2026</i>	
Auto Withdrawal	AT&T	October Internet	\$151.20
		<i>Paid on 10-14-2026</i>	
		Accounts Payable (Auto withdrawal)	\$266.35
4463	ALVAREZ-GLASMAN & COLVIN	Legal Fees - Meeting Attendance Inv 2026-08-21440	\$550.00
	13181 Crossroads Pkwy. North	District Business (26):Aug Inv 2026-08-21441	\$147.50
	Suite 400 - West Tower	Legal Fees - Meeting Attendance Inv 2026-09-21460	\$550.00
	City of Industry, CA 91746	District Business (26):Sep Inv 2026-09-21461	\$737.50
4464	AZTEC LANDSCAPING	Emergency Access Roads, Invoice # L8095 September 2026	\$2,464.33
	7980 Lemon Grove Way		
	Lemon Grove, Ca 91945		
4465	CALIFORNIA CONSERVATION CORPS	September 2026 Buena Creek Project	\$22,649.00
	1719 24th Street		
	Sacramento CA 95816		
4466	CITY OF VISTA	Fire Emergency Services TA#3	\$45,729.73
	200 Civic Center Drive	Fire Emergency Services TA#2	\$33,322.05
	Vista, CA 92084		
4467	LOOP COMMUNICATIONS	Telephone Service	\$92.45
	PO Box 96108		
	Charlotte, NC 28296-0108		
4468	RANNALS, Karlena	Out of Pocket Expenses (Sep 1 - 30, 2026)	\$1,128.18
4469	RGM CONSULTING	Monthly Maintenance (Oct 2026)	\$150.00
	815 Sierra Verde Dr.	Inv # 7463	
	Vista, CA 92084		
4470	SAFEGUARD	Checks and Deposit Stamp	\$395.33
	815 Sierra Verde Dr.		
	Vista, CA 92084		
	PAYROLL:	Accounts Payable (Checks)	\$107,916.07
	See Payroll Register	Employee & Directors	\$7,950.00
	U.S. TREASURY (PAYROLL TAX)	FEDERAL FORM 941-EFT VIA EFTPS-DEPOSIT	\$608.18
		August Payroll Total	\$8,558.18
		Total District Expenses -Sep/Oct 2026	\$116,740.60
	Director	21-Oct-26	
			
	Administrative Manager	15-Oct-26	

**Accounts Payable
Certification**

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

CERTIFICATION FOR PAYMENT NO. TA#2

CONSULTANT/VENDOR:

City of Vista

BILLING PERIOD:

ADDRESS: 200 Civic Center Drive, Vista, CA 92084

ACCOUNT No.:

DESCRIPTION:

Tax Apportionment #2

STATEMENT OF PAYMENT

				Apportionment of Fee	FEE PAYABLE
Gross Tax Apportionment	100%	\$	37,024.50	0%	\$ -
Less Interest Allocation	100%	\$	-	0%	\$ -
Tax Apportionment	100%	\$	37,024.50	90%	<u>\$ 33,322.05</u>
Invoice Billed #: 32377					\$ 33,322.05
Discrepancy					<u>\$ -</u>



Certified by: Karlana Rannals, Administrative Manager

9/14/2026

Date



**Accounts Payable
Certification**

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

CERTIFICATION FOR PAYMENT NO. TA#3

CONSULTANT/VENDOR:
City of Vista

BILLING PERIOD:

ADDRESS: 200 Civic Center Drive, Vista, CA 92084

ACCOUNT No.:

DESCRIPTION: Tax Apportionment #3

STATEMENT OF PAYMENT

				Apportionment of Fee	FEE PAYABLE
Gross Tax Apportionment	100%	\$	50,810.81	0%	\$ -
Less Interest Allocation	100%	\$	-	0%	\$ -
Tax Apportionment	100%	\$	50,810.81	90%	<u>\$ 45,729.73</u>
Invoice Billed #: 32583					\$ 45,729.73
Discrepancy					<u>\$ (0.00)</u>



Certified by: Karlana Rannals, Administrative Manager

10/8/2026

Date



VISTA FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT (FY)

Budget vs. Actual

July 2026 through June 2027

	Jul '26 - Jun 27	Budget	\$ Over Budget	% of Budget
Ordinary Income/Expense				
Income				
Fees & Assessments				
550 · Fees Collected by City of Vista	577.40	8,490.00	-7,912.60	6.8%
551 · Ambulance Fees Collected - City	29,097.70	128,212.00	-99,114.30	22.7%
Total Fees & Assessments	29,675.10	136,702.00	-107,026.90	21.7%
Interest (All)				
510 · Interest Allocation-Prop Tax	0.00	12,436.00	-12,436.00	0.0%
511 · Interest-County	0.00	26,498.00	-26,498.00	0.0%
512 · Interest Investment	74,745.93	387,225.00	-312,479.07	19.3%
513 · Interest - Banks	3.83	22.00	-18.17	17.4%
Total Interest (All)	74,749.76	426,181.00	-351,431.24	17.5%
Other Income				
560 · Misc. / Other Income	100.00	100.00	0.00	100.0%
Total Other Income	100.00	100.00	0.00	100.0%
Property Tax				
301 · Current Secured	-3.24	4,882,431.00	-4,882,434.24	-0.0%
302 · Current Unsecured	157,990.48	158,721.00	-730.52	99.5%
303 · Current Secured HOE	0.00	20,158.00	-20,158.00	0.0%
304 · Current Unsecured HOE	0.00	10.00	-10.00	0.0%
305 · Current Sec St Unitary	0.00	91,791.00	-91,791.00	0.0%
306 · CurSec Unitary-Railroad	0.00	1,390.00	-1,390.00	0.0%
307 · CS Qualified Electric	0.00	8,547.00	-8,547.00	0.0%
308 · Delinq Unsecured	-947.13	-4,052.00	3,104.87	23.4%
309 · Delinq Secured HOE	0.00	107.00	-107.00	0.0%
310 · Delinq Unsecured HOE	0.00	1.00	-1.00	0.0%
311 · Delinq Unsec State Unitary	0.00	3.00	-3.00	0.0%
312 · Delinq US Unitary-Railroad	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0%
313 · Discharged DLQ Unsec	3.09	24.00	-20.91	12.9%
314 · Current Secured Supp Roll	11,944.02	99,172.00	-87,227.98	12.0%
315 · Current Unsecured Supp Roll	259.04	6,754.00	-6,494.96	3.8%
316 · Supplemental HOE	0.00	184.00	-184.00	0.0%
317 · DLQ Unsec SUPP	1,482.25	1,583.00	-100.75	93.6%
318 · State PILT (Fish & Game)	0.00	100.00	-100.00	0.0%
Total Property Tax	170,728.51	5,266,924.00	-5,096,195.49	3.2%
Total Income	275,253.37	5,829,907.00	-5,554,653.63	4.7%
Gross Profit	275,253.37	5,829,907.00	-5,554,653.63	4.7%
Expense				
Administrative				
600 · Administration/Miscellaneous	0.00	500.00	-500.00	0.0%
601 · Audit	5,500.00	11,000.00	-5,500.00	50.0%
602 · Board/Staff Meeting Expenses	0.00	1,000.00	-1,000.00	0.0%
604 · Dues	548.00	2,800.00	-2,252.00	19.6%
605 · Election Expenditures	0.00	3,000.00	-3,000.00	0.0%
606 · LAFCO Cost Apportionment	3,216.68	3,225.00	-8.32	99.7%
607 · Legal	4,192.50	48,000.00	-43,807.50	8.7%
608 · Legal Notices	465.00	6,000.00	-5,535.00	7.8%
Total Administrative	13,922.18	75,525.00	-61,602.82	18.4%
Apparel (Logowear)				
615 · Apparel (Logowear)	0.00	2,000.00	-2,000.00	0.0%
Total Apparel (Logowear)	0.00	2,000.00	-2,000.00	0.0%
Computer/Software				
620 · Computer(Laptop)	0.00	7,500.00	-7,500.00	0.0%
621 · Software	0.00	3,000.00	-3,000.00	0.0%
Total Computer/Software	0.00	10,500.00	-10,500.00	0.0%
Contractual Services				
631 · Consultants	0.00	30,000.00	-30,000.00	0.0%
Total Contractual Services	0.00	30,000.00	-30,000.00	0.0%
Fees				
640 · Administrative Cost-County	0.00	62,864.00	-62,864.00	0.0%
641 · Bank and Wire Fees	8.85	200.00	-191.15	4.4%
642 · Investment Fees	1,904.61	8,600.00	-6,695.39	22.1%
643 · Payroll Processing Fee	313.27	1,600.00	-1,286.73	19.6%
644 · 1099 Processing	0.00	100.00	-100.00	0.0%
Total Fees	2,226.73	73,364.00	-71,137.27	3.0%
Fire Prevention				
650 · Community Outreach	0.00	5,000.00	-5,000.00	0.0%
651 · Fire Inspection Services	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0%
Total Fire Prevention	0.00	5,000.00	-5,000.00	0.0%
Fire/EMS Services				
660 · Fire & Emergency Medical Svcs	153,655.66	4,740,232.00	-4,586,576.34	3.2%
Total Fire/EMS Services	153,655.66	4,740,232.00	-4,586,576.34	3.2%

VISTA FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT (FY)

Budget vs. Actual

July 2026 through June 2027

	Jul '26 - Jun 27	Budget	\$ Over Budget	% of Budget
Grant(s)				
670 · ARPA	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0%
671 · Fire Safe Council Vista	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0%
Total Grant(s)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0%
Hydrant Maintenance				
680 · Hydrant Maintenance	0.00	30,000.00	-30,000.00	0.0%
681 · Hydrant Supplies	0.00	2,000.00	-2,000.00	0.0%
Total Hydrant Maintenance	0.00	32,000.00	-32,000.00	0.0%
Information Technology				
690 · Accounting Software	0.00	1,649.00	-1,649.00	0.0%
691 · Domain Registration	0.00	150.00	-150.00	0.0%
692 · Email Subscription	688.44	1,650.00	-961.56	41.7%
693 · Maintenance	815.49	3,000.00	-2,184.51	27.2%
694 · Website	5,172.00	5,500.00	-328.00	94.0%
695 · Website Refresh	0.00	5,000.00	-5,000.00	0.0%
696 · Zoom	0.00	175.00	-175.00	0.0%
697 · Subscription Services	0.00	750.00	-750.00	0.0%
Total Information Technology	6,675.93	17,874.00	-11,198.07	37.3%
Insurance				
701 · Insurance-Commercial	7,327.12	7,500.00	-172.88	97.7%
Total Insurance	7,327.12	7,500.00	-172.88	97.7%
Maintenance & Repair				
710 · Emergency Access Rds Maint	7,392.99	30,000.00	-22,607.01	24.6%
711 · Emergency Access Roads-Repair	0.00	10,000.00	-10,000.00	0.0%
713 · EAR Gate Repair	0.00	10,000.00	-10,000.00	0.0%
714 · Reflective Posts	0.00	5,000.00	-5,000.00	0.0%
Total Maintenance & Repair	7,392.99	55,000.00	-47,607.01	13.4%
Meeting/Meals				
720 · Meeting/Meals	67.80	2,000.00	-1,932.20	3.4%
Total Meeting/Meals	67.80	2,000.00	-1,932.20	3.4%
Miscellaneous				
725 · Office Set-Up (Relocation)	934.99	7,500.00	-6,565.01	12.5%
726 · Mileage	18.85	1,500.00	-1,481.15	1.3%
727 · Other	0.00	1,000.00	-1,000.00	0.0%
Total Miscellaneous	953.84	10,000.00	-9,046.16	9.5%
Office Rental				
730 · Smart Space	2,850.00	4,000.00	-1,150.00	71.3%
Total Office Rental	2,850.00	4,000.00	-1,150.00	71.3%
Personnel				
740 · Directors Compensation	1,700.00	7,500.00	-5,800.00	22.7%
741 · Administrative Manager	18,750.00	75,000.00	-56,250.00	25.0%
742 · Employer Payroll Tax	1,564.44	6,311.00	-4,746.56	24.8%
743 · Workers' Compensation Insurance	0.00	550.00	-550.00	0.0%
744 · Temporary Employee	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0%
Total Personnel	22,014.44	89,361.00	-67,346.56	24.6%
Personnel-Employee Benefit(s)				
750 · Phone Reimbursement	150.00	600.00	-450.00	25.0%
Total Personnel-Employee Benefit(s)	150.00	600.00	-450.00	25.0%
Supplies				
760 · Postage	77.75	200.00	-122.25	38.9%
761 · Office Supplies	632.00	2,500.00	-1,868.00	25.3%
762 · Signage	0.00	1,000.00	-1,000.00	0.0%
763 · Miscellaneous	0.00	500.00	-500.00	0.0%
Total Supplies	709.75	4,200.00	-3,490.25	16.9%
Training				
775 · Conference - Board/Staff	1,860.94	25,000.00	-23,139.06	7.4%
776 · Mandatory Training-Board/Staff	0.00	3,000.00	-3,000.00	0.0%
777 · Professional Development-Staff	1,236.62	5,000.00	-3,763.38	24.7%
Total Training	3,097.56	33,000.00	-29,902.44	9.4%
Utilities				
790 · Phone/Internet	243.65	3,000.00	-2,756.35	8.1%
Total Utilities	243.65	3,000.00	-2,756.35	8.1%
66900 · Reconciliation Discrepancies	2.99	0.00	2.99	100.0%
999 · PY Expenses	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0%
Total Expense	221,290.64	5,195,156.00	-4,973,865.36	4.3%
Net Ordinary Income	53,962.73	634,751.00	-580,788.27	8.5%

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Accrual Basis

VISTA FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT (FY)

Budget vs. Actual

July 2026 through June 2027

	Jul '26 - Jun 27	Budget	\$ Over Budget	% of Budget
Other Income/Expense				
Other Income				
570 · Weed Abatement Special Assessme				
571 · Weed Abatement Admin Fee	2,880.00			
570 · Weed Abatement Special Assessme - Other	-31,366.00	42,020.00	-73,386.00	-74.6%
Total 570 · Weed Abatement Special Assessme	-28,486.00	42,020.00	-70,506.00	-67.8%
868 · Gain/Loss Valuation Change-Genl	26,365.60	0.00	26,365.60	100.0%
Total Other Income	-2,120.40	42,020.00	-44,140.40	-5.0%
Other Expense				
Depreciation				
899 · Depreciation	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0%
Total Depreciation	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0%
Vegetation Management				
911 · Vegetation Mgmt Workforce Prgm	0.00	163,333.00	-163,333.00	0.0%
912 · Vegetation Management Contract	101,616.00	170,000.00	-68,384.00	59.8%
913 · Workforce Development Program	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0%
Total Vegetation Management	101,616.00	333,333.00	-231,717.00	30.5%
Weed Abatement Forced Abatement				
910 · Forced Abatement	0.00	40,676.00	-40,676.00	0.0%
Total Weed Abatement Forced Abatement	0.00	40,676.00	-40,676.00	0.0%
Total Other Expense	101,616.00	374,009.00	-272,393.00	27.2%
Net Other Income	-103,736.40	-331,989.00	228,252.60	31.2%
Net Income	-49,773.67	302,762.00	-352,535.67	-16.4%

Combined Balance Sheet (Cash)
September 30, 2026 - (Unaudited)

	GENERAL FUND			FIRE MITIGATION FUND		TOTAL (All Funds)	
	30-Jun-26	30-Sep-26		30-Jun-26	30-Sep-26	30-Jun-26	30-Sep-26
ASSETS			ASSETS				
Current Assets			Current Assets				
Checking/Savings			Checking/Savings				
103 · Wells Fargo Checking	83,516	124,005				83,516	124,005
104 · SDCO Investment Pool	910,375	658,236				910,375	658,236
104-01 · SDCO Investment Pool FMV Adj	(4,117)					(4,117)	-
			106 · Cash in Treasury Fire Mitigation	47	32,208	47	32,208
109 · Investment - LAIF	32,977	33,299	106-01 · FMV Adjustment	0	-	0	-
109-01 · Investment - LAIF FMV Adjustment	(37)					32,977	33,299
	-					(37)	-
						-	-
Total Checking/Savings	1,022,714	815,539	Total Checking/Savings	48	32,208	1,022,761	847,747
Accounts Receivable						-	-
11000 · Accounts Receivable	18,762					18,762	-
Total Accounts Receivable	18,762	-				18,762	-
Other Current Assets			Other Current Assets				-
111 · California Asset Management Pro	1,012,489	13,444				1,012,489	13,444
111-01 · CAMP Term		1,000,000					1,000,000
112 · California CLASS	1,112,689	1,123,278				1,112,689	1,123,278
112.01 · California CLASS Enhanced	1,597,644	1,611,565				1,597,644	1,611,565
112.02 · California CLASS (FMV Adjustment)	2,072	2,072				2,072	2,072
112.03 · California CLASS TS2	2,000,000	2,000,000					2,000,000
113 · California Bank & Trust Wealth	5,126,171	5,171,936				5,126,171	5,171,936
113-01 · CB&T FMF Adjustment	(23,816)	3				(23,816)	3
120 · Prepaid Expenses						-	-
110 · Taxes Receivable	14,723		115 · Fees Receivable - FMF	30,840		45,564	-
132 · Accrued Interest Receivable	15,430	(13)	133 · Accrued Int Receivable-FMIT	1,320		16,750	(13)
134 · Due from FMF > GF	1,260,493	1,260,493				1,260,493	1,260,493
139 · Security Deposit	800	800.00				800	800
Total Other Current Assets	12,118,694	12,183,578	Total Other Current Assets	32,160	-	12,150,854	13,031,324
TOTAL ASSETS	13,160,170	12,999,117	TOTAL ASSETS	32,208	32,208	13,192,378	13,031,324
	13,160,170	12,999,117		32,208	32,208	13,192,377	13,031,324
LIABILITIES			LIABILITIES				
Liabilities			Liabilities				
Current Liabilities			Current Liabilities				
Accounts Payable			Accounts Payable				-
20000 · *Accounts Payable	211,227	108,182	20000 · *Accounts Payable	-	-	211,227	108,182
Total Accounts Payable	211,227	108,182		-	-	211,227	108,182
Other Current Liabilities			Other Current Liabilities				-
			211 · Due to GF < FMF	1,260,493	1,260,493	1,260,493	1,260,493
220 · Salary & Payroll Taxes Payable	8,235					8,235	-
Total Other Current Liabilities	8,235	-	Total Other Current Liabilities	1,260,493	1,260,493	1,268,728	1,260,493
Total Current Liabilities	219,462	108,182	Total Current Liabilities	1,260,493	1,260,493	1,479,955	1,368,675
Total Liabilities	219,462	108,182	Total Liabilities	1,260,493	1,260,493	1,479,955	1,368,675
							-
Equity			Equity				-
281 · Fire/EMS Services	4,740,232	4,740,232				4,740,232	4,740,232
282 · Community Wildfire Protection	1,000,000	1,000,000				1,000,000	1,000,000
285 · General Operating Reserve	5,866,780	5,939,983				5,866,780	5,939,983
290 · Investment in General Fixed Assets	-	-				-	-
	-	-	291 · Fire Mitigation Fee Fund	32,207	32,208	32,207	32,208
Equity Subtotal	11,607,013	11,680,215	Equity Subtotal	32,207	56,004	11,639,219	11,712,422
Net Income	-	(49,774)	Net Income	73,202	-	73,202	(49,774)
Total Equity	11,826,475	11,630,441	Total Equity	105,410	56,004	11,712,421	11,662,648
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	12,045,937	11,738,624	TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	1,365,903	56,004	13,192,377	13,031,324

Vista Fire Protection District Portfolio Summary
September 30, 2026

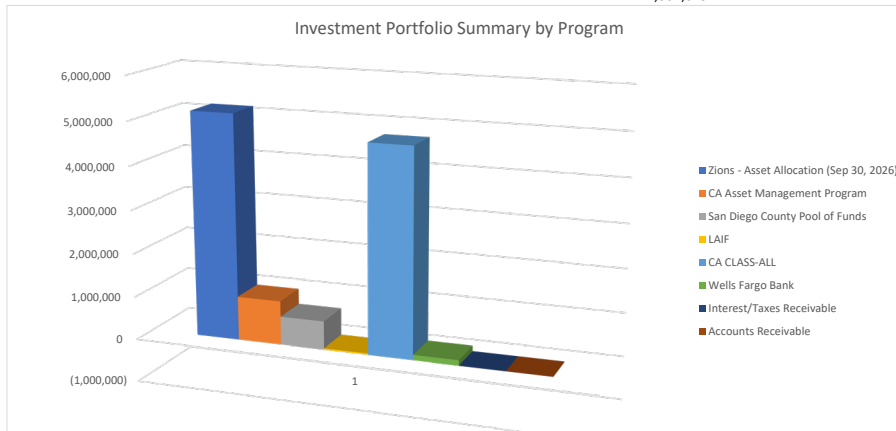
Zions - Asset Allocation (Sep 30, 2026)	Security Type	Original Cost /Cash Balance	Trade Date	Final Maturity	Market Value + Accrued Interest	Interest
Description						
Receivable	CASH	166.67	---	09/30/2026	166.67	0.000
GOLDMAN:FS GOVT INST	MMFUND	65,631.95	---	09/30/2026	65,631.95	3.790
UNITED STATES TREASURY	US GOV	252,305.16	07/10/2025	10/31/2026	256,310.71	4.025
UBS Bank USA, National Association	CD	229,942.50	06/16/2025	12/18/2026	230,331.77	4.167
Paradelle Funding Llc	CP	249,513.53	06/26/2026	12/31/2026	252,344.32	4.211
Charles Schwab & Co., Inc.	CP	244,903.47	07/10/2026	01/05/2027	247,266.67	4.185
HYUNDAI CAPITAL AMERICA	CORP	211,904.07	11/26/2025	01/08/2027	213,039.89	4.560
KIA CORP	CORP	221,253.75	12/01/2025	02/14/2027	223,788.89	4.184
ATHENE GLOBAL FUNDING	CORP	213,297.00	11/26/2025	03/25/2027	210,721.63	4.279
CANADIAN IMPERIAL BANK OF COMMERCE	CORP	216,636.37	11/26/2025	06/28/2027	215,935.91	4.340
JACKSON NATIONAL LIFE GLOBAL FUNDING	CORP	214,481.40	11/26/2025	07/02/2027	213,680.64	4.150
UNITED STATES TREASURY	US GOV	186,567.97	08/31/2026	09/30/2027	185,991.20	4.227
UNITED STATES TREASURY	US GOV	100,165.53	01/20/2026	10/31/2027	100,871.97	4.309
AMERICAN HONDA FINANCE CORP	CORP	220,067.10	11/26/2025	11/19/2027	221,011.30	4.530
UNITED STATES TREASURY	US GOV	264,009.72	03/02/2026	01/31/2028	266,197.75	4.317
UNITED STATES TREASURY	US GOV	783,914.65	05/15/2026	05/15/2028	787,138.72	4.090
MERCEDES-BENZ FINANCE NORTH AMERICA LLC	CORP	149,982.00	08/24/2026	08/04/2028	149,413.18	4.755
FEDERAL HOME LOAN BANKS	AGCY BOND	700,000.00	12/02/2025	11/25/2030	679,044.80	4.090
FEDERAL HOME LOAN BANKS	AGCY BOND	<u>600,000.00</u>	12/02/2025	12/05/2030	<u>583,680.80</u>	4.200
		<u>5,124,742.84</u>			<u>5,102,568.74</u>	

09/30/2026 5,171,938.51

9/30/2026			Qtr Interest Rate
Security Deposit	800		
Interest/Taxes Receivable	(13)		
Accounts Receivable	-		
Wells Fargo Bank	124,005		0.01%
CA Asset Management Program	1,013,444		4.00%
CA CLASS	1,123,278		
CA CLASS (FMV Adj)	2,072		
CA CLASS (Enhanced Cash)	1,611,565		3.76%
CA CLASS (Series TS2)	2,000,000		
San Diego County Pool of Funds	658,236		0.00%
LAIF	33,299		3.97%
Total Cash	<u>6,566,685</u>		
Accounts Payable Due 09/30/2026	(108,182)		
Other Liabilities (Payroll)	-		
Net Income	<u>-</u>		
Net Cash (Liquid)	<u><u>6,458,503</u></u>		

		<u>11,630,441</u>	Net Investments Available
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Restricted Cash	
San Diego County Pool of Funds (Fire Mitigation Fund)	<u>32,207</u>
	<u>11,662,649</u>



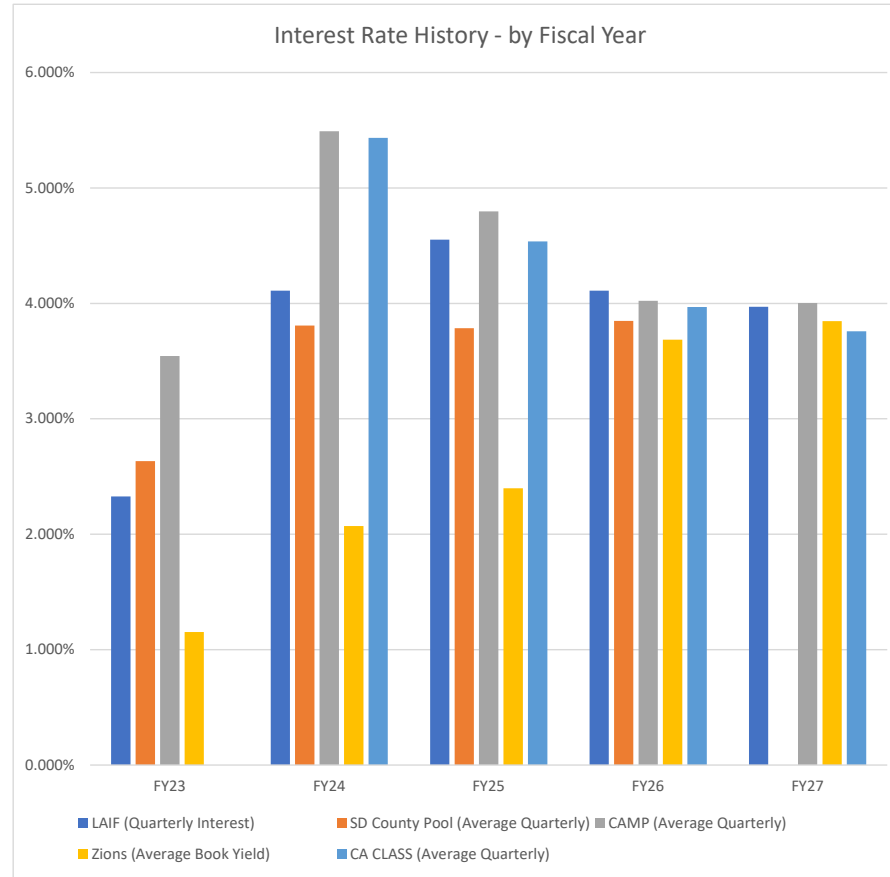
LAIF (Quarterly Interest)					
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	FY Avg
FY19	2.160%	2.400%	2.550%	2.570%	2.420%
FY20	2.450%	2.290%	2.030%	1.470%	2.060%
FY21	0.840%	0.630%	0.440%	0.330%	0.560%
FY22	0.240%	0.230%	0.320%	0.750%	0.385%
FY23	1.350%	2.070%	2.740%	3.150%	2.328%
FY24	3.590%	4.000%	4.300%	4.550%	4.110%
FY25	4.710%	4.620%	4.480%	4.400%	4.553%
FY26	4.340%	4.200%	3.980%	3.920%	4.110%
FY27	3.970%				3.970%

SD County Pool (Average Quarterly)					
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	FY Avg
FY19	1.951%	2.184%	2.331%	2.429%	2.224%
FY20	2.258%	2.331%	2.015%	1.679%	2.071%
FY21	1.339%	0.961%	0.841%	0.692%	0.958%
FY22	0.684%	0.644%	0.642%	0.903%	0.718%
FY23	1.536%	2.331%	3.196%	3.473%	2.634%
FY24	3.490%	3.892%	3.971%	3.879%	3.808%
FY25	3.835%	3.735%	3.735%	3.834%	3.785%
FY26	3.764%	3.862%	3.844%	3.922%	3.848%
FY27					

CAMP (Average Quarterly)					
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	FY Avg
FY19	2.123%	2.203%	2.623%	2.517%	2.367%
FY20	2.307%	1.910%	1.957%	0.720%	1.723%
FY21	0.313%	0.150%	0.100%	0.053%	0.154%
FY22	0.050%	0.050%	0.120%	0.820%	0.260%
FY23	2.183%	3.780%	3.087%	5.123%	3.543%
FY24	5.460%	5.563%	5.507%	5.433%	5.491%
FY25	5.377%	4.877%	4.510%	4.423%	4.797%
FY26	4.390%	4.103%	3.827%	3.770%	4.023%
FY27	4.003%				4.003%

Zions (Average Book Yield)					
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	FY Avg
FY22	0.166%	0.821%	0.851%	0.810%	0.662%
FY23	0.961%	1.152%	1.620%	0.881%	1.154%
FY24	1.963%	2.123%	2.127%	2.073%	2.072%
FY25	2.614%	2.335%	2.221%	2.425%	2.399%
FY26	2.883%	3.892%	3.930%	4.033%	3.685%
FY27	3.847%				3.847%

CA CLASS (Average Quarterly)					
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	FY Avg
FY24		5.453%	5.452%	5.399%	5.435%
FY25	5.364%	4.041%	4.407%	4.336%	4.537%
FY26	4.314%	4.031%	3.756%	3.771%	3.968%



TO: BOARD OF DIRECTORS
FROM: GERARD WASHINGTON, FIRE CHIEF
SUBJECT: MONTHLY ACTIVITY REPORT – FIRE CHIEF’S REPORT
DATE: OCTOBER 15, 2026



Monthly Activity Summary (September 1 to September 30, 2026)

The following highlights the work activities for the reporting period:

1. On September 3, Fire Engineer Sal Castaneda and Fleet Maintenance Worker III Gabriel Arango of Public Works were each honored with a Resolution from Assemblywoman Laurie Davies at the Salute to First Responders, held at the Vista Civic Center.
2. On September 4, a celebration and lunch at Fire Station 5 honored the first group of participants of the Pathways Pilot Program. In their first month, members completed classroom and hands-on fire and EMS training, performed community service across Vista, and supported the Buena Creek fuel mitigation project with the California Conservation Corps. The Superintendent’s Award went to perfect attendance and to one member who rendered lifesaving aid to a resident hours after completing CPR training.
3. Effective September 5, Captain Cary Childress was promoted to Battalion Chief of Training.
4. **Significant calls:** On September 6, a vegetation fire at Brengle Terrace Park burned just over one acre in the creek bed. Vista crews, neighboring agencies, and a Cal Fire hand crew stopped forward progress and completed mop-up. Recent fuel-mitigation work in the park helped limit spread. On September 19, multiple vegetation-fire starts near Mar Vista Drive and Buena Vista Drive, with a suspect detained at the scene by the San Diego County Sheriff’s Office. On September 21, a structure fire at the Sunset Apartments, investigation pending.
5. The San Diego County Health and Safety Committee prepared a countywide safety standdown on suicide prevention. Crews held a standdown in the stations.
6. Open House Saturdays run October 3 through November 7 at all six stations, from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., with demonstrations, engine tours, a sticker book game for children, and prizes. Flyers were produced in English and Spanish.
7. On September 10, classroom safety visits began for the school year through the Rocket Rules program. Rocket, a red Dalmatian, teaches first graders how to dial 9-1-1 and second graders fire safety. Chief Washington joined the first visit, and more sessions are ongoing at VUSD schools throughout the year.

8. On September 11, crews took part in the City's 9/11 Remembrance Ceremony at the Vista Civic Center. Chief Sweeney served as emcee, the Honor Guard posted and recovered the colors, and Chief Washington delivered the keynote. The ceremony included the Tolling of the Bell, the Four Fives, a wreath placement, a moment of silence, and Taps. That evening at the Moonlight Amphitheatre, crews were acknowledged before the performance of "Come From Away," which Chief Washington dedicated to those lost 25 years ago.
9. On September 14, Steve Richards joined as Fire Administrative Manager after a 20-year career with Mesa Fire and Medical in Arizona, where he served as Firefighter/Paramedic, Captain, Battalion Chief, and Deputy Chief.
10. Effective September 18, Brendan Hammes was promoted to Battalion Chief, Brent Nogle and Robert Stevenson to Captain, and Marouf Suleiman to Engineer.
11. At the September 22 City Council meeting, the Mayor and Council presented a proclamation honoring Caylie Valenta for her work through the Andy Valenta Melanoma Foundation, founded in memory of her husband, Vista Firefighter Andy Valenta. The Foundation provides free skin cancer screenings at fire stations across Southern California.
12. City Council also approved a three-year contract with Sharp Performance for firefighter coaching and training at \$55,000 per fiscal year, with an option to extend two additional years. The program, in place since 2024, provides confidential coaching and a customized directory of mental health and wellness resources.
13. Captain Derek Fried was selected as Administrative Captain, filling the position vacated by Battalion Chief Childress's promotion.
14. On September 24, Chantal Millan was promoted from Senior Office Specialist to Fire Department Account Clerk.
15. On September 30, the first EOC Familiarization and Refresher Drill was held for City staff, covering how the Emergency Operations Center is organized, how partner agencies plug in, and how information and resource requests move during an activation.
16. Training: Rope rescue drills concluded. Planning continued for an October mid-rise drill covering buildings between four and eight floors. Members prepared applications for the California Incident Command Certification System. Pre-employment moved forward for EMTs and fire recruits, with onboarding in late September and early October.

TO: BOARD OF DIRECTORS
FROM: MARK VIEROW, FIRE MARSHAL
SUBJECT: MONTHLY ACTIVITY REPORT–FIRE MARSHAL
DATE: October 15, 2026



Monthly Activity Summary (September 1 – 30, 2026)

The following highlights the work activities for the reporting period:

1. Plan Checks and Construction Inspections
 - a. 6 plan checks completed
 - b. 0 construction inspections
2. San Diego County Fire Mitigation Fees
 - a. 1,000 square feet of new construction
 - b. \$960.00 in fire mitigation fees
3. Meetings
 - a. Conducted second round of Assistant Fire Marshal interviews
4. Plans
 - Detached garage (metal building)

TO: BOARD OF DIRECTORS
FROM: LARISSA FULLMER, SUPERINTENDENT
SUBJECT: MONTHLY ACTIVITY REPORT – SUPERINTENDENT REPORT
DATE: October 15, 2026



Monthly Activity Summary (September 1 – September 30, 2026)

Work Activities for the Reporting Period

1. The California Conservation Corps (CCC) continued working along Buena Creek rd. towards Pleiades along a key fire evacuation route. In this area, the crew completed approximately **1.5 acres** of fuel reduction work, including removing ladder fuels, vegetation overgrowth, smaller diameter non native trees and plants, and mowing grasses. Crews hauled out roughly **160 cubic yards** of slash material and brush. During September the crew logged **781** hours total.
2. The CCC was deployed to provide camp support at Timber Fire Incident on September 10th and returned back working on the project September 29th, 2026.
3. The Vista Fire Rescue Pathways Pilot Program graduated **11 interns** from the **200 hour cohort** on September 4th. **4** interns have extended and continueing their internship with paid hands on training and vegetation management work. The crew has been working near Brengle Terrace and has removed **80 cu yards** of dead fuel and brush.
4. Vista Fire Rescue will be hosting 3 day S-212 Chainsaw course for industry recognized certification for 16 CCC and VFR Pathways Interns. Tentative Training date will take place **10/21-10/23** at Station 5 and onsite at Brengle Terrace for field days.



Before



After



Map of Treatment Areas
Pink= Treatment completed
Blue/ Gray = Operational area- In process





EFFECTIVE RESPONSE FORCE REPORT

AUGUST 2026



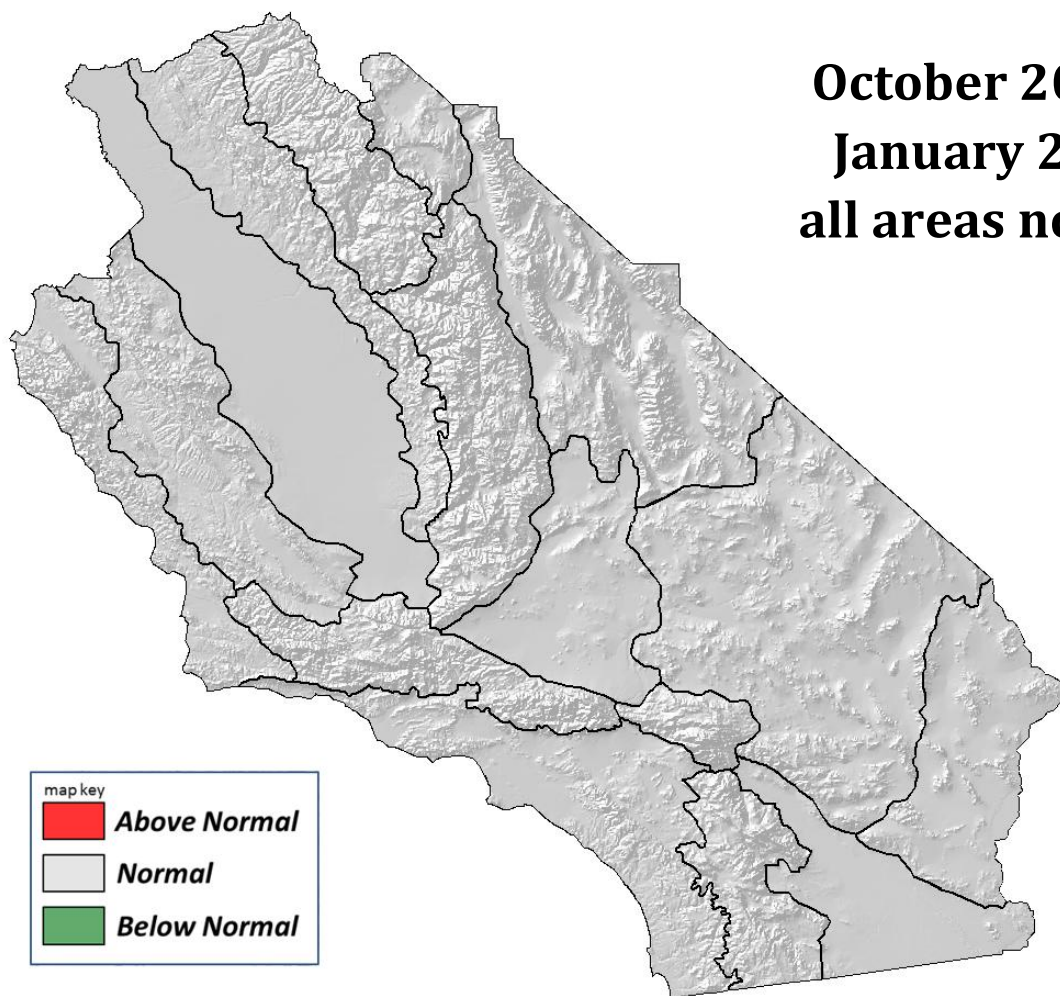
VISTA FIRE RESCUE

STANDARD OF COVER TRAVEL INTERVALS

August 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	00:06:33	00:08:09	00:08:47
All Risks	N/A	1 Engine or 1 Aerial	Count	111	15	31
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	00:07:15	00:07:41	00:09:30
Fire	Low	1 Engine	Count	10	3	1
EMS	High	1 Engine, 1 Ambulance	Objective	00:06:00	00:08:30	00:09:30
EMS	High	1 Engine, 1 Ambulance	90th Percentile	00:07:14	00:08:46	00:09:07
EMS	High	1 Engine, 1 Ambulance	Count	30	2	7
EMS	Medium	1 Engine, 1 Ambulance	Objective	00:06:00	00:08:30	00:09:30
EMS	Medium	1 Engine, 1 Ambulance	90th Percentile	00:07:44	00:08:26	00:08:05
EMS	Medium	1 Engine, 1 Ambulance	Count	38	6	10
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	n/a	n/a	00:06:05
Rescue	Medium	1 Engine, 1 Ambulance, 1 BC, 1 Aerial	Count	n/a	n/a	1
Rescue	Low	1 Engine, 1 Ambulance	Objective	00:08:00	00:08:00	00:09:00
Rescue	Low	1 Engine, 1 Ambulance	90th Percentile	00:08:16	n/a	00:05:35
Rescue	Low	1 Engine, 1 Ambulance	Count	5	n/a	1
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



**October 2026 –
January 2027
all areas normal**

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

October 2026 – January 2027 South Ops Highlights

- Temperatures will likely average below normal for most of the period, but will likely be above normal in October.
- Above normal precipitation is highly likely, with potential for an extremely wet fall and winter season due to a strong El Nino.
- There will likely be a below normal amount of offshore wind events this season as weather systems move in from the Pacific as opposed to over land.

Weather Discussion

Temperatures were variable in September, with a brief but intense heat event early in the month followed by fluctuating temperatures with a couple periods of early season coolness. This left the monthly average near to a little below normal in most areas (**Figure 1**). A major exception was in coastal areas where much warmer than normal offshore waters contributed to continued warmth over the adjacent landmass. The most notable weather event of the month was an unusual rain event over Southern California over Labor Day weekend, associated with indirect moisture impacts from Hurricane Marie. This led to well above normal rainfall across a large portion of Southern California. After that event, little rainfall occurred for the remainder of the month, as a series of mostly dry and weak Pacific troughs brought no more than isolated showers and thunderstorms while keeping most monsoonal influences east of the region (**Figure 2**). Onshore flow prevailed throughout the month, with a few periods of gusty winds across the Eastern Sierra and the deserts, but no major wind events. The Eastern Pacific tropics remained highly active throughout the month (**Figure 3**), but despite enhanced potential for impacts on Southern California, so far we have only seen fringe effects from several of these systems.

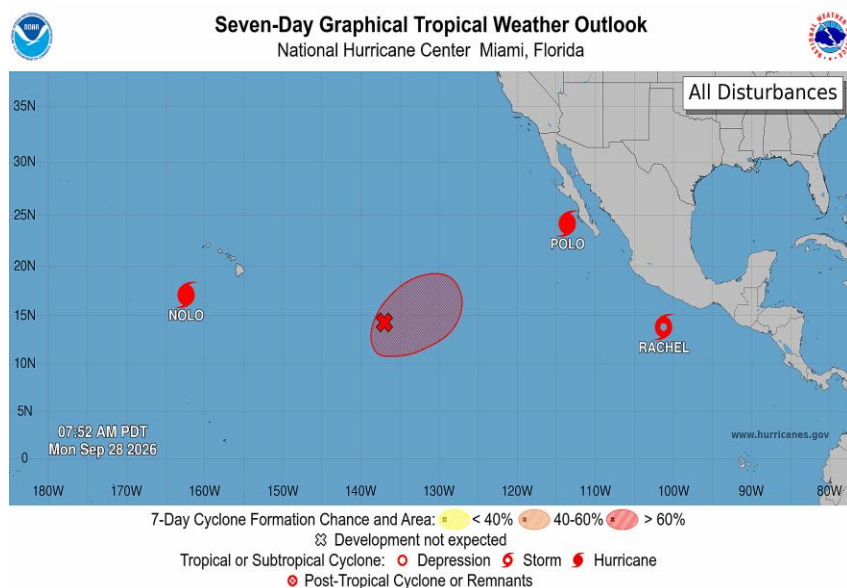


Fig 3: NHC Tropical Weather Outlook as of 8AM PDT Sep 28.
Two hurricanes, a tropical storm, and another developing storm are indicated.

Ave. Temperature dep from Ave (deg F)
9/1/2026 – 9/27/2026

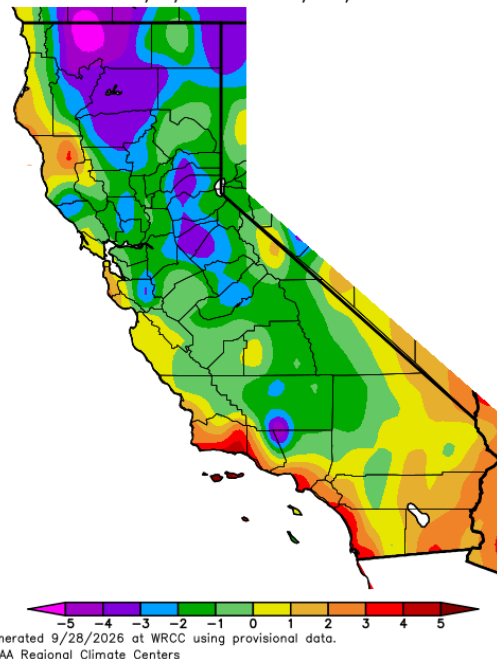


Fig 1: Sep 1st - 27th Mean Temperature Departure from Average

Percent of Average Precipitation (%)
9/1/2026 – 9/27/2026

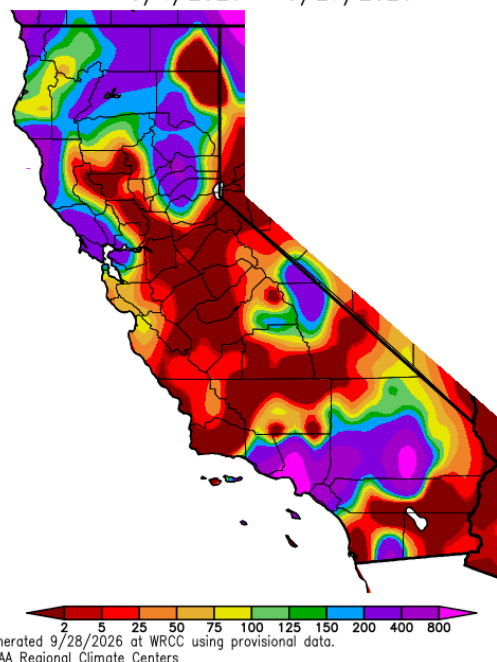


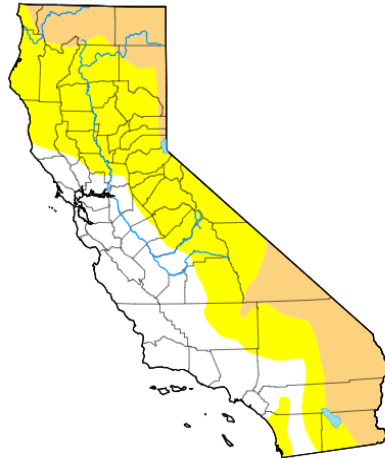
Fig 2: Sep 1st – 27th Precipitation % of Average

Fuels Discussion

Latest USDA Drought Monitor (**Figure 4**) shows little in the way of drought over Central and Southern California, with just some Moderate (D1) drought over the Southern California deserts. Abnormally dry conditions do exist across much of interior California. This is still largely a result of rainfall deficits and anomalous heat this past winter and early spring, with a relatively weak monsoon this summer unable to alleviate those conditions.

Rainfall early in the month and subsequent cool conditions have kept heavier dead fuel moistures near to above normal and well above critical levels over the past few weeks. A notable aspect of the 2026 fire season has been frequent at or below normal ERC values (**Figure 5**). Aside from a couple of brief spikes, the majority of the peak fire season has seen below normal ERCs, reflecting a lack of sustained hot and dry periods over the summer.

Rainfall from Marie caused a considerable spike in live fuel moistures (LFMs) over parts of Southern California (**Figure 6**). That development will yield reduced flammability over those areas this fall. Areas that did not receive much rain from Marie are still seeing LFM readings at or near critical levels due to the lack of any meaningful rainfall, with potential for live fuels to remain a major factor in fire spread.



Map released: Thurs. September 24, 2026

Data valid: September 22, 2026 at 8 a.m. EDT

Intensity

- None
- D0 (Abnormally Dry)
- D1 (Moderate Drought)
- D2 (Severe Drought)
- D3 (Extreme Drought)
- D4 (Exceptional Drought)
- No Data

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Fig 4: USDA Drought Monitor as of September 24th.

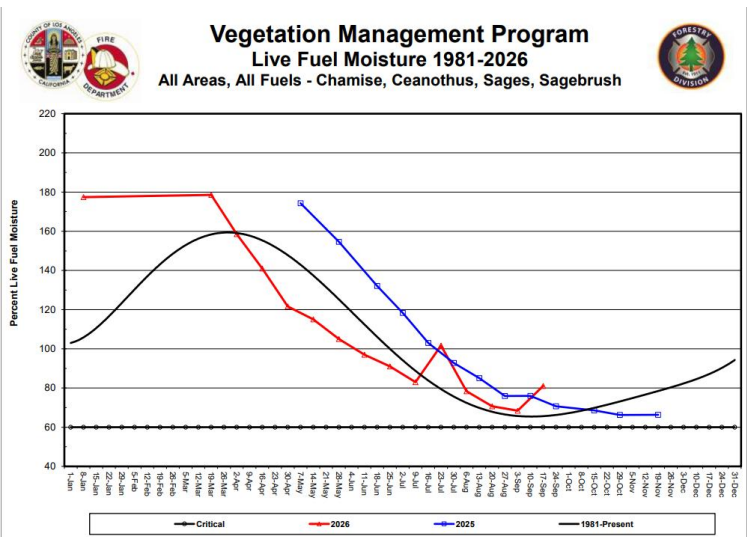


Fig 6: Los Angeles County Live Fuel Moisture as of mid September.

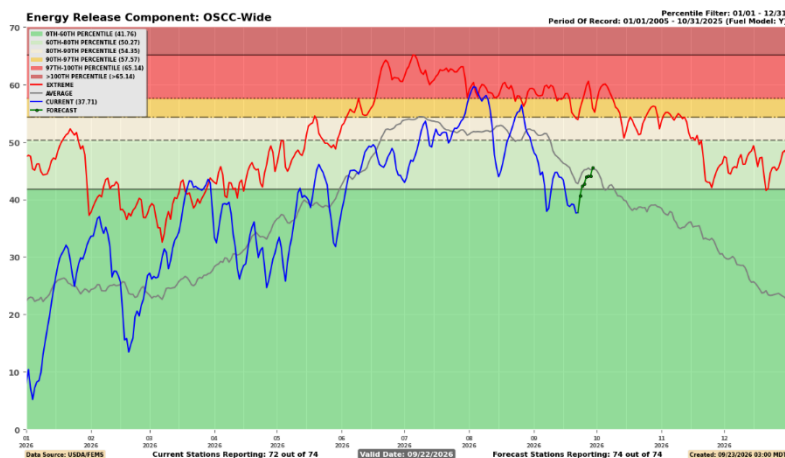


Fig 5: OSCC-Wide Energy Release Component (ERC, Y-model) as of September 22nd

SOUTH OPS OUTLOOK

A strong to near record strength El Nino event is in progress across the equatorial Pacific (**Figure 7**). This event is likely to peak in the next 2 to 3 months, and all indications are that very strong El Nino conditions will be in place through this winter. Very warm SST anomalies also extend from the California coast and southward, and across broad swaths of the mid and higher latitudes of the Pacific.

Heading into the fall and early winter, offshore winds become our primary driver of fire activity. Offshore wind events occurring in advance of seasonal rainfall can produce some of the region's largest and most destructive fires. Medium range models suggest a period of much warmer than normal temperatures through the first half of October, along with some potential for offshore winds, suggestive of potential for fire activity. However, portions of Southern California, including areas most susceptible to offshore winds, experienced a significant rainfall from the moisture associated with Hurricane Marie. While not sufficient to induce broad-scale green-up, there have been noteworthy increases in live fuel moisture and soil moisture across a sizable portion of Southern California. In addition, the strong El Nino conditions and climate model projections (**Figure 8**) strongly favor above normal precipitation this fall and winter, especially from December onwards. Despite the looming warmth of early October, the broader cool season pattern is expected to favor frequent troughs moving in from the Pacific as opposed to dropping southward over interior North America, likely bringing a below normal total number of Santa Ana wind events, even if a couple occur early in the season. Were it not for the upcoming warmth, below normal fire potential would likely be warranted for the South Coast region for October due to the rainfall from Marie. However, considering the shorter-term forecast, felt near normal potential remained warranted, implying potential for some fire activity. Above normal potential was considered for portions of Central California, but feel upcoming concerns will be limited and transient enough to preclude that need. Near normal potential is indicated for all areas by November through January, months in which little fire activity is typical and by which time widespread significant rainfall is expected. As is always the case, there will ultimately remain at least some potential for fire activity until a widespread significant rain event occurs.

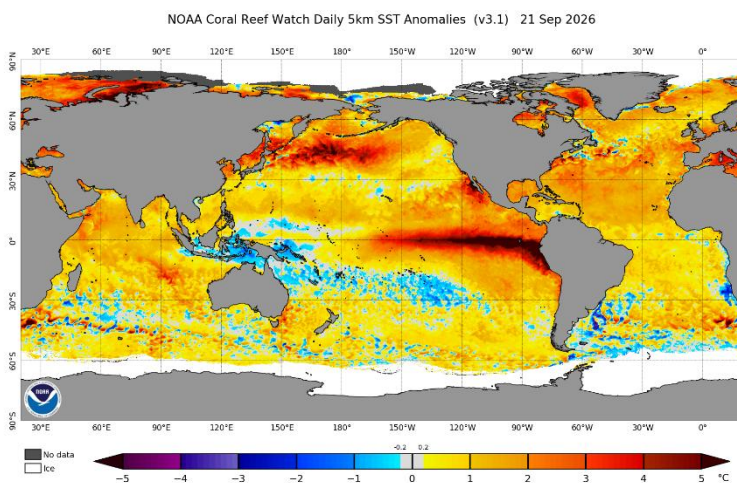


Fig 7: Sea Surface Temperature Anomaly, September 21

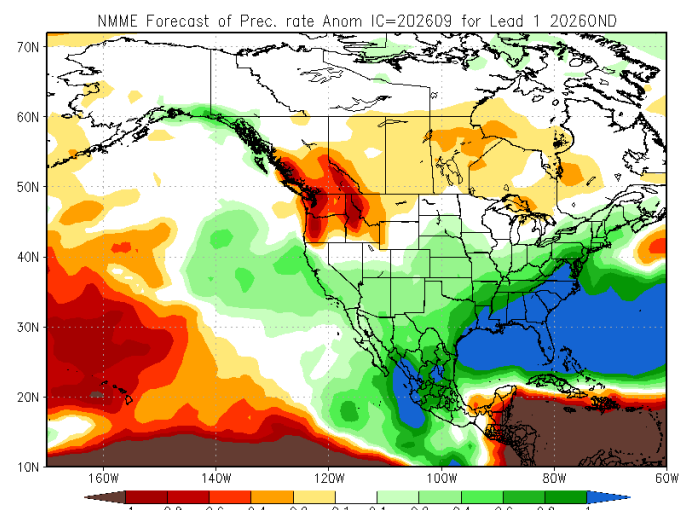
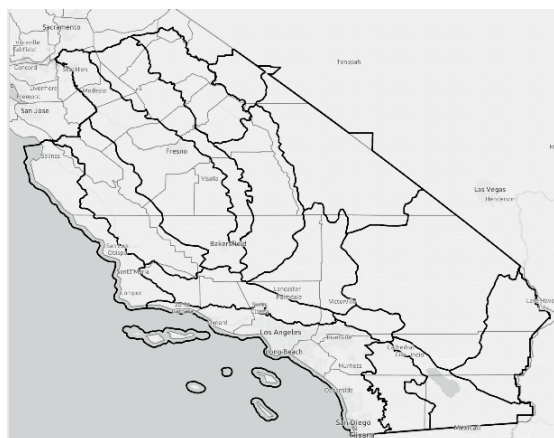
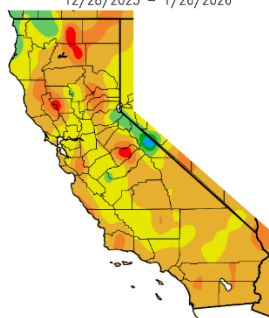


Fig 8: NMME October – December 2026 3-month Precipitation Anomaly Forecast

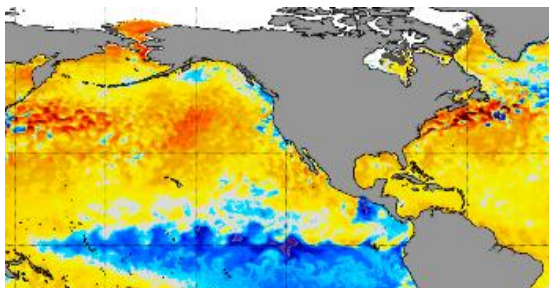
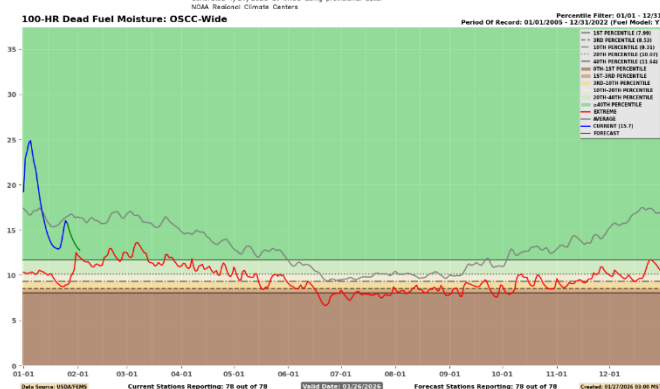
Maps with Counties and Select Intel Links used in the forecast



Ave. Temperature dep from Ave (deg F)
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Generated 1/27/2026 at WRCC using provisional data.
NOAA National Climate Center



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Climate

- <https://calclim.dri.edu/pages/anommmaps.html>
- <https://droughtmonitor.unl.edu/>
- <https://www.cpc.ncep.noaa.gov/products/NMME/>

Fuel Moisture and ERCs

- <https://gacc.nifc.gov/oscc/fuelsFireDanger.php>

Current sea surface temperatures

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

Vista Fire Protection District

TO: BOARD OF DIRECTORS
FROM: KARLENA RANNALS, ADMINISTRATIVE MANAGER
SUBJECT: MONTHLY ACTIVITY REPORT - ADMINISTRATION
DATE: October 15, 2026



Activity Summary (September 1 – 30, 2026)

The following highlights my work activities for the reporting period:

1. Prepared agenda and supporting material for the September 9 Board of Directors meeting.
2. Prepared all accounts payable and payroll.
3. Met September 3 (in person) with President Ploetz
4. Met September 4 (virtual) with Chief Washington, CCC, Larissa Fulmer, Chris Cardinale and Beverly Roxas to discuss right of entry agreements on private property.
5. Attended September 9 Board of Directors meeting.
6. September 10 – 15, Henderson, Nevada. Worked remotely.
7. Met September 22 with AT&T to install internet at the new office.
8. Received September 23, a total of eight (8) responses to the Request for Proposal (RFP) for On-Call Grant Research, Writing and Management Services
9. Assisted September 24 with the onsite audit with Nigro & Nigro for FY26
10. September 28 packed office for relocation
11. September 29, relocated to new office. (*contracted with local moving company to complete*)
12. Met September 30 with Loop Communications re: phone install for new office.
13. Returned September 30 all keys to SmartSpace and started unpacking!
14. Prepared response correspondence for Chief Washington's signature to Joel Anderson

CONTRACTS: [Informational](#)

A report to the Board of Directors regarding contracts executed on behalf of the Fire District by the Administrative Manager:

1. Contract with Loop Communications: Phone service for the new office
2. Established account with AT&T: Internet service for the new office.

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: INVESTMENT POLICY REVIEW
DATE: October 15, 2026



RECOMMENDATION

Review, acknowledge and retain the District's Investment Policy as adopted October 13, 2023.

BACKGROUND

As required by California Government Code §53646, the District has a Policy that governs the investment of surplus funds for purposes of generating investment income for the District. Pursuant to the current district policy, review is required annually so that it reflects and responds to the changing economic and investment market. Periodic reviews must be conducted at a public meeting per Government Code §53646(a). The District's Policy was approved October 11, 2023.

CURRENT SITUATION

The District subscribes to California Special Districts Association (CSDA) Sample Policy Handbook, which includes periodic updates. Staff has compared the District's current policy to the updated CSDA policy handbook, and there are no proposed changes.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Resolution 2023-10
2. Policy 4010 – Investment of District Funds

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-10

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE VISTA FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT AMENDING THE INVESTMENT OF DISTRICT FUNDS POLICY

WHEREAS, California Government Code Section 53646 requires that the District adopt a Statement of Investment Policy and periodically review the Policy; and,

WHEREAS, since the Board's adoption of the District's Policy, the Board of Directors has periodically reviewed and amended the Policy; and,

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors has reviewed the policy and agrees with the staff recommendation, to amend the Policy to simplify and eliminate outdated language.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Directors of Vista Fire Protection District does hereby approve the Investment of District Funds Policy attached hereto as "Exhibit A."

PASSED AND ADOPTED at regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Directors of the Vista Fire Protection District on October 11, 2023 by the following vote:

AYES:	Elliott, Fougner, Miller, Ploetz
NOES:	None
ABSENT:	Gomez
ABSTAIN:	None



JAMES F. ELLIOTT
President

ATTEST:



Karlana Rannals
Board Clerk

ADMINISTRATIVE POLICY AND PROCEDURES

POLICY TITLE	Investment of District Funds
POLICY No.	4010
ADOPTED	October 11, 2023
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4010 Investment of District Funds

4010.1 PREMISE

- a) The State Legislature has declared the deposit and investment of public funds by local officials and local agencies is an issue of statewide concern (Government Code (GC) § 53600.6 and § 53630.1); and,
- b) Government Code Sections 53601, et seq., allow the legislative body of a local agency to invest surplus monies not required for the immediate necessities of the local agency; and,
- c) The treasurer or fiscal officer of a local agency is required to annually prepare and submit a statement of investment policy and such policy, and any changes thereto, is to be considered by the local agency's legislative body at a public meeting (GC § 53646(a)). The statement shall also be annually presented to any oversight agency of the local agency.
- d) For these reasons, and to ensure prudent and responsible management of the public's funds, it is the policy of the District to invest funds in a manner which will provide the highest investment return with the maximum security while meeting the daily cash flow demands of the District and conforming to all statutes governing the investment of District funds.

4010.2 SCOPE:

This investment policy applies to all financial assets of the District. These funds are accounted for in the annual audited financial statements of the District and include:

- a) Demand Accounts
- b) Investments
- c) General Fund
- d) Local Agency Investment Fund [others]
- e) Operation and Maintenance Fund
- f) Enterprise Funds [others]

4010.3 PRUDENCE:

The Board and persons authorized to make investment decisions subject to these policies are fiduciaries subject to the prudent investor standard. When investing, reinvesting, purchasing, acquiring, exchanging, selling, or managing public funds, a fiduciary shall act with care, skill, prudence, and diligence under the circumstances then prevailing, including, but not limited to, the general economic conditions and the anticipated needs of the District, that a prudent person acting in a like capacity and familiarity with those matters would use in the conduct of funds of a like character and with like aims, to safeguard the principal and maintain the liquidity needs of the District.

Investments shall be made with judgment and care, under circumstances then prevailing, which persons of prudence, discretion and intelligence exercise in the management of their own affairs, not for speculation, but for investment, considering the probable safety of capital as well as the probable income to be derived.

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Investment officers acting in accordance with written procedures and the investment policy and exercising due diligence shall be relieved of personal responsibility for an individual security's credit risk or market price changes, provided deviations from policy or expectations are reported in the next issued quarterly treasury report and appropriate actions are taken to control adverse developments. When a deviation poses a significant risk to the District's financial position, the fiscal officer shall notify the Board immediately.

4010.4 OBJECTIVES:

As specified in GC §53600.5, when investing, reinvesting, purchasing, acquiring, exchanging, selling or managing public funds, the primary objectives of the investment activities, in priority order, shall be:

- a) **Safety:** Safety of principal is the foremost objective of the investment program. Investments of the District shall be undertaken in a manner that seeks to ensure the preservation of capital in the whole portfolio. To attain this objective, diversification is required in order that potential losses on individual securities do not exceed the income generated from the remainder of the portfolio.
- b) **Liquidity:** The secondary objective shall be to meet the liquidity needs of the District.
- c) **Yield:** The third objective shall be to achieve a return on the funds under the District's control.

4010.5 PROHIBITED INVESTMENTS:

The District shall not invest any funds in inverse floaters, range notes or interest-only strips that are derived from a pool of mortgages. The District shall not invest any funds in any security that could result in zero interest accrual if held to maturity; however, the District may hold this prohibited instrument until its maturity date. The limitation does not apply to investments in shares of beneficial interest issued by diversified management companies as set forth in California Government Code Section 53601.6.

4010.6 REPORTING:

At least quarterly, the Administrative Manager shall submit an investment report to the Board of Directors within 45 days following the end of the quarter. The report shall include the following information:

1. type of investment, issuer, date of maturity, par and dollar amount invested in all securities, investments and money held by the District;
2. description of any of the District's funds, investments or programs that are under the management of contracted parties, including lending programs;
3. for all securities held by the District or under management by any outside party that is not a local agency or the State of California Local Agency Investment Fund, a current market value as of the date of the report and the source of this valuation;
4. statement that the portfolio complies with the Investment Policy or the manner in which the portfolio is not in compliance; and
5. statement that the District has the ability to meet its pool's expenditure requirements (cash flow) for the next six months or provide an explanation as to why sufficient money shall or may not be available.