



**REGULAR MEETING
BOARD PACKET**

Thursday, July 13, 2023

REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

GEORGETOWN FIRE DISTRICT

Board of Directors Meeting

Station 61 – 6283 Main Street, Georgetown, CA 95634

Thursday, July 13, 2023

9:00 A.M.

1. **CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL, AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
2. **ADOPTION OF AGENDA**
3. **PUBLIC COMMENT** – Any member of the public may address the Board on any matter within the jurisdictional authority of the District. Comments shall be limited to three minutes per person or such other time limit as may be imposed by the President to enable the Board to complete its agenda within a reasonable period.
4. **DIRECTORS ITEMS**
5. **CONSENT CALENDAR**
 - A. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
 - i. Minutes of June 29, 2023
 - ii. **Minutes of Special Meeting May 18, 2023**
 - B. **FINANCIAL INFORMATION**
 - i. Monthly Financials
 - ii. Budget Update
6. **CHIEFS REPORT**
7. **ACTION ITEMS**
 - A. Review and approve El Dorado Reginal Fire Authority Agreement (EDRFA)
 - B. Review and approve \$2,500 expense for the Law Offices of Meyers Nave to cover the initial costs of creating the legal format documents of the EDRFA

Recommendation: Approve the EDRFA agreement and initial \$2,500 start-up cost

ANNOUNCE CLOSED SESSION AND ADJOURN OPEN SESSION TO CLOSED SESSION

7. ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION

- A. Pursuant to Government Code 54957.6 Conference with Labor Negotiators
- B. Pursuant to Government Code 54957(b)(1) Public Employee Performance Evaluation

ADJOURN CLOSED SESSION AND OPEN REGULAR SESSION

8. REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION

9. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- A. Define Retiree Healthcare Benefits
- B. Define Bereavement Benefits

10. MEDIA CORRESPONDENCE

- A. Fire Station 88 Get a Reprieve
- B. Mt. Murphy Road Fire Scorches Half-Acre
- C. Quilt Show a Hit

11. PUBLIC COMMUNICATION

12. NEXT MEETING DATE AND ADJOURNMENT – Next Regular Meeting August 10, 2023

In compliance with The Americans with Disabilities Act, if you are a disabled person and you need a disability-related modification or accommodation to participate in this meeting via teleconference, please contact Chief Glenn Brown by telephone at 530.333.4111. Requests must be made as early as possible and at least one full business day before the start of the meeting.

In accordance with Government Code Section 54954.2(a), this agenda was posted on the District's front door at Georgetown Fire District, at 6281 Main Street, Georgetown, California, on February 3, 2023.

/s/ Glenn Brown
Chief Glenn W. Brown

July 7, 2023
Date

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MINUTES
SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA

GEORGETOWN FIRE DISTRICT
Board of Directors Meeting
Station 61 6283 Main Street, Georgetown, CA 95634
Thursday, June 29, 2023
9:00 A.M.

1. CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL, AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

CALL TO ORDER: 9:03 A.M.

Roll Call:

Director Davis – Present
Director Anderson –Present
Director Williams – Present
Director Brown –Present
Director Webb – Present

Director Davis led the pledge of allegiance

Also Present:

Fire Chief - Glenn Brown

Administrative Assistant – Brandi Scowcroft

Fire Staff: Tom McGrady Andrew Gregory, Susan Johnson, Adam Harnage, Ken Pauley, Jeremiah Norrell

ANNOUNCE CLOSED SESSION AND ADJOURN OPEN SESSION TO CLOSED SESSION

2. ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION

A. Pursuant to Government Code 54957.6 Employee Negotiations

ADJOURN CLOSED SESSION AND OPEN REGULAR SESSION

A. ADJORNED AT 9:56 A.M.

3. REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION - No decision made. Readdress @ next meeting

4. DIRECTORES ITEMS

- A. STATION 64 FENCING
- B. PAINT BAY DOORS

5. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- i. Minutes of June 8, 2023

Director Anderson motioned to accept the agenda as presented. **Director Brown** seconded the motion.

Roll Call:

Director Davis - Aye

Director Anderson -Aye

Director Williams - Aye

Director Brown - Aye

Director Webb - Aye

The motion passes.

- 6. PUBLIC COMMENT** – Any public member may address the Board on any matter within the jurisdictional authority of the district. Comments shall be limited to three minutes per person or such other time limit as may be imposed by the President to enable the Board to complete its agenda within a reasonable period.

7. PROCLAMATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

- A. Mosquito Fire Chili Cookoff
B. Sacramento Autorama
C. Auction made \$9,066

8. ACTION ITEMS

- A. Battalion Chief Pay Scale and Stipend

Director Anderson motioned to accept the agenda as presented. **Director Brown** seconded the motion.

Roll Call:

Director Davis - Aye

Director Anderson - Aye

Director Williams - Aye

Director Brown - Aye

Director Webb - Aye

The motion passes.

- B. Mountain Enterprise Lease - Discuss Hwy 193 lease options

Month-to-month

- C. 56-Hour Engine Staffing – Modify Engine staffing schedule from 40 hours per week to 56 hours per week and 24/7 staffing

Director Webb motioned to accept the agenda as presented. **Director Williams** seconded the motion.

Roll Call:

Director Davis - Aye

Director Anderson - Aye

Director Williams - Aye

Director Brown - Aye

Director Webb - Aye

The motion passes.

- D. Benefit Changes – Back to negotiations

Roll Call:

Director Davis - Aye

Director Anderson - Aye

Director Williams - Nye

Director Brown - Aye

Director Webb - Aye

The motion did not pass.

- E. Holiday Schedule – Review and update to comply with Federal, State holidays guidelines

As is – No motion

- F. Budget Adoption - Adopt preliminary 2023/2024 District and JPA budgets

District: Director Webb motioned to accept the agenda as presented. **Director Brown** seconded the motion.

Roll Call:

Director Davis - Nye

Director Anderson - Aye

Director Williams - Aye

Director Brown - Aye

Director Webb - Aye

The motion passes.

JPA: Director Williams motioned to accept the agenda as presented.
Director Brown seconded the motion.

Roll Call:

Director Davis - Aye
Director Anderson - Aye
Director Williams - Aye
Director Brown - Aye
Director Webb - Aye

The motion passes.

9. MEDIA CORRESPONDENCE

- A. Station 88's Fate to be Decided
- B. Needle Nellies Quilt Show
- C. Bid of Surplus Items

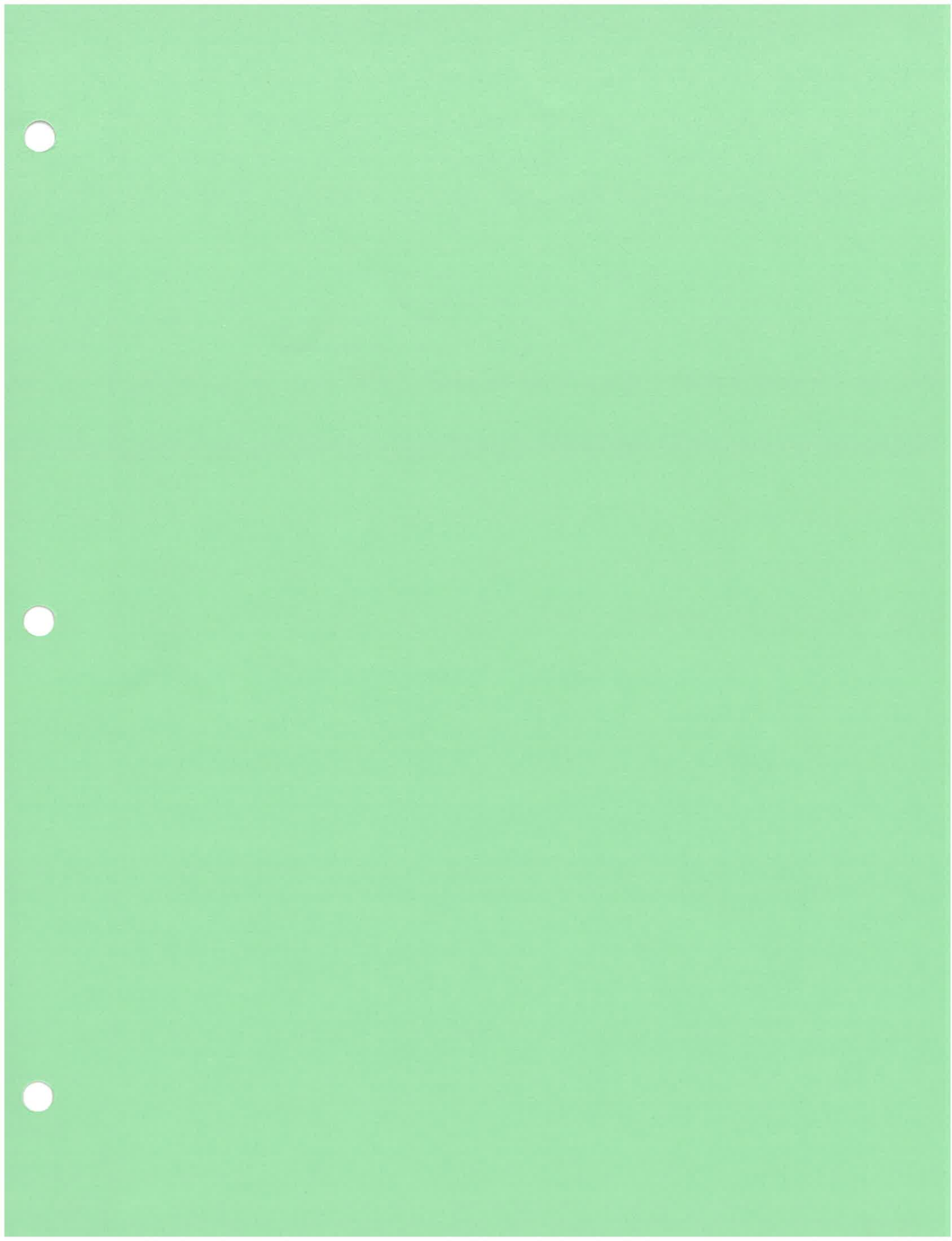
10. NEXT MEETING DATE AND ADJOURNMENT – Next Regular Meeting July 13, 2023

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In accordance with Government Code Section 54954.2(a), this agenda was posted on the district's front door at Georgetown Fire District, at 6281 Main Street, Georgetown, California, on May 16, 2023.

/s/ Glenn Brown

June 23, 2023



MINUTES

SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA

GEORGETOWN FIRE DISTRICT
Board of Directors Meeting
Station 61 – 6283 Main Street, Georgetown CA 95634
Thursday, May 18, 2023
9:00 A.M.

1. CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Director Webb motioned to adopt the agenda. **Director Williams** seconded the motion.

Roll Call:

President Davis	Aye
V. President Anderson	Aye
Director Brown	Aye
Director Williams	Aye
Director Webb	Aye

The motion passes.

PUBLIC COMMENT – Any member of the public may address the Board on any matter within the jurisdictional authority of the District. Comments shall be limited to three minutes per person, or such other time limit as may be imposed by the President, to enable the Board to complete its agenda within a reasonable period.

3. ACTION ITEMS

A. Adoption of Amended 2022/2023 Budget

- i. Recommendation: approve amended budget

Director Anderson motioned to adopt the agenda. **Director Brown** seconded the motion.

Roll Call:

President Davis	Aye
V. President Anderson	Aye
Director Brown	Aye
Director Williams	Aye
Director Webb	Aye

4. NEXT MEETING DATE AND ADJOURNMENT – Next Regular Meeting Thursday, June 8, 2023

Adjourned 10:05

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/s/ Glenn Brown
Chief Glenn W. Brown

May 18, 2023
Date

Georgetown Fire Special Meeting – May 18, 2023



The El Dorado County Sheriff's Office Rook tactical vehicle was among the resources called in during a standoff near Georgetown July 1. Photo courtesy of Matthew Cullum

News

Suspect arrested after hours-long standoff

By **Mountain Democrat staff**

A man attempting to evade authorities July 1 drove down a U.S. Forest Service Road near Georgetown and got stuck, leading to a standoff with El Dorado County sheriff's deputies.

California Department of Fish and Wildlife officers had initially attempted to stop the driver, Franklin Shaffer, 38, on a vehicle code violation, according to CDFW

News

2 injured in off-road rollover at Loon Lake

By Isaac Streeter

The Georgetown Fire Department along with automatic and mutual aid resources from the U.S. Forest Service, California Highway Patrol and CALSTAR air ambulance responded to an off-road vehicle roll over on Ice House Road near Loon Lake Monday, July 1, at 4:29 p.m.

The driver of the Can-Am Maverick off-road, side-by-side vehicle was identified by CHP public information officer Andrew Brown as 27-year-old Brandon E. Pierce of Yuba City and his passenger as 26-year-old Oscar Vargas-Cervantes of Sacramento.

Pierce was suspected of being intoxicated while driving the vehicle and was arrested for charges related to DUI causing injury. He was taken into custody by CHP officers at the scene. Vargas-Cervantes was transported via CALSTAR air ambulance to Renown Medical Center in Reno, Nev., due to possible serious head injuries.

Two Georgetown Fire Department volunteers arrived quickly at the scene and began providing advanced life support care. They reported the vehicle had rolled over approximately 50 feet off the roadway. Both Pierce and Vargas-Cervantes sustained injuries but were not trapped when first responders arrived.

Brown also noted that off-highway vehicles such as side-by-sides are not permitted on Ice House Road and DUI is “always prohibited everywhere.”

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PLACERVILLE, CALIFORNIA

News

Wentworth Springs head-on sends 11 to area hospitals

By **Eric Jaramishian**

Eleven people were injured and sent to different area hospitals, some by air ambulance, following a head-on vehicle collision on Wentworth Springs Road east of Sand Mountain Road in Quintette July 9.

First responders were called to the collision around 2:10 p.m., which involved a 2013 Toyota Sienna traveling eastbound carrying six passengers, driven by 46-year-old Sacramento resident Ivan Buzulan, and a westbound 2016 Ford Explorer carrying three passengers driven by 30-year-old Sacramento resident Timothy Frost.

An initial California Highway Patrol investigation found the passengers of the Toyota, including five teenagers between ages 13-15 and a juvenile, were not wearing seat belts and sustained various degrees of injuries, according to a report from CHP Officer Andrew Brown. Frost and three other passengers, including another adult and two children younger than 5 years old, sustained minor injuries.

Two helicopters from CALSTAR and one from CHP were used to transport two patients to Sutter Roseville Medical Center and two to UC Davis Medical Center, while Georgetown Fire Department and El Dorado County Fire Protection District ambulances took the other seven patients to Sutter Roseville Medical, UC Davis Medical and Marshall Hospital.

The cause of the collision is under investigation. DUI is not suspected, according to Brown.

No arrests were made at the time of the crash. Georgetown Fire, CHP, Garden Valley Fire Protection District, El Dorado County Sheriff's Office, Cal Fire and El Dorado County Fire personnel responded to the incident.

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Fire chief finds his Mayberry

Kat Mendenhall
Staff writer

Shortly after Georgetown Fire Chief Glenn Brown arrived in Georgetown he was known to say, "I have found my Mayberry," as he compared his Georgetown experience to the "Andy Griffith Show."

Brown especially wanted to duplicate the scene at the opening of the "Andy Griffith Show" where Andy's character Sheriff Andy Taylor and Ron Howard who plays Andy's son Opie are headed to the fishing hole. This scene is memorialized by the bronze statue located at the "Andy Griffith Museum" in Mount Airy, N.C.

Recently Brown's twin grandchildren



Courtesy photos

A bronze statue replicating the opening sequence of the "Andy Griffith Show" as Andy Griffith (as Sheriff Andy Taylor) and Ron Howard (who played Andy's son Opie) walked to the fishing hole.

Henry and Hazel and his daughter Amanda visited. Brown was able to duplicate the moment in a photo as he and the grandkids headed for the fishing hole.

He said, "Grands are

back home safe but Andy Griffith has nuttin' on me! I already miss Hazel, Henry and my daughter Amanda. It was a great five days though ... It's official, I found my Mayberry."



Georgetown Fire Chief Glenn Brown is pictured with his twin grandchildren Henry and Hazel.

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**JOINT POWERS AGREEMENT
OF THE
EL DORADO REGIONAL FIRE AUTHORITY (EDRFA)**

THIS MASTER JOINT POWERS AGREEMENT (“JPA”) is made and entered into this 1st day of August 2023 by and among the Garden Valley Fire Protection District (“GVFD”), the Georgetown Fire Protection District (“GFD”), the Mosquito Fire Protection District (“MFD”), and the Rescue Fire Protection District (“RFD”), all of which are independent fire protection districts formed and organized under the Fire Protection District Law of 1987 (Health and Safety Code sections 13800–13970) or its statutory predecessors. Each party may be referred to in this JPA as a “party” or collectively as “parties.”

RECITALS

WHEREAS, GVFD, GFD, MFD, and RFD are public agencies providing fire protection services within El Dorado County, the State of California; and

WHEREAS, the jurisdictions of GVFD, GFD, MFD, and RFD have close boundaries; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of GVFD, GFD, MFD, and RFD desire to provide the highest level of services within budgetary constraints; and

WHEREAS, within this one agreement, each district has agreed to cooperate with the others in sharing personnel and equipment resources to provide cross-training, efficiently utilize personnel and resources, firefighting response, emergency medical response within all the districts, and cost savings.

AGREEMENT

NOW THEREFORE, for and in consideration of the mutual advantages to be derived from the mutual covenants herein contained, it is agreed by and between the parties hereto as follows:

**SECTION 1
PURPOSES AND POWERS**

1.1. Authority

The parties intend to jointly exercise their common powers pursuant to the provisions of Joint Exercise of Powers Act (Government Code sections 6500-6599.3). The terms “Members” or “Member Agencies” shall mean the public entity(s) or agency(s) that are signatories to this JPA. The parties intend to eventually create a separate entity pursuant to the Joint Exercise of Powers Act, which creation would require an

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amendment to or termination of this JPA. Where acting jointly pursuant to this JPA, the parties may refer to themselves jointly as the El Dorado Regional Fire Authority (“EDRFA”), although it is expressly declared that EDRFA is not a separate legal entity.

1.2. Purpose

The general purpose of the JPA is to foster cooperation among the Member Agencies to provide the best possible Fire and Emergency Medical Services (the “Services”) in the operational areas of the Member Agencies and their mutual and automatic aid partners, with the eventual, tentative goal of creating a separate entity to provide some or all of the Services provided pursuant to their common powers and potentially including other agencies.

The powers to be exercised are the following:

1.2.1. Political Strength

Through a collective voice, gain and maintain political strength within El Dorado County committees, boards, and partnerships to ensure adequate representation of Member Agencies’ community and department interests.

1.2.2. Additional Funding Opportunities

Seek additional funding opportunities through partnerships with El Dorado County and other third parties and support modifications to overall funding mechanisms.

1.2.3. Reduce Costs

Reduce costs by decreasing overall expenses through group purchasing and through coordination and development of shared services agreements among the parties or other agencies for benefits, administrative functions, contracts, and grants.

1.2.4. Operational Deployment Strategies

1.2.4.1. Leadership

Meet with County and other agency leaders to share the EDRFA vision and discuss and/or adjust strategies based on geopolitical and financial strategy.

1.2.4.2. Public Information

Create and deploy public information via websites, social media, traditional media, and town hall meetings.

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1.2.4.3. Administration

Evaluate “low-hanging” administrative cost-saving fruit and identify potential areas of shared benefits in reducing departmental costs and expenses.

1.2.4.4. Prevention

Evaluate the benefits and costs of a jointly funded Fire Prevention Officer to serve the parties.

1.2.4.5. Training

Create standardized operational guidelines and implement multi-company/agency training drills.

1.2.4.6. Operations

Assist and coordinate the parties’ continued provision of operational support via the existing Joint Operations Agreement.

1.3. General Powers

The EDRFA shall exercise in the manner herein provided the common powers of the Member Agencies, and/or inherent to any one Member Agency, as provided by the laws of the State of California, e.g., Fire Protection District Law of 1987, and all incidental, implied, expressed, or necessary powers for the accomplishment of the purposes of this Agreement, subject to the restrictions outlined in this Agreement.

1.4. Specified Powers

The EDRFA is hereby authorized to accept funds, contributions and grants from third parties, such as the County of El Dorado and the State of California, to distribute such funds in accordance with the instructions of the third party funder, contributor, or grantor, to expend such funds and contributions of Member Agencies for the purpose specified in section 1.2, and to otherwise perform the tasks necessary to meet the purposes set forth in section 1.2.

1.5. Restriction on Exercise of Powers

The exercise of the common power is subject to the restrictions upon the manner of exercising the power of the Georgetown Fire Protection District in accordance with 6509 of the Act.

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1.6. Administration of Agreement

The JPA will be administered by the EDRFA Board and one of the parties so designated by the EDRFA Board, with the party’s approval, shall be deemed the “agency” as that term is used in Government Code section 6508. The agency will utilize its own or another Member Agencies’ employees, to the extent authorized by the Member-Agency employer, to accomplish the EDRFA goals and objectives as may be approved by the EDRFA Board. It is expressly acknowledged that the services of the Member Agency as the agency may be made in lieu of and in satisfaction of contribution requirements, as may be determined by the Members.

1.7. Obligations of Authority

Reserved.

1.8. Conflict of Interest

Reserved.

1.9. Identification of Assets

The assets of each Member Agency contributed to the JPA shall retain identification of the Member Agency but may add identification of the EDRFA at the discretion of each Member Agency’s board of directors.

**SECTION 2
GOVERNANCE**

2.1. Governing Board

The EDRFA shall be administered by a Board of Directors (the “EDRFA Board”) consisting of 1 member of each of the Member Agencies’ board of directors (appointed by each Member Agency’s board). In addition, each Member Agency will nominate one Alternate Member to sit on the EDRFA Board for any meetings the actual member cannot attend.

2.2. Meetings of the Board of Directors

The EDRFA Board shall provide for regular meetings at dates/times/places fixed by resolution of the Board of Directors. The meetings will occur at a minimum of bi-monthly. The meetings shall be held and conducted in accordance with the provisions of the Brown Act. The Board shall ensure that each Member Agency is notified of Board meetings in accordance with the Brown Act’s requirements.

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Action may be taken at an EDRFA Board meeting only if boardmembers or alternates representing a supermajority (minimum 66.67%) of the total board seats are present.

2.3. Officers of the EDRFA

The EDRFA Board shall choose a Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson at its first regular meeting and then annually at the last meeting of the calendar year for the upcoming calendar year or following any resignations from the current Chairperson or Vice Chairperson.

The EDRFA Board will appoint a Fire Chief of one of the Member Agencies as the Chief Administrative Officer (“CAO”), subject to the approval of the Member Agency. The CAO will be the point of contact with the EDRFA Attorney to complete the formation documents, and be responsible for completing any other tasks and obligations assigned by the EDRFA Board. It is expressly acknowledged that the services of a Members’ employee may be made in lieu of and in satisfaction of contribution requirements, as may be determined by the Members.

2.4. Required Votes

The affirmative votes of a Super Majority (minimum 66.67%) of members of the EDRFA Board of Directors shall be required to take any action.

2.5. Voting

Each board member (or Alternate Member seated in a board member’s absence) shall have one vote.

2.6. Minutes

The Board shall assign an employee of a Member Agency, subject to the approval of the employee’s Member Agency, to keep minutes of the EDRFA Board meetings, and all records will be maintained at the Member Agency designated by the Board as the agency pursuant to Section 1.6. It is expressly acknowledged that the services of a Member’s employee may be made in lieu of and in satisfaction of contribution requirements, as may be determined by the Members.

2.7. Bylaws

The EDRFA Board may adopt Bylaws for conducting its meetings and affairs as are necessary and proper for the purposes herein.

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2.8. Initial Budget

As an initial contribution to the JPA's purposes, each Member Agency will provide, directly to the Meyers Nave, an amount of up to \$2,500 to cover the initial costs of creating the JPA.

2.9. Expenditures for the Approved Budget

The initial investment listed above will cover the costs of the initial formation of the EDRFA. Any future costs must be approved by a vote of the EDRFA Board. The parties may agree, in accordance with Government Code section 6504, to make contributions of public funds from their treasuries or personnel, property, or equipment for the purposes set forth in this agreement. The Board shall ensure that all funds it administers are strictly accounted for and report on all receipts and disbursements. The Board shall identify one of the parties to serve as its fiscal agent for such purpose. It is expressly acknowledged that the party's services as fiscal agent may be made in lieu of and in satisfaction of contribution requirements, as may be determined by the Members.

2.10. Employees of EDRFA Member Agencies.

All employees of the EDRFA Member agencies shall remain employees of their individual Member Agency, regardless of any services that they may provide at the direction of the Board.

2.11. Withdrawal

Any Member Agency may withdraw from the JPA. The withdrawing member agency must give the other Members 60 days' notice of the withdrawal. Any contributions made prior to the withdrawal, including the initial contribution, will not be refunded on withdrawal.

2.12. Termination.

Except to the extent that this Agreement expressly provides otherwise, the Parties may terminate this Agreement only by mutual written agreement. Upon termination, any surplus money on hand shall be returned in proportion to contributions (including the documented value of any in-kind contributions of personnel, property, or equipment) made.

2.13. Disposition, Division, and Distribution of Property

Since the EDRFA does not have the power to acquire property, the JPA need not provide for the disposition, division, or distribution of any property acquired as the result of the joint exercise of powers pursuant to Government Code section 6511.

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SECTION 3
Additional Provisions.

3.1. The members, whether acting jointly or individually, shall comply with all applicable laws, statutes, ordinances and regulations of any governmental authority having jurisdiction over the joint powers being exercised.

3.2. The parties note that Government Code section 6513 provides as follows:

All of the privileges and immunities from liability, exemptions from laws, ordinances and rules, all pension, relief, disability, workmen's compensation, and other benefits which apply to the activity of officers, agents or employees of any such public agency when performing their respective functions within the territorial limits of their respective public agencies, shall apply to them to the same degree and extent while engaged in the performance of any of their functions and duties extraterritorially under the provisions of this article.

3.3. The JPA shall continue in full force and effect unless terminated pursuant to Section 2.12 of this Agreement.

3.4. The JPA may be amended in writing at any time by the mutual consent of the parties. No amendment shall have any force or effect unless executed in writing by the then-current parties.

3.5. The persons executing the JPA on behalf of the parties hereto warrant that they are duly authorized to execute the JPA on behalf of said parties and that, by so executing the JPA, the parties hereto are formally bound to the provisions of the JPA.

3.6. All notices hereunder and communications regarding this Agreement, shall be effected by delivery of said notices in person or by depositing said notices in the U.S. mail, registered or certified mail, and addressed to the Fire Chief of the party.

3.7. The headings of all sections of the JPA are inserted solely for convenience of reference, and are not part of and not intended to govern, limit or aid in the construction or interpretation of any terms or provisions thereof.

3.8. Each of the terms and conditions of the JPA shall inure to the benefit of and shall bind, as the case may be, not only the parties hereto, but each and every one of the heirs, executors, administrators, successors, assignees, and legal representatives of the parties.

3.9. If any term, provision, covenant or condition of the JPA is held to be invalid, void or otherwise unenforceable, to any extent, by any court of competent

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jurisdiction, the remainder of the JPA shall not be affected thereby, and each term, provision, covenant or condition of this Agreement shall be valid and enforceable to the fullest extent permitted by law.

3.10. The JPA may be executed and delivered in any number of counterparts, each of which, when executed and delivered shall be deemed an original, and all of which together shall constitute the same Agreement. Facsimile signatures will not be permitted.

3.11. Each party shall promptly notify the other parties in writing of any legal impediment, change of circumstance, pending litigation, or any other event, occurrence, or condition that may adversely affect such party's ability to carry out and perform any of the duties, services, and/or obligations under the JPA.

3.12. The terms of the JPA are intended to confer benefits only on the parties to the JPA and to their heirs, executors, administrators, successors, assignees and legal representatives. No rights of action shall accrue to any other persons or entities under the JPA.

3.13. Each party shall not delegate or assign its rights or otherwise transfer its obligations, in whole or in part, under the JPA to any other person or entity without the prior written consent of all of the other parties.

3.14. The JPA shall be governed and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of California.

3.15. The JPA shall be made effective upon execution by all parties and approval of their respective governing bodies.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have caused this agreement to be executed the day and year first above written.

GARDEN VALLEY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT GEORGETOWN FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

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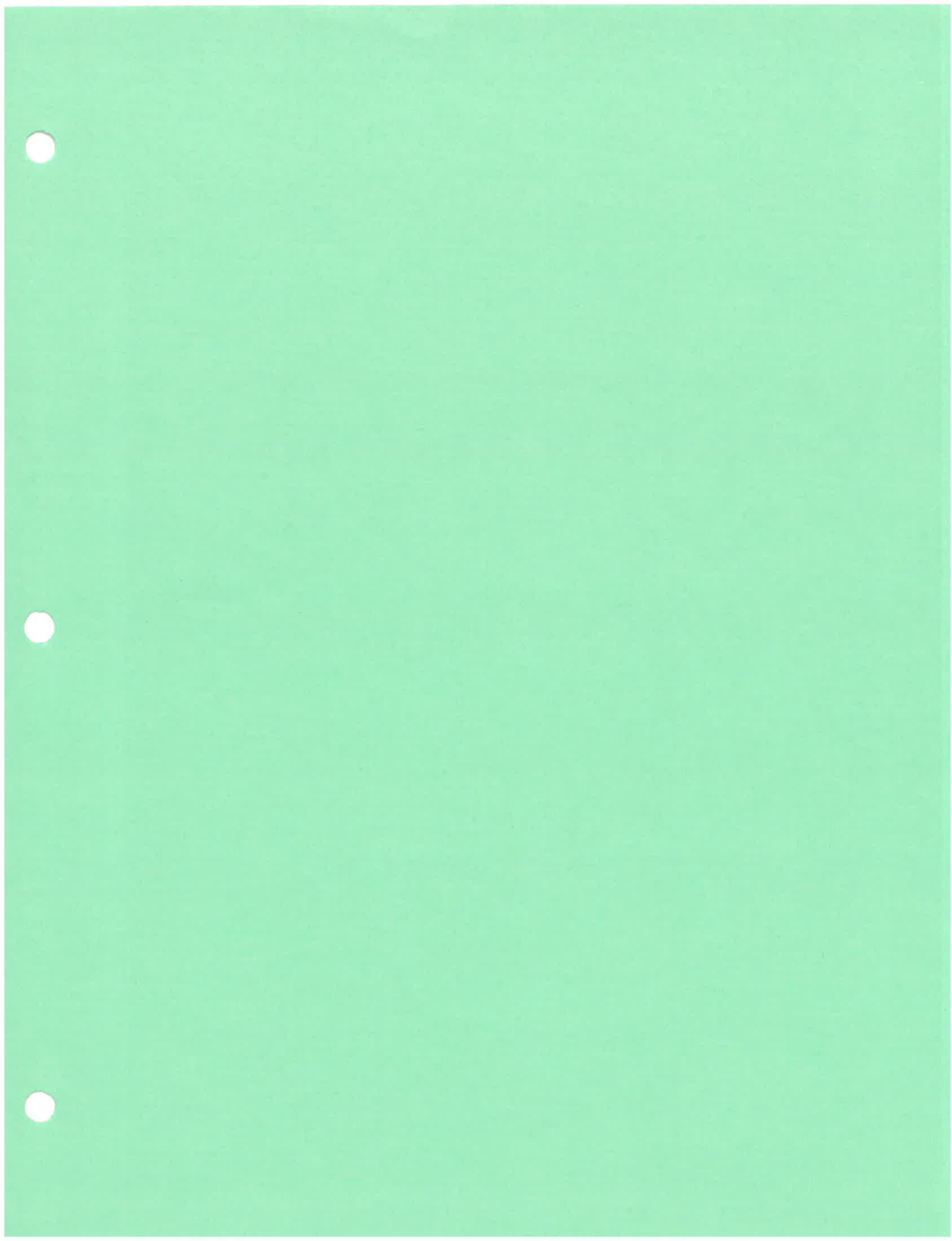
MOSQUITO FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

RESCUE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

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Mountain Democrat file photo by Eric Jaramishian

The Cameron Park Community Services District has found the funds to keep Cal Fire on contract — for now.

Fire Station 88 gets a reprieve

Mountain Democrat
Wednesday, June 28, 2023

Noel Stack
Managing editor

Cameron Park will keep both its fire stations open. After several public

meetings and months of negotiations, the Cameron Park Community Services District Board of Directors unanimously approved a two-year fire service agreement with Cal Fire that will keep Stations 88 and 89 fully staffed at an amount not to exceed \$10,601,450.

The agreement includes adding an additional firefighter position in 2023-34 followed by another in 2024-25. To offset some of that cost, a battalion chief position will be eliminated in 2024-25. CPCSD acting General Manager Jill Ritzman noted the contract comes with a termination/amendment

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clause “if our financial hardships continue or worsen,” which could result in the eventual closure of Station 88.

Preliminary budget figures estimate the district will have to use fund balance to cover an expected revenue shortfall of more than \$860,000 in its 2023-24 budget, which all directors agreed is not sustainable.

“We have to protect that account,” Director Monique Scobey said, stressing it is critical now to get the community involved in developing solutions that will keep the district in good financial standing over the long term.

Among the ideas staff and directors are exploring are a property tax assessment to help fund fire service, annexation/consolidation with another fire district and issuing a request for proposals for fire service. The CSD’s main source of revenue is property taxes, which directors noted are not growing at the same rate as neighboring communities like El Dorado Hills.

Staff is expected to come back to the board at its July meeting with budget cutting options to make that shortfall “a lot more manageable,” Ritzman said. She and staff will also have more information about steps the board must take to pursue the options listed above.

Director Eric Aiston said the district has grant applications pending, which could relieve some of the immediate budget pressure if awarded. He also pointed out that in the last few years the CPCSD has generously supported the community, both with its fire service through the West Slope mutual aid agreement and by opening the Cameron Park Community Center during major wildfires, for which,

he said, the district was only partially reimbursed. He encouraged staff to meet with El Dorado County leaders to see if they could allocate funds. “We need some help,” Aiston said.

Fire Chief Dusty Martin said the CSD will see some savings this coming fiscal year as Cal Fire has open positions within the Cameron Park Fire Department and it’s likely they won’t be filled for several months. He also stressed that whatever happens with regards to the CSD’s budget, “We’re not going to walk out and leave the community without fire service.”

Members of the public encouraged the board to support the contract while acknowledging the district’s tough financial position.

Cameron Park resident Barbara Rodgers said once again directors are kicking the can down the road rather than making necessary budget cuts. She encouraged directors to look at the “other side” of the CSD budget (recreation).

“If you do the right thing you’re going to shine in the eyes of the citizens,” Rodgers said. “But you’re not.”

Former El Dorado Hills fire chief Larry Fry doesn’t live within CSD boundaries but said Station 88 is the closest station to his home and has responded to family emergencies. He told the board keeping both stations open is “critical” to not only Cameron Park but the surrounding communities — a thought echoed by other fire officials at previous meetings.

CSD Director Dawn Wolfson said approving the two-year Cal Fire contract is not a difficult decision. The difficult decisions will come over the next few months as the board considers how to best serve the community and get its finances in order.

Mt. Murphy Road fire scorches half-acre

Gazette staff

Firefighters responded to a fire that burned one-half acre on the 5800 block of Mt. Murphy Road in Garden Valley June 15.

Numerous engines were on the scene, including from the Cal Fire and the Garden Valley and Georgetown fire departments. Two hand crews assisted — the Cal Fire Ponderosa crew and one crew out of

Growlersburg Conservation Camp, according to fire officials. The cause of the fire is under investigation.

The fire was quickly extinguished due to the rapid response of resources and there was no wind that day, state Garden Valley fire officials in a news release. All fire prevention districts remind the public that even though the temperatures have been unseasonably cool, grass and brush are starting to burn.

QUILT SHOW A HIT

Needle Nellies

News release

The Needle Nellies annual Outdoor Quilt Show June 10 began with a few raindrops but the day was a success. Members of the Needle Nellies thank everyone who came to see the beautiful quilts.

Viewer's choice awards were first place to Lynn Schardt for her "Zombie Drive In." There was a three-way tie for second and third place between Beth Donley's "SEW" quilt and Deb Ferguson's "Country Sheep" and "Ravens" quilts. Fireman's Choice went to Candy Brown for her "Barn Attic Window" quilt.



Courtesy photo

Candy Brown with Fire Captain Keith Harston as he presents her with the Fireman's Choice ribbon for her "Barn Attic Window" quilt.

Quilts take over Rotary Stamp Mill Park in Georgetown June 10.



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