



Moraga-Orinda Fire District
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES
June 18, 2025
(Approved: August 20, 2025)

1. OPENING CEREMONIES

The Board of Directors convened an Open Session at 5:30 p.m. on June 18, 2025, at the Orinda Library Auditorium, 26 Orinda Way, Orinda, California 94563. This meeting was conducted in a hybrid format, offering both in-person and remote options for public participation. Both audio and video recordings of this meeting are available at www.mofd.org/agendas. President Hasler called the meeting to order, requested an attendance roll call, and performed the pledge of allegiance.

Present were the following Directors and Staff (present in person unless noted with asterisks):

Board Members: Director Steven Danziger, Director John Jex, Director Craig Jorgens, Director Mike Roemer, and President Greg Hasler

Staff: Fire Chief Jeff Isaacs and District Clerk Marcia Holbrook

District Counsel: Renne Public Law Group Founding Partner Jonathan Holtzman

2. PUBLIC COMMENT – CLOSED SESSION ITEMS (audio 00:01:12/video [00:05:18](#))

There were no requests to address the Board.

At 5:31 p.m., the Board adjourned to Closed Session.

3. CLOSED SESSION

3.1 Public Employee Performance Evaluation

(Government Code Section 54957)

Public Employee Appointment Title: Fire Chief

3.2 Conference with Labor Negotiator - Unrepresented Employees

(Government Code Section 54957.6)

Employee Organization: Unrepresented Employees

Position: Prescribed Fire Program Manager

Agency Designated Representative: Jonathan Holtzman

3.3 Conference with Legal Counsel - Anticipated Litigation (Temporary Employment Staffing Agency)

(Paragraph (2) and paragraph (3) of subdivision (d) of Government Code Section 54956.9)

Significant exposure to litigation – One potential case

Dispute with a temporary employment staffing agency as to whether certain claimed amounts are allegedly owed

At approximately 6:52 p.m., the Board adjourned the Closed Session.

4. RECONVENE THE MEETING (audio 00:02:18/video [01:34:27](#))

President Hasler reconvened the regular meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Present were the following Directors and Staff (present in person unless noted with asterisks):

Board Members: Director Steven Danziger, Director John Jex, Director Craig Jorgens, Director Mike Roemer, and President Greg Hasler

Staff: Fire Chief Jeff Isaacs, Deputy Fire Chief Lucas Lambert, Fire Marshal Casey Irving, Administrative Services Director Gloriann Sasser, Temporary Administrative Services Director Carol Atwood, Finance Manager Mary Smith*, Human Resources Manager Christine Russell, Prescribed Fire Program Manager Dennis Rein, and District Clerk Marcia Holbrook

District Counsel: Renne Public Law Group Founding Partner Jonathan Holtzman

5. REPORT OF CLOSED SESSION ACTION (audio 00:02:32/video [01:34:40](#))

There was no reportable action from the Closed Session.

6. PUBLIC HEARING

6.1 Appeal Hearing on Administrative Citation #24-3519-001, 61 La Campana Road, Orinda, CA (APN: 262-214-002). (audio 00:02:36/video [01:34:47](#))

Fire Chief Isaacs reported that on April 22, 2025, Administrative Citation #24-3519-001 was issued for violation of California Fire Code Section 503.6 (Security Gates). The citation was based on the presence of a gate across a fire apparatus access road at the property without a standardized emergency access system, specifically a KNOX key. A pre-citation notice was issued in November 2024. Staff found no record of prior plan approval for the gate.

The Board discussed fire code requirements, the gate's installation history, emergency access provisions, and compliance options with Staff and the Appellant. Fire Chief Isaacs explained that the District would accept photographic documentation of the existing gate, and an inspection could verify the emergency access functionality.

Kevin Fusch, co-owner of the property, stated that the gate existed before he purchased the home in 2017. He asserted that the gate does not meet the definition of a fire apparatus access road and cited several fire code provisions relating to access road dimensions and requirements. He stated that a KNOX Box had been ordered and was on hand but not yet installed.

The Board discussed options for resolving the matter. District Counsel Holtzman recommended upholding the citation but modifying the remedy to allow dismissal of the fine if compliance is achieved within 30 days. Compliance includes installation of a KNOX Box containing the correct key, verification of access by District staff, and submission of photographic documentation.

The public hearing was opened and closed. No public comment was received.

Motion by Director Roemer and seconded by Director Jorgens to adopt Resolution 25-12, to uphold Administrative Citation #24-3519-001 issued to 61 La Campana Road, Orinda CA, APN 262214002 and modify the remedy to state that if compliance is achieved within 30 days to include the installation of a KNOX Box with the correct key, inspection by District personnel, and photographic documentation, the \$100 fine will be dismissed. The motion carried a 5-0 roll call vote (Ayes: Danziger, Jex, Jorgens, Roemer, and Hasler; Noes: None; Absent: None; Abstain: None).

6.2 Conduct a Public Hearing and Adopt the Annual Operating Budget Fiscal Year 2026 as the Final Budget. (audio 00:39:32/video [02:11:47](#))

Temporary Administrative Services Director Atwood presented the final budget for Fiscal Year 2026. She reported that one adjustment was made from the preliminary budget, which was adopted on May 20, 2025. The adjustment was moving \$1.2 million for a type one engine purchase to Fiscal Year 2025. The Board asked questions regarding capital equipment purchases, funding timing, the long-range financial forecast, EMS monitor replacements, and carryover procedures for projects not completed by the end of fiscal year 2025.

The public hearing was opened and closed. No public comments were received.

Motion by Director Jorgens and seconded by Director Roemer to adopt the Annual Operating Budget Fiscal Year 2026 as the Final Budget. The motion carried a 5-0 roll call vote (Ayes: Danziger, Jex, Jorgens, Roemer, and Hasler; Noes: None; Absent: None; Abstain: None).

7. **ANNOUNCEMENTS (audio 00:58:41/video [02:32:24](#))**
- 7.1 **Brief information only reports related to meetings attended by a Director at District expense (Government Code Section 53232.3(d)).** None reported.
- 7.2 **Questions and informational comments from Board members and Staff.** Director Danziger acknowledged Pride Month and Juneteenth. He stated that the comments reflected his personal views, not those of the full Board.
- 7.3 **Communications Received.** None reported.
- 7.4 **Fire Chief Updates**
- a. **Finance Report (audio 01:01:08/video [02:33:13](#))**
Finance Manager Smith provided an update on the District's finances. The estimated FY 2025 strike team receivable is \$1.798 million, with \$1.4 million received and \$389,507 outstanding. The Tunnel East Bay Hills project grant has closed; all \$6.3 million in expenses have been paid and reimbursed by Cal Fire. The District currently holds \$ 32.7 million in treasury bills. Staff will continue monitoring maturities and reinvestment opportunities. Directors Jex and Jorgens asked questions. Staff confirmed that all strike team invoices have been reviewed and approved by OES and that Federal Home Loan Bank investments do not have fees. The presentation is attached to these minutes Item 7.4(a).
- b. **Human Resources (audio 01:03:28/video [02:35:44](#))**
Human Resources Manager Russell reported that the top candidate for Ambulance Supervisor has completed the background process and will begin employment on July 1, 2025. Recruitments for the single-role ambulance program will be released in June 2025 to fill 17 positions, with planned start dates in October 2025 and January 2026. Selection processes will include oral board interviews and EMS evaluations. Director Danziger suggested including public participation in interview panels and requested that the Ambulance Supervisor be invited to attend a future Board meeting. The presentation is attached to these minutes Item 7.4(b).
- c. **Fire Marshal (audio 01:05:45/video [02:38:04](#))**
Fire Marshal Irving reported that evacuation route inspections were nearing completion in May, and targeted inspections began on June 1. Chipping days increased from 2 in April to 11 in May. Dormitory inspections were completed; one was compliant, and 20 plans of correction were received. Apartment inspections began in late May. The Home Hardening Grant Program expended \$499,245 of the \$500,000 allocation. The Fire Adapted Community Ambassadors were renamed Community Wildfire Safety Ambassadors. Two May training courses brought the total number of active ambassadors to 50, with 90 assessments completed in May and 410 completed year-to-date. Director Danziger expressed concern about the 14 noncompliant properties with prohibited Juniper and Bamboo. He urged that further action be taken due to the extended timeframe for compliance. The presentation is attached to these minutes Item 7.4(c).
- d. **Operations (audio 01:08:53/video [02:41:04](#))**
Deputy Fire Chief Lambert reported on recent operations and training activities, including a strike team deployment to Solano County and an active fire in Antioch. Crews responded to a residential fire in the Rheem neighborhood and conducted training at the Rheem Shopping Center and with helicopter H-30. A prescribed burn at Orinda View supported firefighter training and public engagement. Deputy Chief Lambert shared a thank-you letter from a former patient, recognized Dr. Gottfried upon his retirement from the Rescue One Foundation Board, and reported on the East Bay Incident Management Team training drill hosted in Orinda. Prescribed Fire Program Manager Rein reported the completion of a four-acre prescribed burn at Orinda View in coordination with the Orinda Downs Homeowners Association and partner agencies. Sprinklers were deployed overnight in areas with heavy fuels to ensure containment. An eight-acre burn was completed with East Bay Municipal Utility District near Bear Creek Road. Additional plans are underway for a burn at the

Sogorea Te' Land Trust property in Canyon. The presentations are attached to these minutes as Item 7.4(d).

e. Upcoming Calendar and Events - (next 30 days)

District Clerk Holbrook announced upcoming events, including the City of Orinda 4th of July Parade and a station tour with Guide Dogs for the Blind.

Public Comment:

1. Scott Mitnick Town Manager of Moraga (in person) announced that the Moraga Town Council had established a Fire Services Committee consisting of Council Members Graham Thiel and Brian Dolan and requested that the MOFD Board designate two members to participate in joint meetings. The Town hopes to replicate the format used by the City of Orinda and will coordinate logistics accordingly. (audio 01:23:55/video [02:56:14](#))

8. PUBLIC COMMENT – ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

District Clerk Holbrook announced two written public comments were received from Nick Waranoff. Both were included in the Board packet and attached to these minutes.

1. Nick Waranoff, an Orinda resident (in person), requested that the Board consider formally opposing Senate Bill 79 and submitting a position letter. (audio 01:26:11/video [02:58:21](#))

Director Jorgens requested that the Board consider adding a separate agenda item to discuss legislation affecting the District's authority to amend the State Fire Code. Fire Chief Isaacs confirmed that the bill is distinct from SB 79 and offered to review its status.

9. CONSENT AGENDA (audio 01:33:13/video [03:05:24](#))

- 9.1 Meeting Minutes - May 21, 2025 (regular)
- 9.2 Monthly Incident Report - May 2025
- 9.3 Monthly Check/Voucher Register - May 2025
- 9.4 Monthly Financial Report - May 2025
- 9.5 Long Range Financial Forecast June 2025.

No public comments were received for items on the Consent Calendar.

Motion by Director Jorgens and seconded by Director Danziger to approve Consent Agenda items 9.1-9.5. The motion carried a 5-0 roll call vote (Ayes: Danziger, Jex, Jorgens, Roemer, and Hasler; Noes: None; Absent: None; Abstain: None).

10. REGULAR AGENDA

10.1 Presentation from Fire Safe Moraga-Orinda (FSMO). (audio 01:33:31/video [03:05:40](#))

Marc Evans, representing Fire Safe Moraga-Orinda (FSMO) and the Moraga-Orinda Firewise Neighborhood Network, provided a presentation on current projects and community outreach initiatives. He expressed interest in future Moraga-Orinda Fire District (MOFD) funding opportunities to support defensible space and wildfire mitigation efforts.

Public Comment:

1. Nick Waranoff, an Orinda resident (in person), noted that Firewise neighborhoods may qualify homeowners for a 1% insurance discount under state law and encouraged MOFD to promote such incentives in its outreach. (audio 01:47:58/video [03:20:08](#))

10.2 Proposals for Property, Liability, and Employment Practices Insurance Coverage from George Petersen Insurance Agency; Provide Direction to Remain in or Withdraw from Fire Agencies Insurance Risk Authority Upon Completion of the Coverage Period Ending June 30, 2026. (audio 01:50:48/video [03:22:58](#))

Administrative Services Director Sasser introduced the report. Christian Mello from George Petersen Insurance Agency presented insurance coverage alternatives. The Board discussed coverage differences, premium comparisons, and the implications of withdrawals. The consensus was to remain with the Fire Agencies Insurance Risk Authority (FAIRA) for now,

continue evaluating options, and place the matter on the April 2026 agenda for reconsideration prior to the next withdrawal deadline.

Public Comment:

1. Nick Waranoff, an Orinda resident (in person), suggested the District explore higher deductibles or self-insured options to lower insurance premiums. (audio 02:18:15/video [03:50:28](#))

10.3 Authorize the Purchase of one Pierce Manufacturing Enforcer Pumper Type I fire engine from Golden State Fire Apparatus in the Amount of \$1,213,485.84 and Authorize FY2024-25 Capital Projects Fund Expenditure Budget Adjustment Increase in the Amount of \$1,213,486. (audio 02:19:27/video [03:51:36](#))

Fire Chief Isaacs presented the report and explained that due to a projected 3–5% price increase beginning July 1, 2025, Staff requested Board direction on whether to proceed with the purchase in FY 2024–25 to avoid the cost increase or to defer the purchase to FY 2025–26. Two payment options were presented: Option A, to prepay now and receive a discount, or Option B, to sign the purchase contract and pay upon delivery. The Board discussed the timing of the purchase, inflation risk, delivery delays, and prepayment concerns.

Public Comment:

1. Nick Waranoff, an Orinda resident (in person), opposed prepayment. (audio 02:41:07/video [04:13:21](#))

Motion by Director Danziger and seconded by Director Roemer to authorize the Purchase of one Pierce Manufacturing Enforcer Pumper Type I fire engine from Golden State Fire Apparatus in the Amount of \$1,213,485.84, with payment to occur upon delivery (Option B) and authorize FY2024-25 Capital Projects Fund Expenditure Budget Adjustment Increase in the Amount of \$1,213,486. The motion carried a 5-0 roll call vote (Ayes: Danziger, Jex, Jorgens, Roemer, and Hasler; Noes: None; Absent: None; Abstain: None).

10.4 Authorize the Purchase of one ~~Pierce Manufacturing Enforcer Pumper~~ BME Targhee Model 34 Type III fire engine from Golden State Fire Apparatus in the Amount of \$579,490.50 and Authorize FY2024-25 Capital Projects Fund Expenditure Budget Adjustment Increase in the Amount of \$579,491. (audio 02:44:05/video [04:16:08](#))

District Clerk Holbrook noted a correction in the staff report to reflect the correct model of the fire engine: BME Targhee Model 34 Type III fire engine. Fire Chief Isaacs presented the report and explained that the Type III engine was originally scheduled for purchase in FY 2025–26, but due to extended delivery timelines and an anticipated 3–5% price increase effective July 1, 2025, Staff recommended the Board consider authorizing the purchase in the current fiscal year. Two payment options were presented, consistent with the prior agenda item (option A, to prepay now to receive a discount, or option B, to sign the purchase contract and pay upon delivery). Board members agreed on the same rationale applied as in Item 10.3. They noted that the potential discount did not justify the risk associated with prepayment.

No public comment was received.

Motion by Director Jorgens and seconded by Director Danziger authorize the purchase of one Targhee Model 34 Type III fire engine from Golden State Fire Apparatus in the Amount of \$579,490.50 with payment to occur upon delivery (Option B) and Authorize FY2024-25 Capital Projects Fund Expenditure Budget Adjustment Increase in the Amount of \$579,491. The motion carried a 5-0 roll call vote (Ayes: Danziger, Jex, Jorgens, Roemer, and Hasler; Noes: None; Absent: None; Abstain: None).

10.5 Adoption of Resolution 25-09 and District Policy 26: Policies and Procedures for Waiving District Service Fees Pursuant to Ordinance 25-01 (Excludes EMS/Ambulance Fees). (audio 02:46:08/video [04:18:18](#))

Fire Chief Isaacs presented the proposed fee waiver policy and accompanying resolution, which resulted from the recent fee study and Board direction to establish a process for citizens to

request fee waivers for District services. To avoid requiring citizens to appear at Board meetings for individual waiver requests, the policy—developed in coordination with the District Counsel—delegates authority to the Fire Chief to grant waivers under specific criteria. Board members expressed support and had no questions.

No public comment was received.

Motion by Director Jex and seconded by Director Danziger to adopt Resolution 25-09 and District Policy 26, Policies and Procedures for Waiving District Service Fees Pursuant to Ordinance 25-01 (Excludes EMS/Ambulance Fees). The motion carried a 5-0 roll call vote (Ayes: Danziger, Jex, Jorgens, Roemer, and Hasler; Noes: None; Absent: None; Abstain: None).

10.6 Adoption of Resolution 25-10 and District Policy 25: EMS and Ambulance Transport Financial Hardship Program Policy and Procedures. (audio 02:48:08/video [04:20:19](#))

Fire Chief Isaacs introduced the EMS fee waiver policy and resolution, which establishes authority for the Fire Chief to waive ambulance and EMS fees based on demonstrated financial hardship. The policy aligns with federal poverty guidelines and requires specific eligibility criteria, as advised by District Counsel. This policy is new and supplements the EMS fee schedule by establishing a formal process for considering financial hardship.

No public comment was received.

Motion by Director Jorgens and seconded by Director Roemer to Adopt Resolution 25-10 and District Policy 25, EMS and Ambulance Transport Financial Hardship Program Policy and Procedures. The motion carried a 5-0 roll call vote (Ayes: Danziger, Jex, Jorgens, Roemer, and Hasler; Noes: None; Absent: None; Abstain: None).

10.7 Approve Resolution 25-13 Authorizing a Third Amendment to the Technology Services Agreement with Definitive Networks, Inc. for Information Technology Services, Fiber Connections, Management of Mobile Devices and Mobile Data Computers, Office 365, Management of Additional Laptop Computers and Security to Extend the Term for the Period July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026 in an Amount Not to Exceed \$328,818 for the Extended Term. (audio 02:50:34/video [04:22:43](#))

Administrative Services Director Sasser reported that the District currently contracts with Definitive Networks Inc. (DNI) for information technology services. In April 2025, the Board authorized a one-year extension of the agreement based on DNI's 2022 proposal. However, District Counsel later determined that a formal contract amendment was required to continue the agreement into FY 2025–26. Staff is planning to evaluate IT service needs and may issue a Request for Proposals (RFP) in the future.

No public comment was received.

Motion by Director Hasler and seconded by Director Jorgens to approve Resolution 25-13 Authorizing a Third Amendment to the Technology Services Agreement with Definitive Networks, Inc. for Information Technology Services, Fiber Connections, Management of Mobile Devices and Mobile Data Computers, Office 365, Management of Additional Laptop Computers and Security to Extend the Term for the Period July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2026 in an Amount Not to Exceed \$328,818 for the Extended Term. The motion carried a 5-0 roll call vote (Ayes: Danziger, Jex, Jorgens, Roemer, and Hasler; Noes: None; Absent: None; Abstain: None).

10.8 Adopt Resolution 25-11 Establishing the District's Annual Appropriations Limit for Fiscal Year 2025/26. (audio 02:52:29/video [04:24:39](#))

Administrative Services Director Sasser reported that, in accordance with State law, the District is required to annually adopt an appropriations limit. For Fiscal Year 2025/26, the calculated appropriations limit is \$41,606,942. This amount is derived from a formula based on prior-year limits and inflation/population factors and is separate from the adopted budget.

Director Jorgens inquired whether the recently approved budget adjustments, including the purchase of two fire engines, would impact on the appropriations limit. ASD Sasser clarified that the appropriations limit is a calculation independent of the budget process and is not adjusted based on budget changes.

No public comment was received.

Motion by Director Danziger and seconded by Director Jex to adopt Resolution 25-11, Establishing the District's Annual Appropriations Limit for Fiscal Year 2025/26. The motion carried a 5-0 roll call vote (Ayes: Danziger, Jex, Jorgens, Roemer, and Hasler; Noes: None; Absent: None; Abstain: None).

10.9 Blocking Vehicle for Scene Protection. (audio 02:55:46/video [04:27:56](#))

Fire Chief Isaacs presented a report on freeway incident safety following a December 2024 collision involving Engine 43. Staff reviewed options for deploying a dedicated blocking vehicle and met with CHP, who recommended enhanced use of early warning systems such as flare patterns. Staff also noted challenges with staffing, cost, and response logistics for a separate blocking unit. Board members asked questions regarding standard practices, CHP's role, training, and the use of a recently acquired engine as a potential blocking vehicle. Staff confirmed that a used engine is being outfitted and may serve in that role, but further operational planning is required. Staff will continue working with CHP, provide additional training, and evaluate the operational use of the surplus engine for scene protection.

Public Comment:

1. Jacob Airola, Representative United Professional Firefighters of Contra Costa County (in person), expressed support. (audio 03:08:36/video [04:40:46](#))

No public comment was received.

10.10 Receive Status Update on Station 45 Remodel Project and Other Facility Planning; Consider Providing Direction to Staff Regarding the Station 45 Remodel Project and Other Facility Projects, Including, But Not Limited to, Dissolution of the Station 45 Remodel Project Ad Hoc Committee and Establishing Other Ad Hoc Committees. (audio 03:12:23/video [04:44:25](#))

Fire Chief Isaacs reported that revised cost estimates for the Station 45 remodel project had increased significantly to over \$4 million due to design modifications and county-required upgrades. Staff recommended reevaluating the project's scope and exploring alternative solutions, such as new construction or other configurations, and refocusing the project on Station 41 and the administrative office facility. Preliminary discussions with the Town of Moraga and the Moraga School District may offer new opportunities for site partnerships or land swaps.

District Counsel Holtzman advised that separate Ad Hoc Committees should be formed to maintain compliance with the Brown Act. Directors agreed that Station 41 and the administrative facility should be grouped under one Ad Hoc Committee. The current Station 45 Ad Hoc Committee would remain active but deprioritized during this planning phase. The Board also discussed the potential need to amend or issue a new contract with the architect (Mr. Kawasaki) to support broader facilities, brainstorming, and feasibility discussions.

Board direction was provided to Staff to return at the next regular meeting with an item to create the Ad Hoc Committee for Station 41 and the Administration Office and maintain a separate Ad Hoc Committee for Station 45. Directors Jorgens and Danziger volunteered to serve on both committees. Staff was also directed to consult with the architect and explore options for a revised or supplemental contract to support early-stage facilities planning.

No public comment was received.

10.11 Receive Status Update on the Recruitment of a New Investment Advisor and Provide Direction to Staff. (audio 03:29:31/video [05:01:39](#))

District Counsel Holtzman provided the update. He explained that the current structure includes PARS, Public Financial Management (PFM) as the investment advisor, and U.S. Bank as the trustee. One option still under consideration is transitioning to a self-directed model under PARS, which would allow the District to select a different investment advisor; however, this approach may carry increased responsibility and liability for the Board. District Counsel Holtzman shared that Staff also explored leaving the PARS program entirely but identified the CalPERS OPEB plan as the primary alternative, which was found to be overly restrictive and inflexible. Staff are now exploring the possibility of remaining with U.S. Bank as trustee while moving to a new investment structure outside the PARS framework. Director Jorgens inquired about the District's flexibility to change plans, and Counsel Holtzman confirmed that the District can change both its trustee and investment advisor.

No public comment was received.

11. COMMITTEE REPORTS (audio 03:34:41/video [05:06:09](#))

11.1 Standing Audit Committee (Directors Jex & Hasler). No Report.

11.2 Ad Hoc Committee Joint Fire Prevention w/City of Orinda (Directors Danziger and Jorgens). The Committee reported productive collaboration, improved coordination between leadership, and increased engagement from Orinda's City Council.

11.3 Ad Hoc Committee Station 45 Facilities Project (Directors Danziger and Jorgens). The Committee noted recent meetings that led to the discussion held earlier on the agenda.

No public comment was received.

12. REQUESTS FOR ITEMS ON FUTURE AGENDAS (audio 03:36:43/video [05:08:55](#))

Director Roemer proposed a future agenda for the September meeting on water availability, including water pressure, hydrant flow, and East Bay Municipal Utility District's (EBMUD) role in emergency and regular water supply. He noted public concern stemming from past incidents and stated the discussion could help address community questions.

Director Danziger referenced a prior presentation from EBMUD and suggested Staff review the existing report for relevance and potential updates. He also requested a separate agenda item to provide a Zone Zero update and allow for Board discussion at the next meeting.

Director Jorgens expressed interest in including a discussion on the use of exterior home sprinkler systems and their impact on water availability. He also referenced concerns regarding SB 79 and another pending bill related to the District's ability to amend fire codes. He suggested scheduling a special meeting to address both legislative items.

Director Danziger asked Staff and counsel to evaluate the appropriateness of placing SB 79 and similar legislation on a future agenda and to consider a broader discussion regarding when the Board may formally take positions on pending state bills.

Director Roemer supported adding an agenda item to discuss SB 79. He recommended expanding the scope to include the Board's role and process in monitoring and responding to state legislation affecting the District.

President Hasler stated the Board had not previously established a practice of taking formal legislative positions and expressed the need for legal guidance before doing so.

District Counsel Holtzman advised that taking positions on legislation is a policy issue and emphasized the importance of understanding the broader implications before acting. He noted the District's lack of planning authority and the importance of evaluating the relationship between high-risk construction and fire safety policy.

A brief discussion followed regarding cancellation of the July 2025 regular meeting. A consensus was reached through informal discussion. Director Jorgens proposed holding a special meeting during the week of June 23, 2025, to address time-sensitive legislative matters.

Public Comment

1. Nick Waranoff, an Orinda resident (in person), urged the Board to oppose Senate Bill 79 and to hold a July or special meeting to take timely action. (audio 03:50:56/video [05:23:07](#))
2. Vincent Wells, President of United Professional Firefighters of Contra Costa County, IAFF Local 1230 (via Zoom), and member of the Seismic Safety Commission and California Professional Firefighters Board, offered to serve as a point of contact for legislative concerns. (audio 04:03:39/video [05:36:01](#))

13. ADJOURNMENT

At 11:06 p.m., Motion by Director Jex and seconded by Director Roemer to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried a 5-0 roll call vote (Ayes: Danziger, Jex, Jorgens, Roemer, and Hasler; Noes: None; Absent: None; Abstain: None).

/s/ Marcia Holbrook
District Secretary/District Clerk

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