

**RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS FOR THE
COLORADO RIVER FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
PUBLIC HEARING - 2026 BUDGET**

December 09, 2025

STATION 64, 775 CASTLE VALLEY BLVD., NEW CASTLE, CO 81647

The Public Hearing on the proposed 2026 Budget was called to order by Chairperson Lambert at 6:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

Board Members Present:

Alan Lambert, President/Chairperson
Dick Miller, Secretary
Adria Milton-Baker, Treasurer
Addy Bristol, Vice President
Paige Haderlie, Director (Via Conference Call)

Others Present:

Leif Sackett, Fire Chief
Dino Ross, Legal Counsel (Via Conference Call)
Scott Van Slyke, EMS/Operations Division Chief
Zach Pigati, Wildland/Support Service Division Chief
John Gredig, IT Director
PJ Tillman, Administrative Director
Kortnie Valencia, Administrative Support Assistant
Eric Davis, Facilities Manager (Via Conference Call)
Jared Robbins, Wildland Lieutenant (Via Conference Call)
Matt Mikowski, Lieutenant (Via Conference Call)
Bill Smith, Lieutenant
Matt Messner, Battalion Chief

OPEN PUBLIC HEARING -2026 BUDGET:

Chairperson Lambert opened the continued public hearing.

Chairperson Lambert called for public comments. He noted there were no public comments.

Fire Chief Sackett reviewed recent budget reductions, including a 10.5% cut of approximately \$250,000 over two years, a projected \$150,000 reduction related to commercial valuation changes, and the state's planned reductions in natural gas usage, all

of which impact future revenues. Chief Sackett stated that he wants to take a more conservative approach for the 2026 budget by proceeding with the base budget, which includes 75% dependent insurance coverage, filling three existing vacancies, paramedic training for 3 personnel, and continued training. The base budget does not include a cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) or new positions.

A motion was made by Secretary Miller to recommend the approval of the base budget for 2026 and was seconded by Treasurer Milton-Baker. The motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

None.

ADJOURNMENT:

With no other business to come before the Board, Chairperson Lambert continued the Public Hearing at 6:15 p.m.

APPROVAL:

The foregoing Minutes, which have been approved by the affirmative majority vote of the Board of Directors of the Colorado River Fire Protection District, are a true and accurate record of the meeting held on the date stated above.

Date: 1/13/2025



Date: 1/12/20

