



# FRESNO COUNTY FIRE

PROTECTION DISTRICT

*Honor, Integrity, Cooperation & Professionalism*

## MEMORANDUM

**Date:** July 15, 2026  
**To:** Board Directors  
**Attn:** Brad Richter, President  
**From:** William D. Ross, District Counsel  
**Subject:** Bonding of a District Treasurer Pursuant to Health and Safety Code 13854

### **BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S BRIEFING PAPER**

**ISSUE:** The Fresno County Fire Protection District (**District**) maintains bank accounts outside the control of the Fresno County (**County**) Treasurer. Accordingly, the District appointed Treasurer must be bonded consistent with Health and Safety Code 13854(c).

**BACKGROUND:** The District maintains financial accounts outside the control of the County requiring compliance with Health and Safety Code 13854, which requires appointment and bonding of a District Treasurer.

On March 05, 2020 the District Board of Directors (**Board**) adopted Resolution 2020-02 appointing a District Treasurer who, consistent with Board direction, oversees non-County Treasurer funds and revenues of the District, administers non-County banking accounts, and provides financial statements to the Board.

Consistent with Health and Safety Code 13854(c) the District must bond the District Treasurer and establish the minimum amount of the District's Treasurer bond.

**DISCUSSION:** The County Treasurer typically serves as the District Treasurer, however Health and Safety Code sections 13800 et seq., specifically section 13854, allows the District to appoint a Treasurer to administer District funds.

The District Treasurer must be bonded in the amounts of at least one hundred thousand dollars (**\$100,000**) or ten percent (**10%**) of the total amount of the District's final budget for the preceding fiscal year, whichever is greater. The District's Board shall pay the premiums on the required bond.

The District's is aware of potential additional Fiscal Year 2026-2027 revenues principally associated with Energy Facility Agreements, such that Staff recommends the District Board bond the District Treasurer in the amount of seven million dollars (**\$7,000,000**), which is higher than the 10% minimum required by statute, in anticipation of such potential revenues.

**ALTERNATIVES:**

1. Change the bond amount for lesser covergae


**IMPACTS** (*Consider potential consequences related to each of the following areas of concern for proposed alternatives*):

- Fiscal – The Budget supports the request
- Operational – No known impact.
- Legal – Legal impact if minimum amount is not bonded.
- Labor – No known impact.
- Sociopolitical – No known impact.
- Policy – No known impact.
- Health and safety – No known impact.
- Environmental – No known impact.
- Interagency – No known impact.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

District Board bond the District Treasurer in the amount of seven million dollars (\$7,000,000) consistent with Health and Safety Code 13854(c).

**APPROVED:**

Signed by:  
  
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Dustin Hall, Fire Chief

Date: 07-15-26



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## RESOLUTION No. 2026-08

BEFORE THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE FRESNO COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT, WITHIN THE COUNTY OF FRESNO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE MATTER OF:

**A RESOLUTION OF THE FRESNO COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS DESIGNATING THE OFFICIAL BOND AMOUNT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026-2027 DISTRICT TREASURER.**

WHEREAS, on March 5, 2020 the Fresno County Fire Protection District ("District") appointed a Treasurer under Health and Safety Code section 13854, a portion of the Fire Protection Law of 1987 (Health & Safety Code' 13800 et seq.);

WHEREAS, the District Treasurer's duties are to oversee, or cause to be overseen, the disposition of funds and revenues of the District consistent with direction by the District Board of Directors;

WHEREAS, the District Treasurer shall keep, or cause to be kept, a true and accurate account of all receipts, disbursements and transactions and shall provide, or cause to be provided, periodic financial reports to the District Board of Directors accurately portraying the District's financial status;

WHEREAS, the necessary qualifications for the appointment for the District Treasurer have been satisfied by the District and the individual to be designated is the District Administration Officer, Josh I. Chrisman;

WHEREAS, the District must establish the bond amount for the District Treasurer no less than one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) or ten percent (10%) of the total amount of the District's final budget for the preceding fiscal year, whichever is greater;

WHEREAS, on May 20, 2026 the District amended the Final Budget for Fiscal Year 2025/26 reflecting revenues of \$62,201,143;

WHEREAS, a significant reason for increased revenues in Fiscal Year 2025/26 was revenues from fees resulting from Energy Facilities in account 5040 for which it can be reasonably estimated that an additional \$10,000,000 in revenues would be received in Fiscal Year 2026/27 raising the projected revenue to \$ 20,000,000 with a resulting bond requirement of \$7,000,000

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of the Fresno County Fire Protection District that the District hereby finds and declares that:

1. For Fiscal Year 2026/27 a bond for the District Treasurer's duties shall be provided consistent with Health and Safety Code section 13854(c) in the amount of seven million dollars (\$7,000,000) with District payment of the required premiums.
2. The Treasurer Bond amount shall remain at \$7,000,000 or ten percent (10%) of the estimated District revenue, with a different revenue amount in subsequent District Budget changes.

The foregoing resolution was PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Fresno County Fire Protection District, held on the 15th day of July 2026 by the following vote:

AYES:  
NOES:  
ABSENT:  
ABSTAIN:

Dated: July 15, 2026

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Brad Richter, Board President  
Board of Directors

ATTEST:

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Louisa Esparza-Alonzo, Clerk of the Board

APPROVED AS TO CONTENT:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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Dustin Hail, District Fire Chief

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William D. Ross, District Counsel