



Moraga-Orinda Fire District
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES
Orinda Library Auditorium, 26 Orinda Way, Orinda, CA 94563
March 31, 2026
(Approved: April 15, 2026)

1. OPENING CEREMONIES

Vice President Danziger called the Board of Directors Special Meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. The meeting was conducted in a hybrid format, with in-person and remote options for public participation. Pursuant to Government Code section 54953(b), the meeting included teleconference participation by Board Member Craig Jorgens. Audio and video recordings of the meeting are available at www.mofd.org/agendas.

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

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

Staff: Fire Chief Jeff Isaacs, Deputy Fire Chief Lucas Lambert, Administrative Services Director Gloriann Sasser, and District Clerk Marcia Holbrook

District Counsel: Renne Public Law Group Founding Partner Jonathan Holtzman and Partner James Ross*

Pledge of Allegiance: Led by Deputy Fire Chief Lambert

2. PUBLIC COMMENT – CLOSED SESSION ITEMS (audio 00:02:54/video [00:07:53](#))

There were no requests to address the Board.

At 3:01 p.m., the Board adjourned to Closed Session.

At 3:23 p.m., Deputy Fire Chief Lambert joined the Closed Session.

3. CLOSED SESSION

3.1 Conference with Real Property Negotiators - 1150 Moraga Way

(Government Code Section 54956.8)

Agency Negotiator: Fire Chief Jeff Isaacs

Negotiating parties: CLL Enterprises, LLC and Acrisure, LLC

Under Negotiations: Instructions to negotiator will concern price and terms of payment.

Real Property: 1150 Moraga Way, Moraga, CA 94556

3.2 Liability Claim - Pete Nowicki

(Government Code section 54956.95)

Claimant: Pete Nowicki

Agency Claimed Against: Moraga-Orinda Fire District

At approximately 3:50 p.m., the Board adjourned the Closed Session.

4. RECONVENE THE MEETING (audio 00:05:51/video [01:06:49](#))

Vice President Danziger reconvened the Open Session at 4:00 p.m.

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

Staff: Fire Chief Jeff Isaacs, Deputy Fire Chief Lucas Lambert, Administrative Services Director Gloriann Sasser, and District Clerk Marcia Holbrook

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5. REPORT OF CLOSED SESSION ACTION (audio 00:06:24/video [01:07:26](#))

Vice President Danziger reported that there was nothing to report regarding Item 3.1, Conference with Real Property Negotiators on 1150 Moraga Way.

District Counsel Holtzman reported that, during Closed Session, the Board considered the March 27, 2026 claim by Pete Nowicki for interest on pension contributions that were withheld at the instruction of CCCERA. He reported that the claim also seeks attorney's fees and other unspecified damages. The Board, by a 5-0 vote, voted to reject the claim as untimely and to reject the claim separately on its merits.

6. PUBLIC COMMENT – ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA (audio 00:08:04/video [01:09:06](#))

There were no requests to address the Board.

7. SPECIAL AGENDA

7.1 Approve and Authorize the Fire Chief to Sign an Agreement to Purchase Real Estate Located at 1150 Moraga Way, Moraga, CA in the Amount of \$3,600,000 and Associated Transaction Costs; Approval of Fiscal Year 2025-26 Capital Projects Fund Expenditure Budget Adjustment Increase in the Amount of \$3,700,000; and Find the Project Categorically Exempt in Conformance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). (audio 00:08:21/video [01:09:26](#))

Fire Chief Isaacs presented the item and reported that the District's current administrative office space is no longer adequate for existing administrative staffing. He reported that staff evaluated lease and purchase options and identified 1150 Moraga Way as meeting the District's needs. He further reported that relocating administrative staff is necessary before demolition of the current administrative building and reconstruction of Station 41 can begin. Vice President Danziger and President Jorgens reported that the ad hoc committee reviewed multiple lease and purchase options in Moraga and Orinda and identified 1150 Moraga Way as the preferred option.

District Counsel Ross summarized the agreement terms, including the \$3,600,000 purchase price, inspection contingencies, inspection period, \$100,000 deposit, escrow timeline, and that no commission would be paid by the District. He reported that the District could terminate the agreement if contingencies were not satisfied. Administrative Services Director Sasser explained that the proposed \$3,700,000 budget adjustment was necessary because the current Capital Projects Fund budget did not include purchase of administrative property. She reported that the purchase would be funded from existing fund balance in the Capital Projects Fund and confirmed that the District was not financing the purchase.

Vice President Danziger opened public comment. One written public comment was received from Fred Weil, which was forwarded to the Directors and is available on the District's website under the public comment section www.mofd.org/agendas. No verbal public comments were received.

Motion by Director Roemer and seconded by Director Hasler to approve and authorize the Fire Chief to sign an agreement to purchase real estate located at 1150 Moraga Way, Moraga, CA in the amount of \$3,600,000 and associated transaction costs; approve fiscal year 2025-26 Capital Projects Fund expenditure budget adjustment increase in the amount of \$3,700,000; and find the project categorically exempt in conformance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). Said motion carried a 5-0 roll call vote (Ayes: Hasler, Roemer, Jex, Jorgens, and Danziger; Noes: None; Absent: None; Abstain: None)

8. ADJOURNMENT

At 4:18 p.m., Motion by Director Jorgens and seconded by Director Roemer to adjourn the meeting. Said motion carried a 5-0 roll call vote (Ayes: Hasler, Roemer, Jex, Jorgens, and Danziger; Noes: None; Absent: None; Abstain: None).

/s/ Marcia Holbrook
District Secretary/District Clerk

Written Public Comments

Holbrook, Marcia

Subject: FW: 1150 Moraga Way

From: Moraga-Orinda Fire District <info@mofd.org>

Sent: Tuesday, March 31, 2026 9:10 AM

To: Isaacs, Jeff <jisaacs@mofd.org>

Subject: 1150 Moraga Way

Message submitted from the <Moraga-Orinda Fire District, CA> website.

Site Visitor Name: Fred Weil

Site Visitor Email: [REDACTED]

About 15 years or so ago, when I was President of the MOFD Board, we considered the purchase of 1150 Moraga Way. The community at that time was strongly against it, even though the cost would probably have been offset to some degree by rentals to private parties. I thought it was a good idea to purchase the building then because of woefully inadequate administrative space, but finances were very tight. Although the District will pay much more now than it would have then, finances are better now and I continue to think it is a good idea.