



# Greater Auburn Area Fire Safe Council

**Date: February 20, 2026, Time: 9:00 a.m.**

Serving the communities of:  
Newcastle, Penryn, Bowman and  
Auburn



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## February 2026 Meeting Minutes

**Location: Auburn City Hall 1225 Lincoln Way, Auburn, CA 95603 Room 10 Virtual via ZOOM:**  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/4647233700>

### **1. Call to Order: 9:00 am**

- a. Pledge of Allegiance
- b. Introduction of Members present Tim Monroe, Jan Foster, Layla Schackner and Jon Anacker
- c. Introduction of NON-Members Magnolia from the office of the Senator

### **2. Approval of today's Agenda Motion to approve Jon Anacker second Jan Foster**

**3. Approval of last month's meeting minutes:** January 16, 2026,  
Motion to approve Jon Anacker second Layla Schackner

### **4. Agency and Stakeholder Reports**

- a. Auburn Fire Chief Rogers reporting Operations:  
2026 Call Totals – YTD Fire = 5Overheat = 3Agency Assist = 3EMS = 180Good Intent =  
62Public Assist = 24Total = 280

Sub-JOA Implementation on 1/31/2026. Working great so far, seen an increase in efficiency and output. Next large joint project = Joint Fire Engineer hiring process. Prevention CFF Grant -\$15KRobie Point ROW RFP walk on 2/23/2026Middle Fork Project Grant - \$178KPC BOS approved the \$178K award on 2/17. AFD to take the item to City Council on 3/9.Thanks to Tim Monroe and OES for their support with moving the project forward. Thanks to Bob, Pat, Laura, and Beverly, and the Block volunteers for their efforts in getting the project permission forms signed.

#### b. Penryn Fire/Newcastle Fire/Placer Hills Fire

John Williamson Updates on consolidation with Newcastle. On February 11th they went in front of the LAFCO board, and it passed, 7-0. Adding taxes of \$223 to Newcastle residents for a total of between \$400 and \$500 per year. The meeting to discuss this increase will be held at Station 41 on March 25th with LAFCO in attendance. They are partnering with Auburn on recruitment for an engineer as they are down two currently

#### c. CAL FIRE/Placer County Fire

Nick Salas Department has been very busy due to inclement weather. Working with RCD on the Mosquito burn scar and Applegate. They are starting a new, the naming convention change from, C234 for CALFIRE firing classes, that will now be called C219.This class is the qualifier for CALFIRE to do the advanced firing operations, it was what CAL FIRE calls our firing classes. This will support timely training for strike team leader division, and some of these other ICS qualifications when they are called out for active incidents. They will also be prioritizing units, vegetation management plans with

Nevada, Yuba, and Placer and this will double as a training opportunity. They have been coordinating with Auburn State Rec Area, with, Lauren Shoemaker, the mastication on the, the Clementine Trail, up to where Culvert Trail goes down and then up to Soar Point to maintain the fire break and address the increase in rescues due to illegal trails for mountain bikers

d. OES, Placer County/Fire Alliance/Firewise Community Report Jacqui Manning reports that they are working on the CWPP workshops and will host the April Firesafe Council Meetings and she encourages local Firewise leaders to have their project ideas ready for the workshops in May to implement into the CWPP. A survey will be going onto the website next week. In April, a hard deadline to get all documents county accessible, so they have a template for GAAFSC agendas that will be sent over to -Tim Monroe so that they can be posted to the public and the lead time will now be days

e. U.S. Bureau of Reclamation (BOR) Absent but Tim Monroe reports that GAAFSC is going to be working on strategic planning that coincides with the CWPP for the Auburn area, and the South Placer area.

f. Placer Resource Conservation District (RCD) Will Tupin March 14th, RX Fire 101 workshop taught by Chris Paulitz, a technical advisor, and Courtney Craig March 14 8.30 a.m. 430 p.m. at the Placer County HHS building discussing everything from prescribed fire to native plants

g. California State Parks Not in attendance

## **5. Treasurer's Report**

a. Cash status update \$17000.00 in GAAFSC, Greater Robie has almost \$2000.00 \$135.00 in Falcons Point

c. Expense update Budgeted expense update No Budget submitted at this meeting for 2026 but expect to have it by next meeting

## **6. New Business**

a. Election of Treasurer Layla Schackner Motioned by Jan Foster second Jon Anacker

b. Election of Secretary Motion for Sherry Sabbah by Jan Foster second Jon Anacker

c. Election of Vice Chair Motion for Jan Foster

d. Election of Chair Tim

e. Status of Placer County Board Appointments This will need to go through the Board of Supervisors and will have a timeline of approx. 3-6 months

f. Status of North Auburn/Ophir Fire Safe Council Merger must go through the Board of Supervisors. So, that timeline is also probably very similar to the board appointment which is 3-6 months and Kathy Wallace and Kristine Reidel will come on to the North Auburn. Approved bimonthly meetings in North Auburn at HHS as a trial. If attendance is not increased, then will return to City Hall monthly

g. Offer from Iowa Hill Forest Hill Fire Safe Council In preparation for possible changes and GAAFSC may end up becoming a non-profit entity Iowa Hill has offered to be the fiscal sponsor for GAAFSC grant writing. It would be an interim step and Tim will be meeting to discuss with Sarah at RCD

h. Discussion on hiring a third-party accountant to manage finances

i. Discuss existing FWC's, follow-up, needs and or support (All) Our goal is to work with OES in the CWPP process, such that we develop a list of these risks, and then we present them to the CWPP team to try to get them within the CWPP documents moving forward. And it's our understanding that if we can get that done, we have a higher, chance of receiving grant monies through CAL FIRE and other entities like that to be able to help the communities.

j. Discussion on Fire District public relations update

k. Key community events or venues (All)

April 17 Meeting will concentrate on CWPP.

March 4th at 5.30 City Council

February 25th South Placer Fire District Board Meeting

Friends of the Library Scott Wolford from Sierra Defensible Space will be in the Rose Room at 12 o'clock today Room 10

March 4th at 5.30 Placer West Fire City Council

March 16th at 6.30 Penryn board meeting

March 17th South Placer Fire District meeting

March 18th Newcastle meeting

March 19th Fire Alliance meeting is 6 to 7 p.m. at the DeWitt Center

## **7. Open forum**

- a. Any member of the public may address the council on any matter that is NOT listed on the agenda. Please limit comments to 5 minutes

AJ Discussed the dangers of lithium water cooled batteries and the educational opportunities that he plans on presenting to first responders soon.

- b. Discussion of items of mutual interest, introduction of new issues, and proposed future Agenda

## **8. Next Meeting Date and Adjourn**

- a. Next meeting; March 20, 2026 - 9:00 AM

### **Zoom Link**

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