

Newcastle Fire Protection District
Minutes of Regular Board of Directors Meeting
June 17, 2026
Long Valley Community Hall
2005 Rattlesnake Rd., Newcastle, CA 95658

1. Call Meeting to Order

- a. Chairman Heisterkamp called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.
- b. Director Elder led the flag salute.
- c. All directors were present.
- d. Chief Gow, BC Reams, Asst. Chief Slusher and DM Armstrong were present.

2. Approval of Agenda

- a. Director Elder made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Secretary Burns seconds the motion. Motion carries unanimously (5/0).

3. Approval of Minutes

- a. VC Bettencourt made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 20, 2026, regular meeting as presented. Chairman Heisterkamp seconds the motion. Motion carries unanimously (5/0).

4. Approval of Financial Report

- a. Chairman Heisterkamp made a motion to approve the financial report as presented by Chief Gow. Secretary Burns seconds the motion. Motion carries unanimously (5/0).

5. Correspondence

- a. None.

6. Public Comment

- a. Jon Anacker –
 - i. Mr. Anacker recently worked with Chief Gow on ensuring he has sufficient clearance for fire apparatus to access his property. He is quite appreciative.

7. Chief's Report

- a. Chief Gow reporting:
 - i. Penryn is working on updating their strategic plan.
 - ii. Board President Hercules of Foresthill Fire has resigned.
 - iii. The Auburn City Manager has resigned to take a job with Placer County.
- b. Assistant Chief Slusher provided the Operations report:
 - i. 70 calls for service in May 2026.
 - ii. Aid given to other agencies: 9
 - iii. Aid received: 1

8. Newcastle Professional Firefighter's Association

- i. Engineer McCoy reported that the Newcastle shop is being merged into the Placer Hills shop. Dillon Burbank will be the shop steward.

9. Board Committee Reports

- a. Building Committee report on the new fire station.
 - i. VC Bettencourt reported that there will not be any reimbursement for the shower repairs at station 41.
- b. Inter-district Cooperation Ad-hoc Committee.
 - i. No report.

10. Informational/Non-Action Items

- a. Status on Placer County Local Hazardous Mitigation Plan update for 2026.
 - i. Chief Gow reporting:
 1. LHMP is in review at OES.
 2. The Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP) will be open for public review tomorrow night at Health and Human Services.
 3. Evacuation/Transportation/Resiliency Plan:
 - Identify evacuation routes and how those routes can be improved.
 - It will be a very comprehensive plan.
 - Draft plan is expected by January or February 2027.

11. Action Items

- a. Consider and approve the memorandum of understanding for the terms and cost of \$6,313 for the Auditor-Controller services for FY 2026/2027.
 - i. Chairman Heisterkamp made a motion to approve the MOU as presented from the Placer County Auditor-Controller for FY 2026/2027 at a cost of \$6,313. Director Elder seconds the motion. Motion carries unanimously via roll call vote (5/0).
- b. Presentation to community members, in appreciation of their support of the Newcastle Fire Protection District.
 - i. Community member Jennifer White was recognized.
 - ii. Community member Jon Anacker was recognized.
- c. Presentation to the Newcastle Fire Protection District board members in appreciation of their service to the people of Newcastle.
 - i. Each board member and recording secretary Patrice Metz was recognized.

12. Director's Reports

- a. VC Bettencourt lamented that there are 4 things that made Newcastle Fire successful:
 1. Command Staff
 2. Board of Directors
 3. Community
 4. Sierra Nevada Firefighters, Local 3800.

Chairman Heisterkamp adjourned the meeting at 6:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:



Patrice Metz, Recording Secretary