

DISASTER AND FIRE SAFETY COMMISSION

REGULAR MEETING

February 25, 2026

7:00 PM

Fire Department Division of Training Classroom – 997 Cedar Street

Mayor's Appointee- Andy Katz

District 1 – Michael Wilson
District 2 – Weldon Bradstreet
District 3 – Todd Darling
District 4 – Robert Kinosian

District 5 – Jacob Dadmun
District 6 – Greg Murphy*
District 7 – Taj Herzer-Baptiste
District 8 – Theo Gordon**

AGENDA

Preliminary Matters

Call to Order

Public Present

Approval of the Agenda

Discussion –

Agenda approved as amended by Acclamation or Vote?

Public Comment on Non-Agenda Matters

Public speakers:

1. Chairperson's Report
2. Fire Department Staff Report

REGULAR AGENDA MATTERS *All Regular agenda Matters are for discussion and possible action.*

3. **Action:** Minutes of January 28, 2026
Recommendation: Approve the draft minutes of the January 28, 2026, regular meeting.
Written Material: DFSC January 28, 2026 Draft Minutes
4. **Discussion/Action:** The Chair *and* Vice-Chair are elected by the majority no more than two consecutive years. There is no limit for vice-chair.
Recommendation: Election of Chair and Vice-Chair
5. **Discussion/Action:** Consider Support to Establish Transportation via Public Ferry Service as an allowable use at the Berkeley Pier
Recommendation: Adopt Letter to the Zoning Adjustments Board Highlighting the Importance of Ferry Service for Disaster Evacuation and Response
Written Material: Letter to the Zoning Adjustments Board (Draft)
6. **Work Group Reports**
Receive reporting on recent activities by the following work groups:
- Plan & Budget Oversight
 - Neighborhood Fire Resiliency
 - Safe Passages
 - Community Outreach
 - Street Trauma Prevention Program

Future Agenda Items and Next Steps

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Adjournment

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SECRETARY SIGNATURE

*Keith May* 2/19/26

## DFSC Staff Report

February 25, 2026

1. Measure FF Monthly Report
  - a. Budget Overview –
  - b. Quarter 1 (July, August, September) report due in November  
Quarter 2 (October, November, December) report due in February  
Quarter 3 (January, February, March) report due in May  
Quarter 4 (April, May, June) End of Year Report due in October
    - i. Program Review
      - **WUI Interns** – The Interns provide Berkeley Fire Department with a trained, mobile and mission-specific workforce that is principally assigned to monitor vegetative hazardous fuel on or near structures, collect data, and identify reduction activities
        - **Updates:** No updates
      - **Wildfire Prevention / Mitigation – Vegetation Management Inspections** –
        - **Updates:** No new Updates.
2. Measure GG Monthly Report
  - a. Budget Overview – No new update
  - b. Quarter 1 (July, August, September) report due in November  
Quarter 2 (October, November, December) report due in February  
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3. Fire Facilities Master Plan (FMP): Berkeley Fire Department stations are undersized, in poor condition and in need of remodels or replacement. The Department initiated a long-term replacement planning process to better understand infrastructure needs. This process will provide the city leaders of today and tomorrow with actionable information ahead of future infrastructure bond measures. *(Measure FF has funded the study only)*
  - a. **Update:** No new updates.
4. Department Activities
  - a. **Fire Administration Head Quarters:** Completion of the main administration offices at 1250 Gilman is approximately 3-5 weeks away from being completed. The reserve fire station is projected to be approximately 2-3 weeks behind the main administration

offices. This facility will function as an ambulance deployment center and will serve as a respite fire station when remodeling or repairing our front-line fire stations.

- b. **Wildland-Urban Interface:** The WUI division is working hard to connect residents with the Resident Assistance Program by knocking on doors, mailers, and emailing information on the program.
- c. **Fire Marshal:** Recruitment opened February 2, 2026, and will close March 2, 2026.
- d. **114<sup>th</sup> Firefighter Academy:** Fire Academy began on February 2, 2026, with 16 recruits.

5. Call Volume Report

| Fire Department Report by California Incident Type                                                                                                                                                          |     |  |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----|--|
| January                                                                                                                                                                                                     |     |  |
| <b>Fires – including Encampment Fires</b><br>(structures, mobile properties, vegetation, rubbish, equipment, cooking, chimney,                                                                              | 27  |  |
| <b>Explosion - no fire</b><br>(overpressure ruptures, explosions)                                                                                                                                           | 0   |  |
| <b>Rescue &amp; EMS</b> (medical assist, vehicle accident                                                                                                                                                   | 894 |  |
| <b>Hazardous Condition - no fire</b><br>(combustible spills/leaks, chemical release, radioactive condition, electrical wiring problem, biological hazard, potential accident w/ building/aircraft/vehicles) | 45  |  |
| <b>Service Calls</b> (person in distress, water issue, smoke/odor problem, animal issue, public assist, cover assignment/standby)                                                                           | 79  |  |

|                                                                                                 |              |  |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------|--|
| <b>Good Intent</b> (canceled en-route, wrong location, nothing found, steam mistaken for smoke) | 107          |  |
| <b>False Alarm Calls</b> (malicious, malfunction, unintentional, biohazard scare)               | 188          |  |
| <b>Severe WX</b> (lightening, wind storms)                                                      | 1            |  |
| <b>Special Incidents</b> (citizen complaints)                                                   | 1            |  |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                                                                                    | <b>1,342</b> |  |
| <b>Apparatus Count</b>                                                                          |              |  |
|                                                                                                 | <b>3,176</b> |  |

### DFSC Action Tracker

| Date of DFSC Action     | Description                                                                                                                                                       | Status                                                         |
|-------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>October 29, 2025</b> | Direct staff to modify and revise the Draft Update to the Bike Plan dated July 29, 2025, to take into consideration recommendations from the DFSC noted in Report | Pulled from 1/27/2026 Agenda. Preliminary scheduled for 3/4/26 |

**FY2026 Measure GG**  
**Mid-Year Report**

| Program                   | Original Budget     | Revised Budget      | Actuals            |                   | Mid-Year Total      | % Budget Available | Available Budget    |
|---------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|--------------------|-------------------|---------------------|--------------------|---------------------|
|                           |                     |                     | Q1 July-Sept. 2025 | Q2 Oct.-Dec. 2025 |                     |                    |                     |
| Disaster Prep             | \$ 1,257,269        | \$ 1,439,069        | \$ 178,470         | \$ 259,493        | \$ 437,962          | 65%                | \$ 819,307          |
| FRALS                     | \$ 540,159          | \$ 484,891          | \$ 20,000          | \$ 54,404         | \$ 74,404           | 86%                | \$ 465,755          |
| Minimum Staffing          | \$ 3,138,589        | \$ 3,138,589        | \$ 7,620           | \$ 12,934         | \$ 20,554           | 99%                | \$ 3,118,036        |
| Radio Interoperability    | \$ 669,251          | \$ 950,620          | \$ 635,651         | \$ 70,177         | \$ 705,828          | -5%                | \$ (36,578)         |
| Training                  | \$ 374,048          | \$ 374,048          | \$ 77,137          | \$ 106,101        | \$ 183,238          | 51%                | \$ 190,810          |
| Community Outreach - HHCS | \$ 309,953          | \$ 310,417          | \$ 46,925          | \$ 71,784         | \$ 118,709          | 62%                | \$ 191,243          |
| <b>Totals</b>             | <b>\$ 6,289,268</b> | <b>\$ 6,697,635</b> | <b>\$ 965,803</b>  | <b>\$ 574,893</b> | <b>\$ 1,540,696</b> | <b>76%</b>         | <b>\$ 4,748,573</b> |

**FY26 Measure FF Mid-Year Report**

July to December 2025

| PROGRAM/VENDOR                            | ACTUALS              | FY26 BUDGET       | % USED        | NOTES                                                                  |
|-------------------------------------------|----------------------|-------------------|---------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Administration</b>                     | <b>1,393,316</b>     | <b>2,878,245</b>  | <b>48.41%</b> |                                                                        |
| B & H PHOTO                               | 316                  |                   |               | Equipment Strategic Proj Headset                                       |
| CALIFORNIA FIRE CHIEFS ASSOC.             | 600                  |                   |               | Professional Dues                                                      |
| CONFERENCE EXPENSES                       | 5,179                |                   |               | Professional development                                               |
| COOKE & ASSOCIATES                        | 59,990               |                   |               | Background Checks                                                      |
| EBMUD                                     | 1,591                |                   |               | Fire HQ Utility                                                        |
| IMAGETREND, LLC                           | 95,592               |                   |               | Data Management Software                                               |
| ELS ARCHITECTURE                          | 36,174               |                   |               | New fire headquarters design/management                                |
| MOTOROLA SOLUTIONS INC                    | 79,123               |                   |               | Alerting System                                                        |
| MUNICIPAL RESOURCE GROUP, LLC             | 3,094                |                   |               | Professional development                                               |
| SALARIES & BENEFITS                       | 330,026.72           | 793,810.00        |               | Salary & Benefits                                                      |
| RAVEN & ANVILL LLC DBA SAVANNA R NAGORSKI | 16,165               |                   |               | Critical Call Data work                                                |
| SMITH & WALTERS                           | 686,341              |                   |               | Fire Headquarters Expenses                                             |
| SWIFTHAWK CONSULTING LLC                  | 73,370               |                   |               | Project Management                                                     |
| WATERS MOVING & STORAGE                   | 1,345                |                   |               | Moving                                                                 |
| WELLS FARGO BANK N.A.                     | 4,411                |                   |               | Equipment                                                              |
| <b>Dispatch</b>                           | <b>189,106</b>       | <b>328,564</b>    | <b>57.56%</b> |                                                                        |
| MISSION CRITICAL                          | 48,068               |                   |               | Phase 2 Dispatch needs Analysis; Professional Services Assessment PSAP |
| SALARIES & BENEFITS                       | 141,038.54           | 328,564.30        |               | Salary & Benefits                                                      |
| <b>EMS</b>                                | <b>1,070,995</b>     | <b>3,508,593</b>  | <b>30.52%</b> |                                                                        |
| BORDEN DECAL                              | 2,827.37             |                   |               | Vehicles Decals                                                        |
| BOUND TREE MEDICAL LLC                    | 40,125.53            |                   |               | Equipment                                                              |
| CONFERENCE EXPENSES                       | 378                  |                   |               | Professional development                                               |
| GRAINGER INDUSTRIAL SUPPLY                | 2,644.30             |                   |               | Supplies                                                               |
| INT SVC - VEHICLE REPLACEMENTS            | 69,930               |                   |               | Vehicle Replacement Fund                                               |
| INT SVC - VEHICLE FUEL/MAINT              | 14,154               |                   |               | Vehicle Fuel and Maintenance                                           |
| LAURA KOKINDA                             | 22,100.00            |                   |               | Pre-Employment Evaluations                                             |
| ORKIN EXTERMINATING                       | 1,280.00             |                   |               | Exterminator                                                           |
| PYRAMID FILMS CORP                        | 292.43               |                   |               | CPR Cards and Training Courses                                         |
| REFUSE CHARGES                            | 6,785.50             |                   |               | Refuse Charges at 1007 University                                      |
| SALARIES & BENEFITS                       | 906,724.62           | 3,150,704.00      |               | Salary & Benefits                                                      |
| STATE BOARD of EQUALIZATION               | 96.35                |                   |               | Tax                                                                    |
| WELLS FARGO                               | 3,656.93             |                   |               | Equipment                                                              |
| <b>Operations</b>                         | <b>255,844</b>       | <b>372,817</b>    | <b>68.62%</b> |                                                                        |
| 908 DEVICES INC                           | 2,575                |                   |               | Hazmat Equipment Maintenance                                           |
| GOMEX, FELICIA                            | 118,335              |                   |               | Worksite Wellness                                                      |
| O2X HUMAN PERFORMANCE                     | 12,728.00            |                   |               | Employee Health and Wellness                                           |
| MATTRESS FIRM, INC                        | 1,149                |                   |               | Mattresses                                                             |
| SALARIES & BENEFITS                       | 69,612.63            | 288,072.42        |               | Salaries and Benefits                                                  |
| RESTORATION FAMILY COUNSELING CENTER INC  | 37,544.02            |                   |               | Support services contract                                              |
| TECH ELECTRIC                             | 6,924.00             |                   |               | Ring Down Equipment                                                    |
| WELLS FARGO                               | 3,531                |                   |               | Equipment                                                              |
| WESTERN EXTRICATION SPECIALISTS, INC.     | 3,445                |                   |               | Service for Power unit                                                 |
| <b>Paramedics Tax</b>                     |                      |                   |               |                                                                        |
| .                                         |                      |                   |               | No expenses yet                                                        |
| <b>Training</b>                           | <b>154,099</b>       | <b>400,260</b>    | <b>38.50%</b> |                                                                        |
| ATLAS PHONES                              | 46                   |                   |               | Equipment                                                              |
| CAL EMA                                   | 176                  |                   |               | Board Certificates                                                     |
| CONFERENCE EXPENSES                       | 50                   |                   |               | Professional development                                               |
| DELL MARKETING LP                         | 1,114                |                   |               | Equipment                                                              |
| DEPT OF FORESTRY & FIRE PROTECTION        | 1,725                |                   |               | Trainings                                                              |
| INT SVC - VEHICLE REPLACEMENTS            | 7,110                |                   |               | Vehicle Replacement Fund                                               |
| INT SVC - VEHICLE FUEL/MAINT              | 1,479                |                   |               | Vehicle Fuel and Maintenance                                           |
| L.N. CURTIS & SONS                        | 139,221              |                   |               | Tech Rescue Equipment                                                  |
| SALARIES & BENEFITS                       | -                    | 186,260.00        |               | Salaries and Benefits                                                  |
| STATE FIRE TRAINING                       | 1,425                |                   |               | Training                                                               |
| UNITED SITE SERVICE                       | 1,433                |                   |               | Portable Potties                                                       |
| WELLS FARGO BANK N.A.                     | 320                  |                   |               | Equipment                                                              |
| <b>WUI/FP</b>                             | <b>1,524,369</b>     | <b>2,838,393</b>  | <b>53.71%</b> |                                                                        |
| ALLIANCE GRAPHICS                         | 2,146                |                   |               | Materials/Printing                                                     |
| BAY AREA TREE SPECIALIST                  | 3,360                |                   |               | Hazardous Vegetation Treatment                                         |
| BLAISDELL'S BUSINESS PRODUCTS             | 38                   |                   |               | Office Supplies                                                        |
| BRENDAN D DEVLIN                          | 37,380               |                   |               | Chipper Day Program Mgmt                                               |
| BUTLERS UNIFORM                           | 3,203                |                   |               | Uniforms                                                               |
| CALIFORNIA EXPERT TREE SOLUTIONS INC      | 24,430               |                   |               | Vegetation Removal and Restoration                                     |
| DATA TICKET                               | 317                  |                   |               | Materials/Printing                                                     |
| DEPT OF FORESTRY & FIRE PROTECTION        | 450                  |                   |               | Trainings                                                              |
| EAST BAY NURSERY                          | 2,257                |                   |               | Supplies                                                               |
| EXCELLENT PACKAGING & SUPPLY              | 1,378                |                   |               | Yard Debris Bags                                                       |
| FIRE ASIDE                                | 17,315               |                   |               | Defensible Space Inspection Software                                   |
| FORSTER & KROEGER LANDSCAPE               | 117,300              |                   |               | Chipper Day Program Mgmt                                               |
| GENASYS INC                               | 5,810                |                   |               | Outdoor Alerting System                                                |
| GRAINGER                                  | 231                  |                   |               | Supplies                                                               |
| HILLSIDE ASSOCIATION                      | 50,000               |                   |               | Vegetation Removal and Restoration                                     |
| INT SVC - VEHICLE REPLACEMENTS            | 24,132               |                   |               | Vehicle Replacement Fund                                               |
| INT SVC - VEHICLE FUEL/MAINT              | 2,314                |                   |               | Vehicle Fuel and Maintenance                                           |
| KLD ASSOCIATES                            | 67,632               |                   |               | Professional Services in Evacuation                                    |
| MESSAGE DEPARTMENT LLC, THE               | 11,754               |                   |               | Advertising, consulting, mailer, postage, etc                          |
| PROTIVITI GOVERNMENT SERVICES, INC.       | 43,556               |                   |               | Professional Services                                                  |
| SALARIES & BENEFITS                       | 987,969.47           | 1,466,595.32      |               | Salary & Benefits                                                      |
| SQUARE SPACE                              | 138                  |                   |               | Web based service                                                      |
| SOLANO AVENUE                             | 225                  |                   |               | OES Space at Solano Avenue Stroll                                      |
| Transfer Station Chipper Day Program      | 16,829               |                   |               | Chipper Day Program                                                    |
| VERIZON WIRELESS                          | 4,697                |                   |               | Phone Service                                                          |
| WELLS FARGO                               | 2,686                |                   |               | Equipment                                                              |
| WESTERN TRUCK FABRICATION, INC            | 1,417                |                   |               | Equipment                                                              |
| WILDFIRE DEFENSE MESH                     | 60,937               |                   |               | Equipment                                                              |
| WILDLAND RESOURCE MANAGEMENT              | 34,467               |                   |               | Review threat of Wildfire                                              |
| <b>Grand Total</b>                        | <b>4,587,728</b>     | <b>10,326,873</b> | <b>44.43%</b> |                                                                        |
|                                           | <b>Personnel</b>     | <b>2,435,372</b>  |               |                                                                        |
|                                           | <b>Non-Personnel</b> | <b>2,152,356</b>  |               |                                                                        |
|                                           | <b>Report Total</b>  | <b>4,587,728</b>  |               |                                                                        |

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## MINUTES

### Preliminary Matters

#### Call to Order – 7:02

Present: Wilson, Bradstreet, Darling, Kinosian, Murphy, Herzer-Baptiste, Gordon  
Late: Katz 7:06 PM  
Public Present - 7

#### Approval of the Agenda

*Discussion –*  
*Agenda approved as amended by **Acclamation***

#### Public Comment on Non-Agenda Matters

*Public speakers: 1*

1. Chairperson's Report – Next month will be holding elections.
2. Fire Department Staff Report

**REGULAR AGENDA MATTERS** *All Regular Agenda Matters are for discussion and possible action.*

- 3. Action:** Minutes of December 3, 2025
- Recommendation:** Approve the draft minutes of the December 3, 2025, Regular Meeting. Approved with the following statement:  
**Commission would like to have noted that they recognized the passing of Captain Scott Hall at the last Regular meeting of the DFSC.**
- Written Material:** December 3, 2025 Draft Minutes
- Motion to Approve: Gordon  
Second: Bradstreet  
Vote:  
Ayes: Katz, Wilson, Bradstreet, Darling, Kinoshian, Murphy, Herzer-Baptiste, Gordon  
Nays: none  
Abstain: none
- 4. Discussion:** Potential City of Berkeley Bond Measure (Staff)
- Recommendation:** Receive Feedback  
**Written Material:** PowerPoint Handout  
**Presentation:** 2026 Potential Bond Measure PowerPoint
- Public Comment: 3
- 5. Discussion:** Berkeley Outreach Update (Staff)
- Recommendation:** No Recommendation  
**Written Material:** Berkeley Ready Update Handout  
**Presentation:** PowerPoint
- Public Comment: 1
- 6. Discussion/Action:** Policy and Procedure for Determining Compliance with Street Width Requirements of California Fire Code (Murphy)
- Recommendation:** Establish If Written Policy and Procedure Exist That Address How Compliance, or Non-Conformance, of Unobstructed Street Widths, As Defined in CA Fire Code Is determined. If No Such Document Exists, Then Recommend That Relevant Staff Create One

**Defer actions on this for a future date.**

**Written Material:** Draft Report to Council  
**Presentation:** None

Public Comment: 1

7. **Discussion:** Update On City of Berkeley's Vision Zero Advisory Committee (Gordon)

**Recommendation:** Discuss Committee Update and Provide Any Feedback to be Relayed to the Committee

**Written Material:** Committee Notes

Motion to extend the meeting by 5 minutes at 9:01 PM - Murphy

Second: Bradstreet

Approved by Acclamation

Public Comment:

8. **Work Group Reports**

Receive reporting on recent activities by the following work groups:

- Plan & Budget Oversight – Will meet February 17th
- Neighborhood Fire Resiliency – Group to meet later
- Safe Passages – Not much done since the holidays. Will follow up with Lana
- Community Outreach – Presentation done well. Will follow up with Albrecht
- Street Trauma Prevention Program – Met with C1 and CM about Bike Plan Update – not heard on 2/27. Met with C1 and STPP presentation at UC Berkeley

**Written Materials:**

**Presentation:**

9. Future Agenda Items and Next Steps

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**Adjournment:**

Motion to adjourned: Gordon

Second: Herzer-Baptiste

Approved by Acclamation:

Time: 9:09 PM

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SECRETARY SIGNATURE

Discussion/Action: Support for establishing transportation via public ferry service as an allowable use at the Berkeley Pier

Recommendation: Adopt letter to the Zoning Adjustments Board highlighting the importance of ferry service for disaster evacuation and response.

Written Material: Draft letter to the Zoning Adjustments Board

Presentation: None

To: Chair and Members of the Zoning Adjustments Board

From: Disaster and Fire Safety Commission

Submitted by: Greg Murphy, Chair

Subject: Support for establishing transportation via public ferry service as an allowable use at the Berkeley Pier.

Dear Chair and Members of the Zoning Adjustments Board,

The Disaster and Fire Safety Commission is writing to support allowing public ferry service at the Berkeley Pier. The Commission believes that ferry service is not only an important transportation improvement, but is also a vital component of Berkeley's emergency preparedness and resilience strategy.

In an era of increasing climate-related risks, seismic vulnerability, wildfire threats, and regional congestion, maintaining diversified and redundant evacuation infrastructure is essential. The restoration of the Berkeley Pier and development of ferry service would provide the City with an additional, water-based evacuation route—one that is independent of bridges, highways, and rail corridors that may be compromised during a major emergency.

Water transportation has historically played a crucial role in emergency response throughout the Bay Area. Integrating Berkeley into the regional ferry network strengthens the City's ability to move first responders, residents, and workers safely and efficiently in the event of a large-scale disaster. As part of the broader SF Bay Ferry system expansion, the Berkeley Ferry Terminal would enhance coordinated regional evacuation capacity and emergency response operations across the shoreline communities. By investing in redundant transportation infrastructure today, Berkeley is taking proactive steps to safeguard its community against future disruptions.

We appreciate the Board's careful review of the project to ensure consistency with land-use regulations, public access requirements, and community compatibility. We respectfully encourage the Zoning Adjustments Board to consider the critical public safety and resilience benefits of this project as it evaluates the proposed Use Permit.

AMENDED LETTER

To: Chair and Members of the Zoning Adjustments Board

From: Disaster and Fire Safety Commission

Submitted by: Greg Murphy, Chair

Subject: Support for establishing transportation via public ferry service as an allowable use at the Berkeley Pier.

Dear Chair and Members of the Zoning Adjustments Board,

The Disaster and Fire Safety Commission is writing to support a continuing conversation about allowing public ferry service at the Berkeley Pier. The Commission believes that ferry service is not only an important transportation improvement, but could also serve as a vital component of Berkeley's emergency preparedness and resilience strategy.

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