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BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA
June 25, 2025
5:00 PM**

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD

**Director John Maness, Director Joe Peery, Director James Valencia, Director Richard McCarty, Director Steve Marks
CONCERNING PUBLIC COMMENT**

The Board of Directors offers the public to speak to specific agenda items during the time the agenda item is discussed by the Board. The Board also allows the opportunity for the public to speak on non-agenda items during "public comments" prior to the conclusion of the meeting. Comments are limited to five minutes per individual and five minutes for speakers representing an organization. The Board may not make any decision related to non-agenized items until the next Board meeting.

AGENDA

Pledge of Allegiance

I. Call To Order – Roll Call

II. Public Comment

III. New Business

A. Discussion/Action: Authorize the District to Apply for the 2026 Statewide Climate-Related Wildfire & Disaster Prevention & Preparedness Support Grant.

IV. Adjournment Special Meeting

Next Regular Board Meeting July 9th @ 6:30 P.M.

To: Board of Directors
Copperopolis Fire Protection District

From: Scott Hertzog, Fire Chief

Date: June 25th, 2026

Subject: Authorization to Apply for and Accept the 2026 Statewide Climate-Related Wildfire & Disaster Prevention and Preparedness Support Grant

Recommendation

Authorize the Fire Chief to submit an application for and, if awarded, accept grant funding through the **2026 Statewide Climate-Related Wildfire & Disaster Prevention and Preparedness Support Program** in the amount of **\$24,926.38** for the purchase of wildland firefighting personal protective equipment (PPE), hose, and related equipment.

Project Name:

Wildland Firefighter Safety and Equipment Enhancement Project

Requested Amount

\$24,926.38

Summary

As the Copperopolis Fire Protection District continues to expand its workforce and operational capabilities, the cost of providing safe and compliant wildland firefighting equipment has increased significantly. The District's current budget is increasingly challenged by the need to equip new personnel while simultaneously replacing aging and worn equipment currently in service.

The proposed grant funding would allow the District to purchase and replace critical wildland firefighting equipment, including:

- Wildland web gear and line packs
- Chainsaw protective chaps
- One replacement chainsaw
- Wildland fire hose
- Hose clamps and related fittings
- Wildland hose packs for carrying and deploying hose
- Dual-compliant wildland firefighting pants meeting current safety standards

Several items currently in service have reached or exceeded their recommended service life, while other equipment inventories are insufficient to support the District's growing staffing levels and increasing wildland fire response demands.

Benefit to the District

This project will improve firefighter safety, operational readiness, and wildfire response capability throughout the District's 187-square-mile service area. The requested equipment will ensure personnel have access to properly functioning and compliant protective equipment while enhancing the District's ability to effectively deploy resources during vegetation fires and other climate-related emergencies.

The acquisition of this equipment supports the District's mission to provide safe, efficient, and effective emergency services while maintaining compliance with applicable firefighter safety standards.

Fiscal Impact

If awarded, grant funds will provide **\$24,926.38** toward the purchase of the identified equipment. Acceptance of the grant will reduce the need to utilize limited District operating funds for these critical safety and operational items.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED

The foregoing authorization was approved by the Board of Directors of the Copperopolis Fire Protection District on this 25th day of June, 2026.

Board Chair

Fire Chief

ATTEST:

District Secretary