

1 **ALPINE SPRINGS COUNTY WATER DISTRICT**
2 **MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**
3 **April 10, 2026**
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5 **A. CALL TO ORDER, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE, ROLL CALL**

6 President Clement called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM.
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8 Directors Present: President Bert Clement, Janet S. Grant, Evan Salke, Kurt Gooding, and Christine
9 York

10 Directors Absent: None

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12 Staff Present: General Manager Joseph Mueller, Office Manager Laurie Axell, and James Orndorff

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14 Guests included District CPA Michael Dobrowski, NTFPD Chief Steve Leighton and Forest Fuels
15 Manager April Shackleton, OVFD Chief Brad Chisholm, Chris Nelson, and Bill Cashmareck

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17 **B. PUBLIC COMMENT**

18 There were no comments on items not on today's agenda.
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20 **C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

21 **C1) MARCH REGULAR BOARD MEETING**

22 **It was moved by Grant and seconded by Salke to approve the minutes of the March 13, 2026**
23 **Regular Board meeting as presented. Motion carried unanimously.**
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25 **D. DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

26 **D1) FINANCIAL REPORT**

27 District CPA Mike Dobrowski presented the financial reports as of March 31, 2026. He noted the
28 interfund account report done at the request of the auditors. He and Mueller will begin the budget
29 process this week.
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31 **It was moved by Grant and seconded by Gooding to approve payment of checks #34385 - 344044,**
32 **payroll, electronic fund transfers, and bill pays. Motion carried unanimously.**
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34 **It was moved by Grant and seconded by Gooding to approve the financial reports through**
35 **March 31, 2026 as presented. Motion carried unanimously.**
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37 **It was moved by Grant and seconded by York to approve the Q1 reports through March 2026.**
38 **Motion carried unanimously.**
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40 **D2) FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT**

41 Chief Leighton reported on recent calls, including the joint response to an incident at Eagle Falls. The
42 District responded to 284 calls last month. Leighton discussed the Legislative Task Force that reviews
43 upcoming Assembly and Senate bills, including AB 1971 that provides tax incentives to homeowners
44 for home hardening, but does not provide funding for fire department inspections.
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46 Chief Chisholm will be retiring in the next year or so. OVPSD is asking that NTFPD consider
47 annexing OVFD. Leighton asked that ASCWD be part of this process in lieu of the current contract.
48 Revenues would be combined and the entire area would receive full service, delivered more efficiently
49 because of the economies of scale. The next steps to consider the annexation include a fiscal analysis
50 and application to LAFCO. NTFPD will absorb the cost for the required studies, which could be about
51 \$25,000 - \$35,000.

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2 Discussion followed as the options were clarified, including impacts to staffing and equipment. There
3 was consensus among the ASCWD Board to be a partner in the process.
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5 **D3) GENERAL MANAGER’S REPORT**

6 Mueller presented the March 2026 General Manager and Office Activities report. Carollo is reviewing
7 the Alpenglow Development Alternatives Analysis. The main activity this month is beginning to
8 compile next year’s budget. Mueller has completed the CIP budget for Committee review.
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10 Staff has begun spring clean-up in the park and is hoping for a May 1 opening. Given the light winter,
11 there is no damage to be addressed. Color Crafters is looking at the cracks in the tennis courts to
12 determine if they should be filled sooner rather than later.
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14 Axell secured a new merchant credit card account through California Special Districts Association
15 (CSDA) that allows customers to pay their bills with a card and reduced fees for ASCWD.
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17 **D4) OPERATION & MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT REPORT**

18 James Orndorff presented the February 2026 Water/Wastewater Report, including water production.
19 He reiterated that given the low snow year, spring clean-up has begun. He described the return to bulk
20 delivery of chlorine that is safer and less costly. Orndorff said staff is building a new eye-wash station
21 to update the current one.
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23 Orndorff showed photos of the park. The pathway is being rebuilt this week.
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25 **D5) TTSA REPORT**

26 Clement reported on the March 18, 2026 Board meeting.
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28 **E. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

29 **E1) BUDGET & FINANCE COMMITTEE (PRESIDENT CLEMENT)**

30 Clement reported on the April 9, 2026 Budget & Finance Committee meeting.
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32 **It was moved by Grant and seconded by York to approve the Treasurer’s Report as presented.**
33 **Motion carried unanimously.**
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35 **E2) PARK, RECREATION & GREENBELT COMMITTEE (DIRECTOR YORK)**

36 York noted the report of the March 31 meeting included in today’s meeting packet. The Flower Walk
37 is scheduled for July 5 and the Community Barbecue is June 13. The Easter Egg Hunt was well
38 attended. The Committee’s recommendation to maintain 2025 park fees for 2026 was included in the
39 report.
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41 York was asked to see if a Community Clean Up Day has been scheduled. York said the Committee is
42 recommending ASCWD provide dumpsters for Memorial Day and a date later in the summer. Mueller
43 reminded the group that last year seven dumpsters were ordered and they were not overflowing. Two
44 clean-up days with 7 dumpsters will be included in the budget for the board to decide on the number of
45 days and dumpsters.
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47 **E3) LONG RANGE PLANNING COMMITTEE (DIRECTOR GOODING)**

48 This Committee did not meet.
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50 **E4) ADMINISTRATION & PERSONNEL COMMITTEE (DIRECTOR SALKE)**

1 The report of the April 7 meeting was in the meeting packet. Mueller will send his self-review to the
2 Board for consideration during a Closed Session at the May meeting. The Board was asked to do their
3 self-reviews as well. Goals and Objectives for Committees will be finalized at the July meeting. Salke
4 said to let him know if there are suggestions to improve the policies and procedures.
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6 York left the meeting at this point and was not present for the following votes.
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8 **F. BUSINESS ITEMS FOR BOARD DISCUSSION & ACTION**

9 **F1) UPDATE ON DEFENSIBLE SPACE TREATMENT AND FOREST HEALTH**
10 **PROJECTS THROUGHOUT ALPINE MEADOWS AND THE SURROUNDING**
11 **AREA**

12 NTFPD Forest Fuels Manager April Shackelford said a grant was awarded for regional fuels reduction
13 projects. Approximately \$793,000 was allocated for work in Alpine Meadows. Shackelford described
14 the scope of work designed to reduce fuels and erosion, as well as protect homes and the area in
15 general. She showed maps of areas to be treated, as well as the work being done by the National Forest
16 Foundation. The 2025 Community Wildfire Protection Plan prioritizes projects.
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18 Shackelford answered questions clarifying the areas to be addressed, access, and strategies to maintain
19 the trail systems where possible. Shackelford will work with Mueller on an article for the newsletter
20 regarding the how NTFPD curbside inspections will be carried out.
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23 **F2) PLACER LAFCO VOTE FOR SPECIAL DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVE**

24 **It was moved by Salke and seconded by Grant to vote for Judy Friedman as the Special District**
25 **representative on Placer County LAFCO. Motion carried unanimously.**
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27 **F3) RESOLUTION #6-2026 APPROVING AN UNSECURED, SUBORDINATE**
28 **INTERFUND NOTE**

29 **It was moved by Gooding and seconded by Grant to subordinate the Interfund Note**
30 **documenting the obligation of the Alpine Springs County Water District to repay \$680,349.42,**
31 **from the Water Fund to the Sewer Fund, funds used in the construction of Tank 4 project.**

32 **ROLL CALL VOTE:**

33 **AYES: Grant, Gooding, Salke, and Clement**

34 **NAYS: None**

35 **Motion carried unanimously.**
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37 **F4) DISTRICT PARK USE FEES**

38 **It was moved by Salke and seconded by Gooding to approve the District Park Use 2026 Fee**
39 **Schedule as presented. Motion carried unanimously.**
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41 **F5) SPRING SUMMER 2026 ASCWD NEWSLETTER**

42 The date for the Flower Walk will be added. York thanked Mueller for the article recognizing her
43 organization of the Easter Egg Hunt. Information on NTFPD curbside inspection work will be
44 included.
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46 **G. CORRESPONDENCE TO THE BOARD**

47 No correspondence was presented.
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49 **H. CLOSED SESSION**

50 Closed Session was not convened.
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1 **I. DIRECTORS' COMMENTS**

2 There were no additional comments.

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4 **J. ADJOURNMENT**

5 There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 11:22 AM.

6 The next regularly scheduled Board meeting is May 8, 2026 at 9:00 AM.

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8 Respectfully Submitted,

9 Judy Friedman

10 Recording Secretary

11 THE PAPER TRAIL SECRETARIAL & BUSINESS SOLUTIONS