



Fire Station Location Standing Committee Minutes

Held at the Carpinteria-Summerland Fire Protection District Headquarters located at 1140 Eugenia Place, Suite A in Carpinteria, California, on Tuesday, April 14, 2026, at 10:00 a.m.

Director Cawthon called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

Present: Legal Counsel Mark Manion, Fire Chief Brian Fallon, Director Sylvia Easton, Director Peter van Duinwyk, Retired Fire Chief David Neels, Fire Chief Dan Stefano, Director Suzy Cawthon, and Director Doug Qualls.

- 1. Public comment: Any person may address the Committee at this time on any non-agenda matter that is within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Carpinteria-Summerland Fire Protection District; 30 minutes total time is allotted for this discussion.**

There were no public comments at this meeting.

- 2. Follow-up transition meeting for new fire chiefs and committee members for background and any updates.**

Legal Counsel Mark Manion and Retired Montecito Fire Chief David Neels each provided some historical background dating back to the initiation origins of this project through today.

Chief Dan Stefano noted that the intent is to move the project forward this year, in whatever form proves most feasible. Chief Fallon echoed Chief Dan Stefano's sentiments regarding advancing the project this year.

- 3. Establish future meeting date.**

The Committee reached consensus to hold the next meeting on Tuesday, July 14, at 10:00 a.m., hosted by the Montecito Fire District.

Adjourned into closed session at 10:09 a.m.

- 4. CLOSED SESSION:**

- a. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION
Initiation of litigation pursuant to Government Code section 54956.9 (d)(4): (One potential case)

The committee reported out of closed session at 11:04 a.m. with no reportable action.