

REGULAR MEETING AGENDA – MINUTES

GEORGETOWN FIRE DISTRICT
Station 61- 6283 Main Street, Georgetown, CA 95634
Friday, August 14, 2026, at 9:00 A.M.

1.0 CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL, AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Regular Board Meeting was called to order at 9:00 A.M. by President Davis.

Roll Call:

President Davis – Present

Vice President Webb – Present

Director Anderson – Present

Director Estrada – Present

Director Steward – Present

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

2.0 ADOPTION OF AGENDA

It was moved by Director Webb and seconded by Director Anderson to approve the agenda.

The motion carried as follows:

Ayes: Director Davis, Director Webb, Director Anderson, Director Estrada and Director Steward.

Noes: None.

Absent: None.

Abstain: None.

3.0 CONSENT CALENDAR

3.1 Approval of July 10, 2026, Regular Meeting Minutes and July 16, 2026, Special Meeting Minutes

3.2 Monthly Bills and Financial Reports

It was moved by Director Anderson and seconded by Director Webb to approve the Consent Calendar as presented.

The motion carried as follows:

Ayes: Director Davis, Director Webb, Director Anderson, Director Estrada and Director Steward.

Noes: None.

Absent: None.

Abstain: None.

4.0 PUBLIC COMMENT

To provide an update to the Board, Morgan Galliano, from the Forest Resource Collaborative, provided an update regarding the CRC grant. Additional information was needed from the District, and Morgan will follow up with Staff.

5.0 PRESENTATIONS AND RECOGNITIONS

5.1 Jeepers Jamboree Donation to the Georgetown Volunteer Department.

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To recognize the ongoing partnership between Jeepers Jamboree and the District, Bob Sweeney, President of Jeepers Jamboree, presented the Georgetown Volunteer Department with a \$5,000 donation from proceeds of this year's poker run.

Mr. Sweeney highlighted Jeepers Jamboree's long-standing commitment to supporting the community and recognized the District's participation in the event. He also commended Firefighter Cimmarusti and Firefighter/Medic O'Donoghue for providing medical support and their positive interactions with participants and children. In addition, recognized their participation in Kids Camp, where they provided first-aid demonstrations to approximately 100 children.

The Board discussed the District's annual boot drive, which is conducted during the Jeepers Jamboree event and generated nearly \$3,000 this year. The Board expressed appreciation for Jeepers Jamboree's continued support.

5.2 El Dorado County Emergency Preparedness, Healthcare Access, and Wildfire Prevention Initiative (Measure S).

To provide the Board with information on the proposed Measure S and its potential impact on local emergency services, Maia Schneider, Executive Director of Business and Strategy for Marshall Medical Center and representative of the Initiative, provided a presentation. Recently retired El Dorado County Fire Chief Tim Cordero also participated.

The presentation covered local fire district funding challenges, wildfire prevention, Marshall Medical Center's seismic requirements, hospital access, ambulance availability, and emergency response. The Board received an overview of the proposed 3/8 of 1 cent countywide sales tax, including the 30-year sunset, citizens oversight committee, allowable uses, and allocation methodology. Georgetown Fire District was identified as receiving approximately \$250,000 in the first year, with projected increases over the life of the measure.

The Board discussed the proposed funding allocations, potential impacts to emergency response and local fire protection, public messaging, and concerns regarding the ballot language and how the sales tax is presented. Public comment was received from Mike Sampson regarding support for Marshall Medical Center and concerns about the measure's wording.

It was moved by Director Steward and seconded by Director Estrada to adopt Resolution No. 2026-11 supporting Measure S.

The motion carried as follows:

Ayes: Director Davis, Director Webb, Director Anderson, Director Estrada, and Director Steward.

Noes: None.

Absent: None.

Abstain: None.

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5.3 PPE Funding Proposal – Amended Budget – \$43,750.00

To address aging PPE, consider the District's financial position and take advantage of available VFA, VFC, and BEAR grant funding, the Board reviewed a proposal to purchase five sets of turnout gear at an estimated cost of \$43,750. The Board expressed concern that the budget amendment was being presented as a last-minute request without prior Ad-Hoc Finance Committee review. Staff explained that much of the District's existing PPE is approaching its service life or has exceeded its service life and reviewed anticipated funding sources, including JPA reimbursement, VFA and VFC grants, a potential volunteer contribution, and the BEAR grant.

It was moved by Director Estrada and seconded by Director Anderson to amend Object Code 4021 – Turnouts by \$43,750.00

The motion carried as follows:

Ayes: Director Davis, Director Anderson, Director Estrada, and Director Steward.

Noes: Director Webb.

Absent: None.

Abstain: None.

Following discussion of the expenditure, funding sources, and financial considerations, the Board directed staff to schedule follow-up with the Ad-Hoc Finance Committee.

6.0 FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT

To provide the Board with updates on District operations, deployments, prevention activities, and administrative matters, Chief Michalson, sitting in for Chief Norman, presented the Fire Chief's Report and read a statement prepared by Chief Norman.

The report included updates on current fire season activity and District deployments. Engine 361 was deployed on a strike team assignment and reassigned from the Gann Fire to the Timber Fire. The Board also received updates on a significant motorcycle accident involving a pediatric patient on Wentworth Springs Road and a structure fire in the Garden Valley area.

Staff reported on medical staffing for Jeepers Jamboree and Jeepers Family Jamboree. Firefighter Cimmarusti and Firefighter/Medic O'Donoghue provided medical support, receiving positive feedback. Four patients were flown from the event, with no major injuries reported.

The Board received an update on the completed helicopter dip tank, now mounted on a trailer and staged at Station 62, and efforts to expand its deployment opportunities through state and federal agreements.

Administrative updates included temporary payroll and claims processing for Mosquito Fire Protection District following the resignation of its administrative assistant. The Board discussed the scope and duration of the support, staff workload, time tracking, and reimbursement.

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The Board also received an update on increased prevention activity, including plan review for the Growlersburg Inmate Camp expansion. Staff reported that the District retained a consultant for its five-year development impact fee nexus study and would be completing the annual development impact fee report for the County.

Chief Norman's statement expressed appreciation to administrative and line personnel for their flexibility and continued support through the shared service agreement and noted improvements in organizational culture and morale, the District's financial position, and the efficiency of personnel and resources.

Chief Michalson also provided additional operational and fleet updates and responded to Board questions.

7.0 FLEET PROGRAM REPORT – A/O Cimmarusti

To provide the Board with an update on the condition and availability of the District's fleet, staff reported that Engine 361 was deployed and operating well. Engine 263 was serving as first-out and was undergoing repairs to address several mechanical issues.

The District's **older Type 1 Engine 61** remained listed for potential sale, with a fire department in West Virginia expressing interest. The District also has two water tenders, with Water Tender 62 available for deployment and Water Tender 63 serving as backup.

Staff reported that the former San Ramon engine had recently been started but continued to require repairs and would likely be listed for sale. The light fleet was reported to be in generally good condition. The squad was receiving steering service and new tires.

8.0 ANNOUNCEMENT OF CLOSED SESSION ITEMS AND ADJOURNMENT TO CLOSED SESSION

Time: 10:44 A.M.

ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION

Conference with Legal Counsel - Anticipated Litigation

Gov. Code § 54956.9(d)(2) & (d)(3)

8.1 A point has been reached where, in the opinion of the District Board on the advice of its legal counsel, based on the below-described existing facts and circumstances, there is a significant exposure to litigation against the Agency. A statement threatening litigation made by a person outside an open and public meeting on a specific matter within the responsibility of the legislative body. The official or employee of the local agency receiving knowledge of the threat has made a contemporaneous or other record of the statement prior to the meeting, which record shall be available for public inspection pursuant to Section 54957.5.

(Gov. Code § 54956.9(e)(5)) Glenn Brown

9.0 ADJOURN CLOSED SESSION AND RECONVENE OPEN SESSION

Time: 11:03 A.M.

10.0 REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION

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The Board reported that no action was taken during Closed Session.

11.0 FUTURE AGENDA TOPICS

To address financial matters requiring follow-up before the next Board meeting, the Board directed staff to schedule an Ad-Hoc Finance Committee meeting to review the PPE funding expenditure, related budget and reimbursement matters, and a workers' compensation invoice received in an amount significantly higher than the amount included in the preliminary budget. No formal motion or vote was taken.

The Board also discussed reviewing and improving the process for bringing significant expenditures forward for Board consideration, as well as developing a longer-term apparatus replacement strategy.

12.0 MEDIA –Media article was presented.

13.0 FUTURE MEETING AND ADJOURNMENT

To coordinate upcoming meetings and accommodate Board availability, the Board discussed the September schedule, including an early September Ad-Hoc Finance Committee meeting and the September 4 Strategic Planning Workshop, as well as potential conflicts with the September 11 Regular Board Meeting and the possibility of moving it to the following Friday.

The next Regular Board Meeting remained scheduled for Friday, September 11, 2026, at 9:00 A.M.

It was moved by Director Davis to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 11:07 A.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Julie Medsger
Board Clerk