

SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, October 15, 2024, 9:30 AM

Garden Valley Fire Protection District Board of Directors
4860 Marshall Road, Garden Valley 95633 530-333-1240

CALL TO ORDER The meeting of the Garden Valley Fire Protection District Board of Directors was called to order with Directors E. Hawkins, F. Edwards, R. Nail, S. Hoel, and F. Clark present.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF QUORUM A quorum was announced, and the meeting began at 9:30 am

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE The pledge of allegiance was conducted.

1.0 ADOPT AGENDA The agenda was adopted unanimously after a motion by Director Clark, seconded by Director Nail.

2.0 INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS AND PUBLIC COMMENTS

Visitors are always welcome 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.

Several guests were introduced, including Chief Brown, Mike Webb, and other fire officials.

3.0 NEW BUSINESS

El Dorado Regional Fire Authority: Discussion and motion regarding membership: The main item of discussion was the district's membership in the El Dorado Regional Fire Authority (EDRFA). Director Edwards motioned to withdraw from EDRFA membership, which was seconded by Director Nail. The discussion revealed concerns about communication, structure, and decision-making within the EDRFA:

1. Concerns were raised about Chief Brown's meeting with CalFire without informing the EDRFA Board.
2. Issues with the voting structure and potential fiscal impacts on member agencies were discussed.
3. Chief Brown and EDRFA President Mike Webb urged the board to reconsider and get more involved in the authority.
4. Directors expressed worries about blurred lines of authority and decisions made without proper board approval.

After extensive discussion, a motion was made to give 90 days' notice to withdraw from EDRFA membership, with the option to rescind if concerns are addressed. The motion passed unanimously.

4.0 OPEN FORUM Nothing to report.

5.0 ADJOURNMENT Director Edwards motions to adjourn, Director Clark seconds. All are in favor and the meeting is adjourned at 10:28 am.