

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

Meeting Location

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



Regular Meeting

Wednesday, February 11, 2026
1:00 P.M.

BUSINESS SESSION – REGULAR AGENDA

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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 January 21, 2026
- b. **Approve** the Board of Directors special meeting January 22, 2026

2. Payroll Register

- a. **Ratify** Payroll paid on February 7, 2026 \$6,250.00
 - b. **Ratify** Payroll Taxes paid on paid on February 6, 2026 \$478.13
- \$6,728.13

3. Accounts Payable

- a. **Ratify** Accounts Payable Check 4382 through 4387 on February 11, 2026 \$623,619.99
 - b. **Ratify** Auto withdrawal(s) paid on January 6 – February 6, 2026 \$1,160.74
- \$631,508.86

4. Receive and File – Information

- a. Monthly Reports
 - i) Fire Chief
 - ii) Fire Marshal
 - iii) Fire Prevention Annual Report – Jan-Dec 2025
 - iv) Effective Response Force Report – December 25
 - v) Southern Operations Seasonal Weather Outlook – February – May 2026
 - vi) Administrative Manager’s Report
 - vii) Correspondence
 - (1) None

DISTRICT BUSINESS

1. Board Workshop

The Board of Directors will discuss a date to reschedule a workshop to update the District’s Strategic Plan with an emphasis on community risk reduction.

ACTION REQUESTED: [Information and/or set date](#)

ORAL REPORT(S)

- 1. Fire Chief
- 2. Administrative Manager
 - a. Form 700 E-Filing: April 1, 2026
- 3. Legal
- 4. Board of Directors

CLOSED SESSION

1. CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATIONS

Pursuant to Gov. Code Section 54956.8

Property: 1070 Old Taylor St., Vista, CA

Agency Negotiator: District Administrative Manager and District Counsel

Negotiating Parties: Vista Fire Protection District and City of Vista

Under Negotiation: Price and terms.

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 February 5, 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).



Karlana Rannals
Board Clerk



**VISTA FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
Board of Directors Meeting
Minutes – January 21, 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 “Vista” conference room located at 200 Civic Center Dr., Vista CA.

a. Roll Call

Directors Present: Elliott, Hill, Miller, Ploetz

Directors Absent: Fougner

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

FLAG SALUTE

Director Hill led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ORAL COMMUNICATION (PUBLIC COMMENT)

Tim O’Hara, Happy Hill Dr, Vista: he informed the board on the formation of a fire brigade in San Marcos that will also affect the City of Vista and Vista Fire Protection District. He volunteers at TERI Campus of Life. TERI has built model programs for individuals with developmental and learning disabilities and those who support them across their life span. The fire brigade is being formed to help in their insurance rates, and they will assist the 20-acre campus and their residential group homes in following the fire code and bring their safety steps up to speed. They will not be providing fire suppression or medical services.

Tom Hunt, Carmel Ridge Rd., San Diego: he summarized how he became involved with TERi, and how the fire brigade was formed. The Fire Brigade is formed under California Title 8, Code of Regulations Section 3411 and it outlines the requirements for the Fire Brigade. Right now, the Fire Brigade stands with about 20 members, all volunteer. Their efforts are on basic fire prevention patrols, hazard identification and reporting fire alarm awareness and notifications. They have purchased a Type 6 brush engine, which is currently being outfitted with equipment, then training will begin. They are looking for people who are retired firefighters who could use their expertise to help with training and also to help guide the current 20 members, with the goal of increasing to 40 volunteers. They have a landscape architect, and they will be going out to all facilities and removing all vegetation within 5 feet and then following the guidance of the State Fire Code.

President Ploetz thanks the speakers for their information.

MOTION WAIVING READING IN FULL OF ALL RESOLUTIONS/ORDINANCES

MOTION BY DIRECTOR ELLIOTT, SECOND BY DIRECTOR MILLER, and CARRIED 4 AYES; 0 NOES; 1 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 4 AYES; 0 NOES; 1 ABSENT; 0 ABSTAIN to approve the consent calendar as submitted:

1. Board of Directors Minutes - APPROVE
 - a. Regular Meeting December 10, 2025
2. Payroll Register (Ratify)
 - a. Payroll paid on January 7, 2026 \$6,300.00
 - b. Payroll taxes paid on January 6, 2025 \$481.95
 - \$6,781.95
3. Accounts Payable (Approve)
 - a. Accounts Payable Check 4377 through 4381 paid January 21, 2026 \$1,291,822.92
 - b. Auto withdrawals(s) paid January December 8, 2025 – January 5, 2026 \$1,046.84
 - Total \$1,292,885.02
4. Receive and File (Information)
 - a. Financial Reports – Quarterly
 - i) FY26 Budget to Actual GF – December 31, 2025 (*unaudited*)
 - ii) FY26 Budget to Actual FMF – December 31, 2025 (*unaudited*)
 - iii) FY26 Combined Balance Sheet – December 31, 2025 (*unaudited*)
 - iv) Portfolio Summary Report – December 31, 2025
 - (1) Interest Rate Summary
 - b. Monthly Reports
 - i) Fire Chief
 - ii) Fire Marshal
 - iii) Effective Response Force Report – November 25
 - iv) Southern Operations Seasonal Weather Outlook – January – April 2026
 - v) Administrative Manager’s Report
 - vi) CSDA Annual Conference Summary – Director Elliott
 - vii) Correspondence
 - (1) Special District Advisory Committee Election Results

DISTRICT BUSINESS

1. After Action Report – Vegetation Management

Deputy Chief Davidson summarized the documents included with the meeting material. The prevention staff identified areas for improvement and how to streamline the process. They are reviewing the notices for clarity, and they will be starting the program earlier. The goal is to have the vegetation removed and/or abated

by the fall in which the Santa Ana winds are typical. He noted that with the new severity zones, the amount of lots that will need to be inspected is up to over 8,000 lots. He noted that for the 2025 year, only 25 lots were force abated, with 22 within the Vista Fire Protection District. He responded to questions from the board.

Director Miller acknowledged, as a long-time Vista Fire Protection District resident, this year's vegetation management efforts have been by far the best he has seen. He is very pleased with how much was accomplished this year.

2. Budget Authorization (Time Certain: 1:45 pm)

Chief Davidson introduced Kira Greco, Scott Chessman, and Chief Dave Winnacker of Xyloplan to review and demonstrate software developed to assist agencies with community risk reduction. Chief Davidson noted that while several companies can help predict fire behavior, he is not aware of any other company that has developed mathematical calculations capable of predicting fire transition from wildland to structures and from structure to structure. Chief Winnacker provided an overview of his fire service experience, noting that fuel mitigation is challenging and requires ongoing maintenance. He explained that asking residents to prepare by hardening their homes to achieve Zone 0 is even more difficult. When professionals understand the network effects—how topography, fuel, and weather align to form fast-moving fire pathways that can outpace suppression efforts—they can better prioritize mitigation and fire adaptation efforts and track progress over time.

Chief Winnacker demonstrated the software by showing how the Eaton Fire transitioned from a wildfire into an urban conflagration. He explained their approach, which focuses on identifying fire pathways by analyzing areas where topography, fuel, and weather combine in ways that can support rapid fire spread.

The ultimate goal, he explained, is to prepare the community and the built environment to receive fire through a combination of fuel breaks, defensible space, home hardening, and ember-resistant retrofits. These actions can be classified into a series of work units. Communities can be divided into work units aligned with available capacity for defensible space work, home hardening, inspections, and incentives. This allows agencies to develop prioritization results and evaluate how many homes would benefit from proposed treatments.

In several examples, Chief Winnacker demonstrated that while a relatively small number of homes may require the full suite of mitigation measures, a much larger number of homes benefit overall. This approach helps identify where mitigation provides a public benefit and where public funds can be most effectively invested. By identifying areas with numerous beneficiaries, agencies can make informed decisions about prioritizing wildfire resistance efforts.

The Xyloplan representatives responded to questions from the board.

At the conclusion of the presentation, staff requested that the Board of Directors authorize reimbursement to the City of Vista in the amount of \$29,875, representing a 50% cost share for a contract with Xylo Risk, Inc. (dba "XyloPlan") to conduct a Fire Pathways Vulnerability and Mitigation Prioritization Analysis. This analysis will evaluate and quantify wildfire risk within the Vista Fire Rescue response area. Additionally, staff requested that staff be authorized to reallocate the requested funds from the Vegetation Management

Rebate allocation (\$333,333) to establish a new budget line-item titled Vegetation Management Contracts. Staff responded to additional questions from the board.

MOTION BY DIRECTOR HILL, SECOND BY DIRECTOR ELLIOTT, and CARRIED 4 AYES; 0 NOES; 1 ABSENT; 0 ABSTAIN to approve staff' recommendation and approve the cost share in the amount of \$29,875 contingent upon the City of Vista participation; and authorize staff the ability to reallocate the requested funds from the Vegetation Management Rebate funding identified in the current FY26 budget and establish a new budget line item for this expenditure.

3. Community Town Hall

Staff announced that since a majority of the Board of Directors will attend the community presentation on January 22, 2026, it has been posted as a special meeting as staff will deliver a summary report on the 2025 vegetation management program starting at 10 am at The Havens Country Club. In addition, the staff and Board will recognize the district's first Firewise USA® community

4. Board Workshop

President Plötz notified the public that the Board of Directors will participate in a workshop to update the District's strategic plan with an emphasis on community risk reduction on February 4, 2026 in the Vista Conference Room located at 200 Civic Center Drive, Vista, CA. As a special meeting the agenda will be posted no later than 24 hours prior to the meeting.

ORAL REPORT(S)

1. Fire Chief

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

- Chief Washington distributed the comment letter prepared by Fire Marshal Vierow to the County of San Diego referencing the 1050 Ora Avo proposed project noting the requirements to comply with the current standards. The board requested that legal counsel make an inquiry with the County to determine the status of the project and report back at the next meeting.
- He reported that the new completion date for fire station 3 is April 1, 2026.
- Chief Davidson discussed the sheriff's response report that was included with the meeting material.

2. Administrative Manager

In addition to her report, she added:

- Form 700 E-Filing: April 1, 2026: She reminded the board of the upcoming deadline. If you need assistance, please reach out for help.
- State Controller's Report – Confirmation of Filing: the required filing is complete.
- She reported that she authorized the emergency access road repair work. The quoted cost by Aztec is \$6,500 for the work. She is awaiting a report back on the timeline to complete the repairs.
- She distributed the proclamation as information that will be presented to the Vista Valley & The Havens Country Club on January 22nd.
- She will be out of office January 24 – 31, 2026.
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3. Legal

- No report.

4. Board of Directors

- No report.

Ten-minute recess

CLOSED SESSION

Pursuant to the following Government Code Sections, the Board of Directors convened in closed session from 3:30 – 3:44 pm:

1. CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATIONS

Pursuant to Gov. Code Section 54956.8

Property: 200 Civic Center Dr., Vista, CA

Agency Negotiator: District Administrative Manager and District Counsel

Negotiating Parties: Vista Fire Protection District and City of Vista

Under Negotiation: Price and terms.

Attendees Present: all board members listed, Karlana Rannals, Administrative Manager, Christopher Cardinale, Legal Counsel

Upon reconvening, legal counsel reported that there was no reportable action on the topics listed.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEM(s)

No additional items were added to the list.

ADJOURNMENT

President Ploetz adjourned the meeting at 3:45 pm.

Karlana Rannals
Board Clerk

John Ploetz
President



**VISTA FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
Special Board of Directors Meeting
Celebrating Community Excellence
Minutes – January 22, 2026**

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WORKSHOP – AGENDA – 10:00 AM

President Ploetz called to order the regular meeting of the Vista Fire Protection District Board of Directors at 10:15 AM at the “The Havens Country Club” located at 29354 Vista Valley Dr, Vista, CA 92084

CALL TO ORDER

A. Roll Call

Directors Present: Elliott, Miller, Ploetz

Directors Absent: Fougner, Hill

Staff Present: Karlena Rannals, Administrative Manager; Gerard Washington, Fire Chief; Bret Davidson, Deputy Chief; Mark Vierow, Fire Marshal; Medi Maldonado, Assistant Fire Marshal; and Chris Topping, Fire Inspector

ORAL COMMUNICATION (PUBLIC COMMENT)

No one requested to speak to the Board of Directors.

DISCUSSION

A. COMMUNITY MEETING

Chief Washington welcomed the community members in attendance. He commended the Vista Valley Villas and The Havens Country Club for their efforts in achieving the Firewise USA® designation. The following representatives presented a certificate and/or proclamation to committee members led by Daniel Gomez:

- Representing Senator Brian Jones, 40th District
 - Kyle Herman, District Representative
- Representing Assembly Member Laurie Davies
 - Gradon McDermott, Field Representative
- Representing Supervisor Jim Desmond, 5th District
 - Adrienne Cesneros-Selekman
- Representing Vista Fire Protection District Board of Directors
 - John Ploetz, President, Board of Directors

Chief Davidson and Assistant Fire Marshal Maldonado presented a summary report on the success of the 2025 vegetation management program and outlined planned changes for 2026. Staff also responded to questions from the community.

In addition, a Simtable was onsite to demonstrate an interactive wildfire simulation of the local community using real terrain and data. Advanced computer modeling showed fire progression—such as the Lilac Fire—by incorporating wind speed and direction, terrain, slope, and fuel types, providing an engaging, firsthand learning experience.

Chief Washington closed the meeting by thanking all who attended and encouraged other communities to seek the Firewise USA® designation.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 10:45 am.


Karlana Rannals
Board Clerk

John Ploetz
President

VISTA FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
PAYROLL REGISTER - August (Paid 02/06/26)

Payment No.	Name	Gross
Direct Deposit	Rannals, Karlana	\$ 6,250.00
		<u>\$ 6,250.00</u>
	Employer Payroll Taxes	
	Federal (Social Security/Medicare)	\$ 478.13
	State	<u>\$ -</u>
		<u><u>\$ 6,728.13</u></u>

**VISTA FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
ACCOUNTS PAYABLE
February 11, 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 - February 2026 <i>Paid on 02-3-2026</i>	\$952.95
Auto Withdrawal	ADP, Inc.	2025 W2 Processing Fee <i>Paid on 1-30-2026</i>	\$93.89
Auto Withdrawal	ADP, Inc.	January Payroll Fee <i>Paid on 2-4-2026</i>	\$113.90
		Accounts Payable (Auto withdrawal)	\$1,160.74
4382	AZTEC LANDSCAPING 7980 Lemon Grove Way Lemon Grove, Ca 91945	Emergency Access Roads, Invoice # L7061, January 2025	\$2,464.33
4383	CAITLIN KREUTZ ENVIRONMENTAL CONSULTING 1100 Garden View Road #111 Encinitas, CA 92024	Inv# 0008 2026 VFPD Grant Readiness Report	\$300.00
4384	CITY OF VISTA 200 Civic Center Drive Vista, CA 92084	Fire Emergency Services TA#6	\$610,964.48
4385	LITTLE YELLOW BUDDIES 13615 Fairlane Road Valley Center, CA 92082	Inv 332 - Serviced Hydrants - Qty 233 Inv 333 - Hydrant Supplies	\$6,990.00 \$562.76
4386	RANNALS, Karlena	Out of Pocket Expenses (Jan 1 - 31, 2026)	\$2,188.42
4387	RGM CONSULTING 815 Sierra Verde Dr. Vista, CA 92084	Monthly Maintenance (February 2026) Inv # 7419	\$150.00
		Accounts Payable (Checks)	\$623,619.99
	PAYROLL:		
	See Payroll Register	Employee & Directors	\$6,250.00
	U.S. TREASURY (PAYROLL TAX)	FEDERAL FORM 941-EFT VIA EFTPS-DEPOSIT	\$478.13
		January Payroll Total	\$6,728.13
		Total District Expenses - January 2026	\$631,508.86
	Director		5-Feb-26
			
	Administrative Manager		11-Feb-26

**Accounts Payable
Certification**

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

CERTIFICATION FOR PAYMENT NO. TA#6

CONSULTANT/VENDOR:
City of Vista

BILLING PERIOD:

ADDRESS: 200 Civic Center Drive, Vista, CA 92084

ACCOUNT No.:

DESCRIPTION: Tax Apportionment #6

STATEMENT OF PAYMENT

				Apportionment of Fee	FEE PAYABLE
Gross Tax Apportionment	100%	\$	678,849.42	0%	\$ -
Less Interest Allocation	100%	\$	-	0%	\$ -
Tax Apportionment (Net)	100%	\$	678,849.42	90%	<u>\$ 610,964.48</u>
Invoice Billed #: 28041					\$ 610,964.48
Discrepancy					<u>\$ (0.00)</u>



Certified by: Karlana Rannals, Administrative Manager

2/3/2026

Date



TO: BOARD OF DIRECTORS
FROM: GERARD WASHINGTON, FIRE CHIEF
SUBJECT: MONTHLY ACTIVITY REPORT – FIRE CHIEF’S REPORT
DATE: February 5, 2026



Monthly Activity Summary (January 1 – 31, 2026)

The following highlights the work activities for the reporting period:

- Xylo Plan presented to the Vista Fire Protection District Board, and the board voted to cover half the costs for the evaluation.
- Live fire training conducted for all crews and some zone agencies at 165 Eucalyptus.
- Met with California Conservation Corps; started brush clearing around Station 5 (100 feet from the fence). It looks great so far and they are two-thirds completed in two weeks.
- Chief Wecklich was selected as the incoming chair of San Diego County Training Officers, which coordinates fire training across all agencies in the county.
- High school intern interviews were conducted by Captain Childress and Management Analyst Hodge. This program introduces high school students to career opportunities in fire suppression, prevention, and administration.
- Attended a celebration for Vista Valley Villas and Havens Country Club for achieving Firewise Community status through the National Fire Protection Association.
- Five EMTs have completed initial orientation and are now riding out in the field with crews.
- A Senior Office Specialist candidate declined the job, and we are looking at a temporary employee.
- Received audit request from DHCS for FY 2022 (July 2022–December 2022) GEMT; returned consent for electronic service; no additional requests due at this time.
- Submitted FY 2026 SHSP grant application for equipment and training supplies to support Intentional Mass Casualty Incident (IMCI) training and Mass Casualty Incident (MCI) regional response.

Incidents of Note

- Traffic collision with a fire (Emerald and Lewis). Single vehicle struck parked cars at a high rate of speed. Three vehicles were destroyed by fire; another was significantly damaged. A power pole was damaged, as well as fencing to a house. One patient transported to the burn center.
- Cardiac arrest (Buena Vista Park). Patient at the top of the hill; bystander CPR prior to paramedic arrival. Transported and alive.
- Multiple small fires at S. Melrose and W. Vista Way. Coordinated with task force on mitigation of encampment.

TO: BOARD OF DIRECTORS
FROM: MARK VIEROW, FIRE MARSHAL
SUBJECT: MONTHLY ACTIVITY REPORT–FIRE MARSHAL
DATE: February 5, 2026



Monthly Activity Summary (January 1 –31, 2026)

The following highlights the work activities for the reporting period:

1. Plan Checks and Construction Inspections
 - a. 14 plan checks completed
 - b. 8 construction inspections
2. San Diego County Fire Mitigation Fees
 - a. 10,006 square feet of new construction
 - b. \$9,305.58 in fire mitigation fees
 - c. Fire Mitigation Fees (residential) will increase from \$.93 → \$.96 per square foot for new construction, or 3.6% adjustment beginning July 1, 2026.
3. Meetings
 - a. Attended District Fire Marshal’s Meeting at the County offices on 1/29.
 - b. Rincon Development at 1050 Ora Avo Drive: There are no follow-up meetings or plans reviews scheduled at this time.

Fire Prevention Bureau 2025 January-December End-of-Year Metrics

Total Bureau Output

Total Measurable Activities (All Categories): ~27,300

Total Inspections: 11,941

Plan Review: 532

Total Pub Education Events: 36 Did not start collecting data till September

Total Fire Investigations: 85/(52) reports completed

Fire & Life Safety Inspections

Category	Total
Total Fire & Life Safety Inspections	1,021
State-Mandated Inspections	682
Commercial Inspections	168
R-2 / Multifamily Inspections & Re-inspections	629
Educational Inspections	67
Assembly / Special Event Inspections	31
Community Care Licensing (CCL)	41

Brush Management & Wildfire Mitigation

Category	Total
Total Brush Management Activities	10,139
Weed Abatement Inspections	9,859
Defensible Space Inspections	56
AB-38 Inspections	214
Pre-Plans Completed	84

Customer Service & Public Assistance

Category	Total
Total Customer Service Interactions	14,325
Phone Calls / Emails	13,618

Service Requests	379
Counter Visits	247
Field Responses	68

**Please note that the statistics are inclusive of the city and district boundaries.*

Development Services & Plan Review

Category	Total
Total Development Services Actions	1,358
Building Plan Reviews	307
Fire Systems Reviews	194
Fire Safety Construction Inspections	437
Grading / Improvement Plan Reviews	45
Site Meetings / Pre-Applications	52

Fire Investigation Responses

Category	Total
Total Fire Investigation Responses	85
Accidental	21
Undetermined	43
Incendiary	7
Bomb / Arson / Referral	14

Community Risk Reduction

Category	Total
Smoke Alarms Installed	677
Public Education / Outreach Events	36 Did not start collecting data till September
Special Event Fire Safety Support	23

Training & Meetings

Category	Total
Meetings Attended	350
Total Meeting Hours	~660
Trainings / Classes Attended	72
Training Hours	~525

**Please note that the statistics are inclusive of the city and district boundaries.*



EFFECTIVE RESPONSE FORCE REPORT

DECEMBER 2025



VISTA FIRE RESCUE

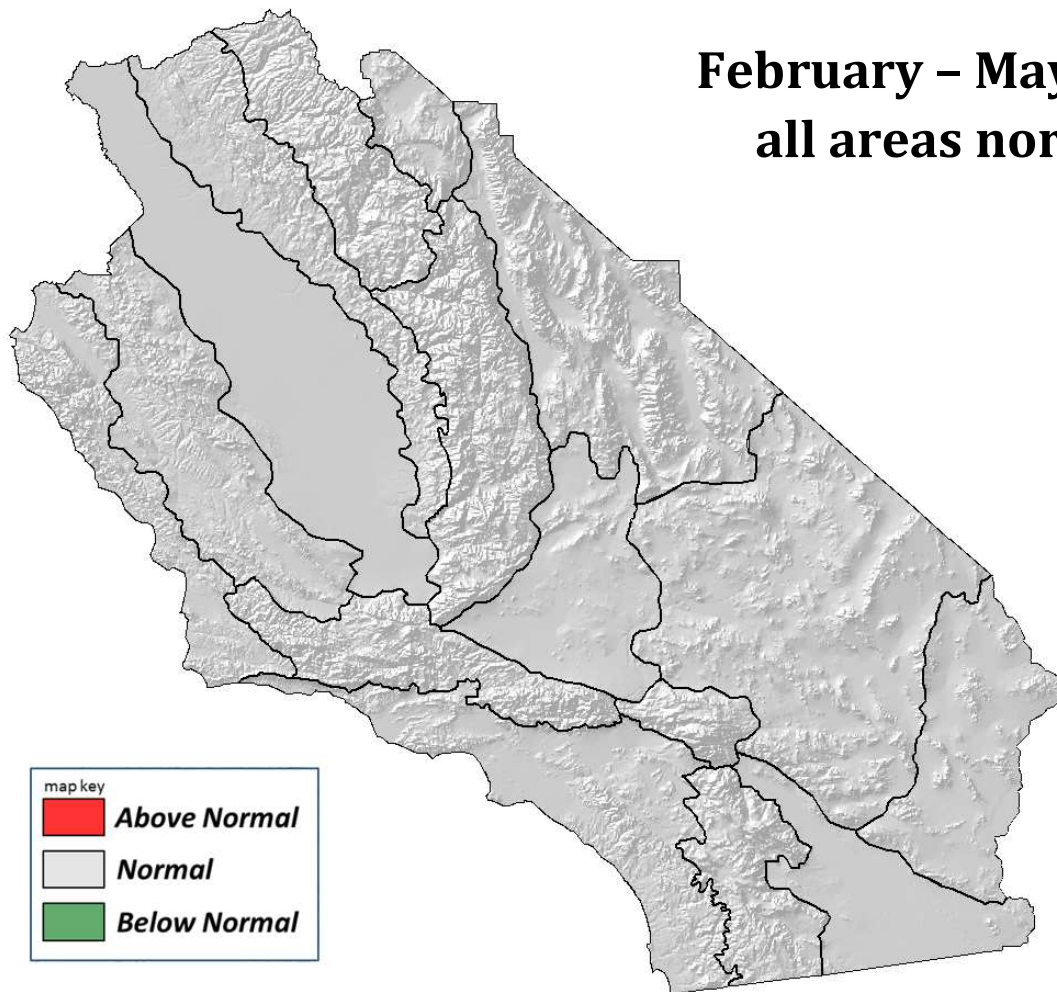
STANDARD OF COVER TRAVEL INTERVALS

December 2025

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	00:07:39	00:10:25	00:10:57
All Risks	N/A	1 Engine or 1 Aerial	Count	81	8	11
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	00:03:18	n/a	00:13:39
Fire	Low	1 Engine	Count	1	n/a	2
EMS	High	1 Engine, 1 Ambulance	Objective	00:06:00	00:08:30	00:09:30
EMS	High	1 Engine, 1 Ambulance	90th Percentile	00:10:38	00:08:44	00:08:34
EMS	High	1 Engine, 1 Ambulance	Count	19	3	4
EMS	Medium	1 Engine, 1 Ambulance	Objective	00:06:00	00:08:30	00:09:30
EMS	Medium	1 Engine, 1 Ambulance	90th Percentile	00:10:25	00:13:02	00:06:54
EMS	Medium	1 Engine, 1 Ambulance	Count	39	4	3
EMS	Low	1 Engine, 1 Ambulance	Objective	00:06:00	00:08:30	00:09:30
EMS	Low	1 Engine, 1 Ambulance	90th Percentile	00:06:21	n/a	n/a
EMS	Low	1 Engine, 1 Ambulance	Count	1	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	00:09:29	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	00:07:27	n/a	00:04:01
Rescue	Low	1 Engine, 1 Ambulance	Count	3	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
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Wildland	Medium	2 Type 1, 2 Type 3, 1 BC	Count	n/a	n/a	n/a
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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
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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

February – May 2026 all areas normal



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

February – May 2026 South Ops Highlights

- Precipitation will likely trend below normal through May, but if a couple significant storms were to move through the region, precipitation could ultimately trend closer to normal.
- Temperatures will likely trend above normal through May.
- The amount of moderate to strong Santa Ana wind events will likely be below normal through May, though weak offshore events will remain common



Weather Discussion

Other than the very beginning of the month, January was overall warmer and drier than average. Strong high pressure was in control for much of the month, preventing much in the way of intrusions of cold or moist air. Temperatures were near normal across the San Joaquin Valley where there was persistently stubborn Tule fog for much of the month, and around 2–4 degrees above normal for most other areas (**Figure 1**). Significant precipitation that occurred during the end of December had spilled into the very beginning of January, particularly for Southern California. After this early January storm, dry conditions prevailed for the rest of the month. The lack of additional rounds of January rains led to most of the region experiencing below normal precipitation for the month, though most areas remained above 50% of normal (**Figure 2**). The snowpack for the Central and Southern Sierra is now running about 50–80% of normal due to the lack of precipitation for most of the month (**Figure 3**). There has been little to no snowfall over the Southern California mountains since snow levels were very high during the storms of December and early January.

Offshore flow was a common occurrence throughout January, but there were no strong Santa Ana wind events. A couple of prolonged weak to moderate events occurred during the middle of the month.

Snow Water Equivalent (inches)

Provided by the California Cooperative Snow Surveys

Data For: 26-Jan-2026

% Apr 1 Avg. / % Normal for this Date

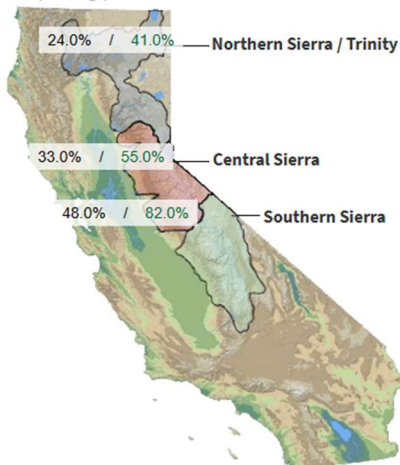


Fig 3: Snow water equivalent % of normal across the Sierra as of January 26

Ave. Temperature dep from Ave (deg F)
12/28/2025 – 1/26/2026

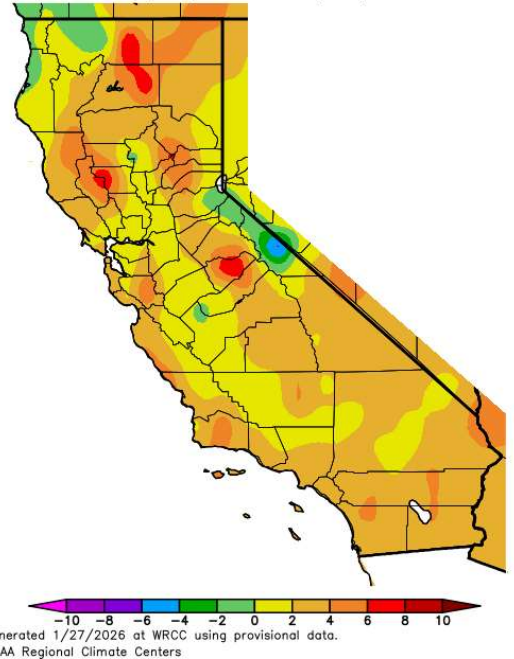


Fig 1: Dec 28th – Jan 26th Temperature % of Average

Percent of Average Precipitation (%)
12/28/2025 – 1/26/2026

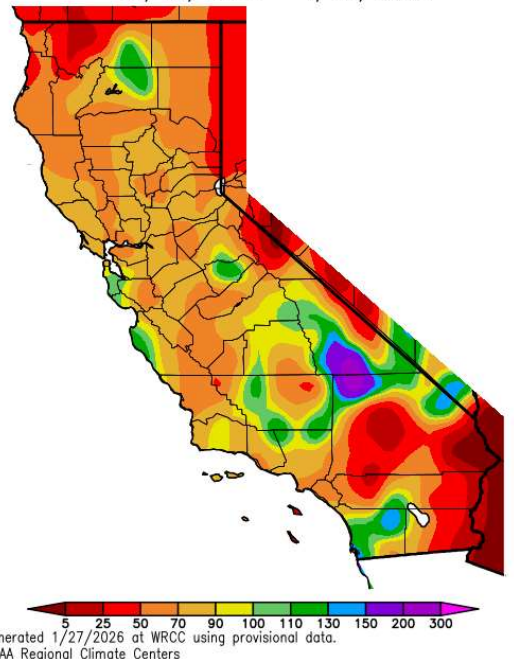


Fig 2: Dec 28th – Jan 26th Precipitation % of Average



Fuels Discussion

Latest USDA Drought Monitor (**Figure 4**) shows that there are no drought nor abnormally dry conditions currently over California. This reflects the very wet start to the winter season, with multiple major storms from October through December.

After the early January storm, all classes of dead fuel moistures trended significantly above seasonal normal. Dead fuel moistures then dropped for most of the month in response to the persistent warm and dry weather, bringing values to well below normal (**Figure 5**). The main exception was the San Joaquin Valley which was under persistent Tule fog and cooler temperatures most of the month, keeping fuels much more moist. A cooler pattern late in the month brought dead fuel moistures back up closer to normal in many areas.

Live fuel moistures have exhibited significant increases in response to the significant precipitation from December into early January. LFM's are now well above normal for this time of year and there is now bountiful green-up across most low and mid-elevation fuels across the region. (**Figure 6**)



Map released: Thurs, January 22, 2026

Data valid: January 20, 2026 at 7 a.m. EST

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 January 22nd



Vegetation Management Program

Live Fuel Moisture 1981-2026

All Areas, All Fuels - Chamise, Ceanothus, Sages, Sagebrush

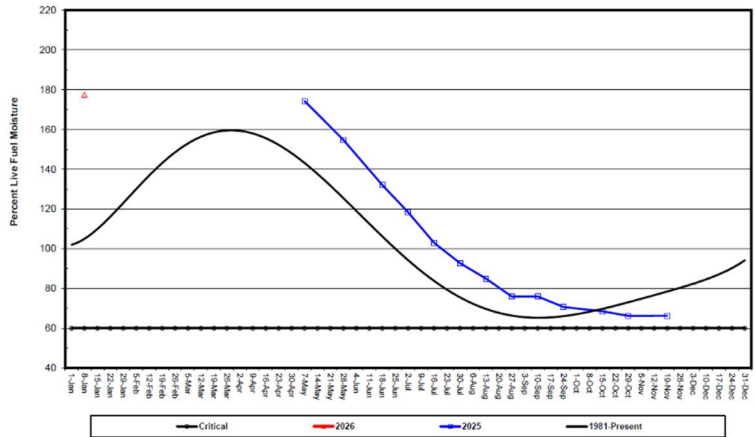


Fig 6: Los Angeles County Live Fuel Moisture January 9th

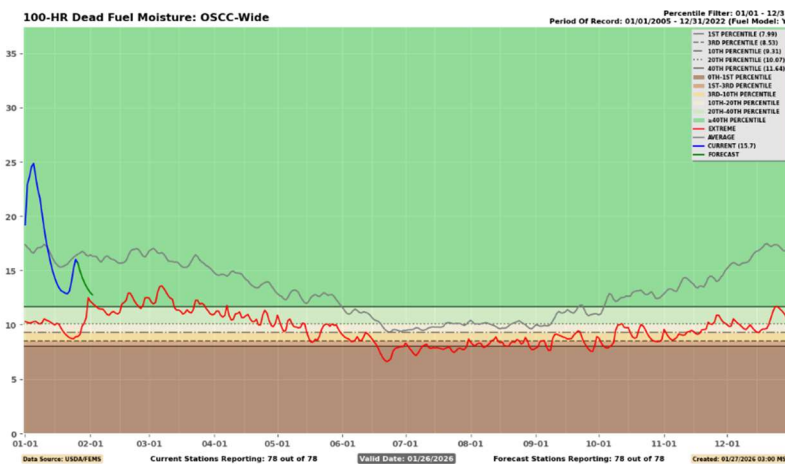


Fig 5: OSCC-Wide 100-hr Dead fuel moisture January 26th

SOUTH OPS OUTLOOK

Current SST anomalies in the tropical Pacific continue to indicate that the ENSO conditions remain in the cooler La Niña phase (**Figure 7**). Projections indicate that La Niña will continue into the spring months but become weaker over time as SSTs slowly rise. With weak La Niña in place, the overarching weather pattern will continue to favor high pressure over the Western US going into the late winter and early spring, keeping warmer and drier weather in place. The weaker nature of La Niña may allow for some significant storms to make it into Central and Southern California at times when dominant high pressure weakens and the weather pattern becomes more progressive. This would be most likely to occur in the February and March timeframe, becoming less likely going into April and May when we start to move into the climatological dry season. Outlooks are favoring below normal precipitation over the next few months (**Figure 8**), but if a couple significant storms were to move through the region, precipitation could ultimately trend closer to normal. As we move into the spring months, storms would be more likely on the warmer side and the chances for significant snowfall at lower elevations would be reduced. Similarly to what we have already been seeing this winter thus far, weak to locally moderate offshore wind events will continue to be common under dominant high pressure. For stronger events, troughing and cold air outbreaks need to occur in the Central US which could happen under periods of stronger and more persistent high pressure over the Western US. While not a high confidence projection, climate outlooks do not indicate this to be likely over the next few months.

Despite the expected warm and dry pattern, the potential for large fire is expected to remain minimal through April. The significant precipitation from late 2025 into the beginning of January has brought about a significant increase in live fuel moistures and associated green-up across the low and mid elevations that will continue to provide strong and widespread barriers to fire spread. An increase in grass fire activity will likely start to occur in May as finer fuels cure, especially if conditions remain drier, though fire potential will probably remain near normal.

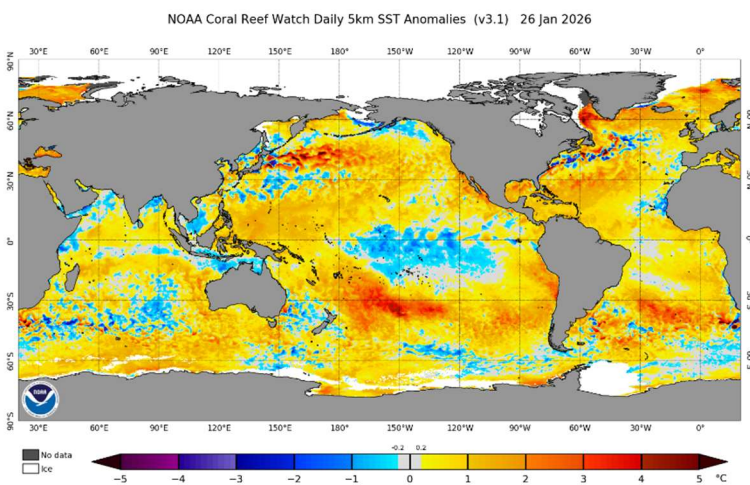


Fig 7: Sea Surface Temperature Anomaly, January 26

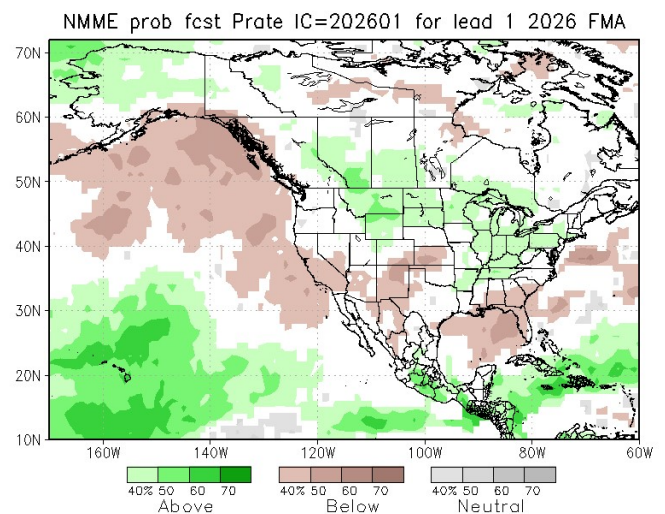
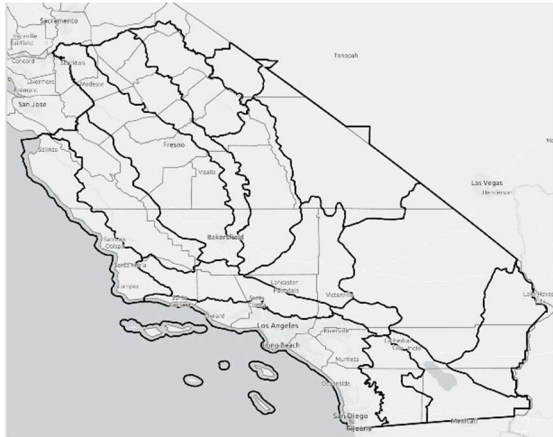


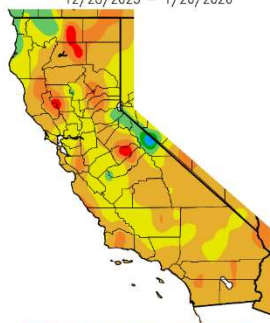
Fig 8: NMME February – April 2026 3-month Precipitation Anomaly Forecast

Maps with Counties and Select Intel Links used in the forecast



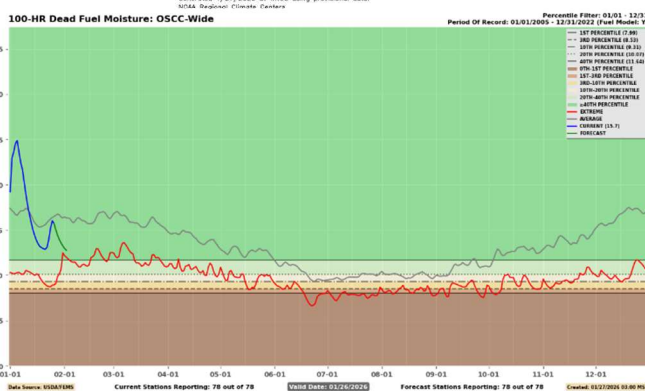
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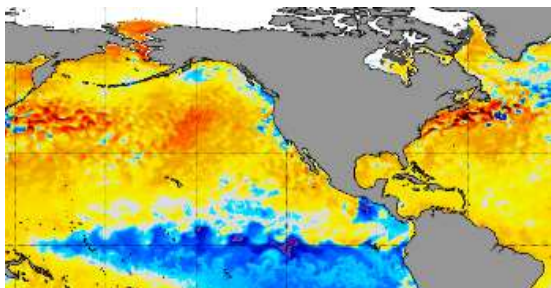
Climate

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

TO: BOARD OF DIRECTORS
FROM: KARLENA RANNALS, ADMINISTRATIVE MANAGER
SUBJECT: MONTHLY ACTIVITY REPORT - ADMINISTRATION
DATE: February 5, 2026



Activity Summary (January 1 – 31, 2026)

The following highlights my work activities for the reporting period:

1. Responded to one public records request.
2. Meeting (in person) January 7 with Chief Washington/Davidson/Rannals/Ploetz/Elliott re: monthly staff meeting
3. Filed January 8 the 1099's for calendar year 2025.
4. Meeting (in person) January 13 with The Havens Country Club re: Community event
5. Meeting (in person) January 20 with President Ploetz
6. Meeting (virtual) January 20 with VFR staff re: Community event
7. Prepared agenda and supporting material for the January 21 Board of Directors meeting.
8. Attended January 21 Board of Directors meeting.
9. Delivered or mailed 2025 W2's.
10. Prepared agenda and supporting material for the January 22 Special Board of Directors meeting.
11. Attended January 22 Board of Directors special meeting "Celebrating Community Excellence."
12. Prepared all accounts payable and payroll.
13. Confirmed Form 700 electronic filings (currently 6 completions)
14. Out of Office January 24 – 31, 2026
15. Projects in Progress/Completion:
 - a. Continued discussions with City of Vista for office relocation.

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