



# SOUTHERN PARK COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

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## RESOLUTION NO. 2026-03-07

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE SOUTHERN PARK COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT FORMALLY TABLING CONSIDERATION OF THE JANUARY 8, 2026 DRAFT ADVISORY LETTER AND CLOSING THE MATTER WITHOUT PREJUDICE TO FUTURE BOARD ACTION ON FIRE AND LIFE SAFETY CONCERNS**

*Adopted at the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors • March 13, 2026*

<b>Meeting Date:</b>	March 13, 2026 • Regular Meeting
<b>Moved by:</b>	_____
<b>Seconded by:</b>	_____

### RECITALS

**WHEREAS**, at the regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Southern Park County Fire Protection District (the “District”) held on January 8, 2026, Director Mike Smith introduced a draft advisory letter addressed to Park County Development Services concerning fire and life safety concerns related to emergency access for a proposed subdivision served by an unconstructed road easement exceeding 2.5 miles in length (the “Draft Letter”);



**WHEREAS**, the Draft Letter was presented for the first time as an agenda item at the January 8, 2026 meeting and had not undergone any prior deliberative review, formal consideration, or approval process by the full Board of Directors prior to being placed on the agenda;

**WHEREAS**, due to significant disruption by members of the public during the January 8, 2026 meeting, the Board was unable to engage in any substantive discussion, deliberation, or vote regarding the Draft Letter, and the meeting was adjourned without any action of any kind being taken on the Draft Letter, including no approval, rejection, amendment, authorization, or direction to transmit the Draft Letter to any external party;

**WHEREAS**, the Draft Letter was never transmitted to Park County Development Services, to any property owners affected by the referenced subdivision, or to any other external party; distribution of the Draft Letter was limited solely to internal Board communications, which included the District Fire Chief, consistent with the Board's internal deliberative process;

**WHEREAS**, a copy of the Draft Letter subsequently appeared in the community through an unauthorized disclosure by an unknown party; this disclosure was not the result of any action, authorization, or direction by the Board of Directors or any individual director, and has not been attributed to any Board member;

**WHEREAS**, formal transcribed interviews conducted in March 2026 with Director Smith and District Chief Aric Stahly, as well as the Board Chair's review of applicable District Policies and Standard Operating Guidelines — including Policy #120 (NFPA/COO Inspection Policy), SOG 110 (Mission Statement), SOG 120 (Code of Ethics), SOG 130 (Core Values), and SOG 140 (Command Structure) — confirm that: (a) the Draft Letter remained an internal working document at all times prior to the unauthorized community disclosure; (b) the subject matter of the Draft Letter — advisory review of emergency access, fire apparatus ingress and egress, single-point failure risks, and compliance with Park County Land Use Regulations Article VII, Division 2 — is consistent with the District's advisory role in wildfire protection and emergency access under the applicable NFPA standard and the District's Memorandum of Understanding with the Park County Board of County Commissioners; and (c) Director Smith's actions in preparing and internally circulating the Draft Letter were within the scope of his authority as an elected director under C.R.S. Title 32, Article 1;

**WHEREAS**, the Board has determined that continued consideration of the specific Draft Letter introduced on January 8, 2026 is no longer necessary or productive given: (a) the passage of time since the January 8, 2026 meeting; (b) the lack of any prior Board deliberation or action on the Draft Letter; (c) the unauthorized external disclosure of the Draft Letter and the resulting community context; and (d) the Board's need to direct its time and resources toward current operational, policy, and governance priorities;

**WHEREAS**, nothing in this Resolution shall be construed to limit, waive, or prejudice the Board's continuing and independent authority to address fire and life safety concerns, emergency access deficiencies, wildfire protection issues, or related public safety matters through new agenda items, policies, resolutions, or other official communications as the Board deems appropriate in the future;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Directors of the Southern Park County Fire Protection District, in regular session duly assembled on March 13, 2026, that:

**1. Tabling of the January 8, 2026 Draft Advisory Letter.** The Board of Directors hereby formally tables any further consideration, discussion, or action on the specific draft advisory letter



to Park County Development Services that was introduced by Director Mike Smith at the January 8, 2026 regular Board meeting. This tabling action applies solely to that specific draft document as introduced on January 8, 2026, and does not affect the Board's authority described in Section 3 of this Resolution.

**2. Formal Closure of this Matter.** This Resolution formally closes the matter with respect to the January 8, 2026 Draft Letter. The Board finds, consistent with the findings of the Board Chair's investigation report dated March 11, 2026, that Director Smith's preparation and internal circulation of the Draft Letter was within the scope of his authority as an elected director, consistent with applicable District policies, and that no unauthorized external transmission of the Draft Letter occurred. No further Board action, deliberation, or discussion regarding the January 8, 2026 Draft Letter is warranted or directed.

**3. Preservation of Board Authority.** This Resolution is without prejudice to the Board's ongoing and independent authority to address fire and life safety concerns, emergency access deficiencies, wildfire protection issues, or any related public safety matters affecting the District's service area through new agenda items, policies, resolutions, SOG amendments, or other official Board communications, as the Board deems appropriate. The tabling of the January 8, 2026 Draft Letter shall not be construed as a determination by the Board that the underlying public safety concerns identified in that draft are without merit or are not appropriate subjects for future Board consideration.

**4. Direction to Secretary.** The Board Secretary is hereby directed to: (a) include this Resolution and its adoption in the official minutes of the March 13, 2026 regular Board meeting; (b) retain a certified copy of this Resolution in the District's official records; and (c) cross-reference this Resolution with the record of the January 8, 2026 regular Board meeting in the District's meeting records.

**5. Effective Date.** This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption by the Board of Directors at the regular meeting of the Board held on March 13, 2026 and shall be recorded in the official minutes of the District.



**PASSAGE AND ADOPTION**

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED by the Board of Directors of the Southern Park County Fire Protection District at a duly noticed regular meeting of the Board held on March 13, 2026, by the following vote:

Director	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN
Sean English (Board Chair)	<b>AYE</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mike Brandt (Secretary/Treasurer)	<b>AYE</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mike Smith	<b>AYE</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mike Parrish	<b>AYE</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<b>AYE</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**ORIGINALS WITH SIGNATURES ON FILE AT STATION 1**

**ATTESTATION**

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned, being the duly authorized officers of the Board of Directors of the Southern Park County Fire Protection District, hereby attest to the adoption of this Resolution.

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**Sean English, Board Chair**  
*Southern Park County Fire Protection District*  
**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Mike Brandt, Secretary/Treasurer**  
*Southern Park County Fire Protection District*  
**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**CERTIFICATION**

I, Mike Brandt, Secretary/Treasurer of the Board of Directors of the Southern Park County Fire Protection District, Park County, Colorado, hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of Resolution No. **2026-03-07** duly adopted by the Board of Directors at a regular meeting held on March 13, 2026, at which a quorum was present and acting throughout.

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**Mike Brandt, Secretary/Treasurer**  
*Southern Park County Fire Protection District*  
**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_