

**RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS FOR THE
COLORADO RIVER FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

April 14, 2026

STATION 64

775 Castle Valley Blvd., New Castle, CO 81647

Chairperson Lambert called the regularly scheduled meeting to order at 6:32 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

Board Members Present:

Dick Miller, Secretary
Alan Lambert, President/Chairperson
Adria Milton-Baker, Treasurer

Board Members Absent:

Paige Haderlie, Director
Addy Bristol, Vice President

Others Present:

Leif Sackett, Fire Chief
Dino Ross, Legal Counsel (Via Video Conference)
Scott Van Slyke, EMS/Operations Division Chief
John Gredig, IT Director
Orrin Moon, Prevention Division Chief
PJ Tillman, Administrative Director
Jonathan Baker, Lieutenant (Via Video Conference)
Matt Mikowski, Lieutenant (Via Video Conference)
K.C Veio, Bond/Disclosure Special Counsel (Via Video Conference)
Jacquelin Morrison, Paralegal assisting K.C. Veio (Via Video Conference)
Matt Messner, Battalion Chief (Via Video Conference)
Joe Farstad, Wember
Bill Smith, Lieutenant

Treasurer Milton- Baker moved to excuse Director Haderlie and Vice President Bristol from the meeting. Secretary Miller seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

ADDITIONS/DELETIONS/CHANGES TO THE AGENDA:

Attorney Ross asked to add two items to the agenda: 1) Continuing Disclosure Agreement, and 2) Post Issuance Compliance Policy. .

Treasurer Milton-Baker moved to approve the addition of the Certificates of Participation documents to the meeting agenda. Secretary Miller seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA:

- a. Minutes of March 10, 2026, Regular Board Meeting
- b. March 2026 Financial Reports
- c. March 2026 Accounts Payable Reports
- d. March 2026 Lexipol Policy Review

Secretary Miller moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Treasurer Milton-Baker seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

None.

LEGAL COUNSEL UPDATE:

Attorney Ross commented on his attorneys' report and provided a general update on several legislative items, noting that some bills are progressing while others remain stalled or delayed.

FIRE CHIEF REPORT:

Fire Chief Sackett reported on attending the 2026 Congressional Fire Service Institute (CFSI) Annual Fire and Emergency Services Symposium with legislators, ongoing regional Fire Chiefs coordination for wildfire preparedness and public messaging, and mitigation efforts to reduce fire risk along the interstate. He also recognized staff contributions, particularly the recruitment and retention committee, for their strong efforts.

NEW BUSINESS/ACTION ITEMS:

- a. **Fire Chief/Wildland: Review and Consider Wildland Resiliency Code Resolution No. CRFPD-2026-04-01**

Prevention Division Chief Orrin Moon reviewed the Wildland Resiliency Code Resolution #2026-04-01, a statewide initiative requiring new homes in designated wildfire risk zones to use ignition-resistant construction and maintain defensible space. The code, developed through collaboration across agencies, aims to reduce wildfire risk, with local fire personnel supporting implementation and inspections.

Following discussion, Treasurer Milton-Baker moved to approve adopting the Wildland Resiliency Code Resolution #2026-04-01. Secretary Miller seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS/DISCUSSION ITEMS/FOLLOW-UP ITEMS:

a. Fire Chief/Administration: Review of Certificates of Participation, Series 2026, and COP Resolution No. CRFPD-2026-04-02

Attorney Ross provided a detailed description of the structure and key components of the COP financing, and role that each of the financing documents play within the overall structure.

Treasurer Milton-Baker moved to approve Resolution No. CRFPD 2026-04-02, subject to the clarifications provided by attorney Ross and the parameters outlined in Section 3, including limits on term, amounts, interest rate, and prepayment provisions. Secretary Miller seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

WILDLAND/SUPPORT SERVICES UPDATES:

Wildland & Support Services Division Chief Pigati was unable to attend, and Fire Chief Sackett answered a few Board questions based on Chief Pigati's report.

EMS/OPERATIONS UPDATES:

EMS/Operations Division Chief Van Slyke reported that crews continue to maintain a high level of readiness and professionalism, with ongoing live fire training focused on search and EMS care. Recruitment efforts have been highly successful, generating strong interest with numerous applications, ride-alongs, and community engagement, while also recognizing a firefighter for achieving a new certification.

PREVENTION UPDATES:

Prevention Division Chief Moon provided an update on the District's rating by the Insurance Services Office (ISO), which remains unchanged and continues to support favorable insurance classifications for most areas. He also highlighted ongoing development activity, including solar farm proposals, housing and commercial projects, and community facility planning, along with continued public outreach through station tours and community engagement.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY/DATA UPDATES:

IT Director Gredig highlighted exploration of a new insurance evaluation system that uses zip code data and department inputs to potentially lower insurance costs, along with

ongoing work on wildfire mitigation and resiliency software. He also noted a pending federal grant for VHF radio replacement and explained fluctuations in incident data due to a new reporting system, with overall call volume slightly higher than last year.

ADMINISTRATION/FINANCE UPDATES:

Administrative Director Tillman reported that she was deployed to a large wildfire in Nebraska last month. Work is ongoing to organize and upload documents and financial data into the state portal, while website updates and increased social media outreach have been implemented to better inform the public about district activities.

LOCAL 4951:

Local 4951's representative, Lieutenant Bill Smith, reported that there has been continued progress on the IAFF project and GIS study, pending additional data for completion. He also highlighted a successful auxiliary event with strong attendance.

DEPARTMENT GOOD NEWS:

Fire Chief Sackett recognized crews for their strong performance and teamwork, including support from wildland personnel, quick thinking during a complex interstate incident, and acts of professionalism and compassion within the community. He also highlighted progress on a new fire engine currently in production, ongoing apparatus repairs, and appreciation from a community member for the crew's service.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS:

Secretary Miller shared that he recently had the opportunity to have dinner with the wildland crew at the station and expressed they are a great group.

Treasurer Milton-Baker expressed appreciation for the detailed updates on the Station 61 renovation and communication with the COP committee. She also shared a heartfelt tribute to firefighters, referring to them as "Earth Angels" in recognition of their bravery, dedication, and commitment to serving the community.

President Lambert expressed appreciation for the extensive work put into the Station 61 financing, recognizing staff and legal teams for their diligence in ensuring funds are used responsibly and efficiently.

ADJOURNMENT:

With no other business coming before the Board, Chairperson Lambert adjourned the meeting at 8:31 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: May 12, 2026



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