

MINUTES

Tuesday February 24, 2026, 9:30 AM

Garden Valley Fire Protection District Board of Directors

4860 Marshall Road, Garden Valley 95633 530-333-1240

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CALL TO ORDER E. Hawkins, F. Edwards, R. Nail, S. Hoel and F. Clark are all present.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF QUORUM There is a quorum and the meeting begins.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE The pledge of allegiance is conducted.

1.0 ADOPT AGENDA The Board Requests to add an item for open forum 8.0. Chief Norman asks to strike item 6.2 as there is nothing to report. Director Clark motions to approve the agenda. Director Nail seconds the motion. All are in favor and the agenda is approved.

2.0 CORRESPONDENCE & COMMUNICATIONS Nothing to report.

3.0 Consent Calendar

- Approve January 27, 2026 Minutes
Director Hawkins motions to approve the minutes. Director Clark seconds the motion. All are in favor and the motion is approved.

4.0 INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS AND PUBLIC COMMENTS

Visitors are always welcomed at meetings of the Board of Directors and their suggestions and comments are encouraged. Those wishing to address the Board may do so when the item on the agenda is taken up prior to any action being taken by the Board, or under Communications. Oral Communications will be limited to 3 minutes per topic. The Board of Directors may vote to extend that time limit. Cherie Carlyon and Gina Posey are present.

5.0 CHIEFS REPORT Chief Reports about the big snow storm and the preposition that was put in place for that. This is our third one for storms since 2017 and we are getting better each time. Even though we did not get a lot of snow many folks up country did. We are still dealing with a lot of clean up from that and helping those that are still out of power. Georgetown CERT team was very active during the storm delivering fuel and supplies to a lot of elderly or those that just couldn't get to supplies. There was a structure fire out at Mosquito at the beginning of the month. Chief Norman as well as WT251 with Bryan Nixon went out there for a bit. That's it for significant call for February. For Fire Chiefs there is nothing notable to report, they meet next month. JPA had a special meeting a few weeks ago. The 9th medic unit RFP was conducted, the two agencies that put in for it tied. They redefined some of the scoring and added some clarifications and guidance. They will redo the their presentations with a totally new panel. Even with that delay, they are still on schedule for July 1. The Fire Safe Council asked Chief Norman to mention that they will be hosting the Divide Wildfire Expo on April 11th. In other updates: Robin Bement passed away. It was somewhat unexpected. There will be a celebration of life on March 7th at the VFW. The department will be present and participating in that. End of Report.

6.0 OLD BUSINESS

- 6.1 Fuels Management Program Update Battalion Chief Schwegler is at a 290 Class so Chief Norman gives his report. Two of the fuels crew members went to Class A driving school. The Fuels Crew work has been focusing on pole clearing and is at 25% completion. The Fire Safe Council is applying for a 30 acre fuel reduction grant off of Johntown Creek Road. The Fuels Crew will be conducting that work if they are awarded that grant. They participated in a prescribed fire burn out in the Georgetown Nature area. They are looking into funding for more burn prep and burning in that area. End of Report.

6.2 Fee Schedule Update- Strike from the agenda due to no report

7.0 NEW BUSINESS

7.1 FY 2026-27 Budget Update Chief Norman presents a report of where the district stand 6 month into the FY.

8.0 OPEN FOURM Director Hawkins reports he met with Mosquito via zoom. They are reaching out to discuss things they want to discuss. The have tentatively set a meet the for March 10th. They will

meet here at station 51. This is a committee meeting will only be two Board of Directors and it is closed to the public. In other announcements: at the last LAFCO meeting, they voted for annexation of El dorado county and Diamond Springs. County is absorbing Diamond Springs.

9.0 CLOSED SESSION

9.1 **Public Employment (Gov. Code § 54957)** Meet and Confer Regarding Fire Chief Contract

9.2 **CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS (Gov. Code § 54956.8)**

Property Address: 6534 Kelsey Rd. Placerville, CA 95677

Agency Negotiator: Paula Roggy

Negotiating Parties: Patti Smith Real Estate

Under Negotiation: Price

Terms of Payment

Both

10.0 REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION

9.1 Public Employment (Gov. Code § 54957) Meet and Confer Regarding Fire Chief Contract The BOD voted 5-0 to adopt the updated Contact.

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Property Address: 6534 Kelsey Rd. Placerville, CA 95677 nothing to report

11.0 ADJOURNMENT Director Edwards motions to adjourn. Director Nail seconds the motion. All are in favor and the meeting is adjourned at 10:13 am.