MINUTES

Tuesday, August 25, 2026 9:30 AM

Garden Valley Fire Protection District Board of Directors

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CALL TO ORDER E. Hawkins, F. Edwards, R. Nail, S. Hoel and F. Clark
The regular meeting of the Garden Valley Fire Protection District Board of Directors was called to order at 9:34 a.m. by the Board President.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF QUORUM A quorum was present. Director Sam Hull participated remotely via computer.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE The Pledge of Allegiance was led by the Board.

1.0 ADOPT AGENDA Staff advised the Board that a presentation by Marshall Medical Center had inadvertently not been included on the published agenda. Staff requested that the representatives be permitted to address the Board during public comment and that, if additional Board action were desired, the matter could be considered at a future special meeting. The Board agreed to allow the presentation during public comment.

A motion was made and seconded to adopt the agenda with the Marshall Medical Center presentation accommodated during public comment. The motion carried by voice vote, with the Board voting in favor**.**

2.0 CORRESPONDENCE & COMMUNICATIONS No correspondence or communications were reported.

3.0 Consent Calendar

- Approve July 28, 2026 minutes
- Monthly Bills/Financial Report

The consent calendar included the prior meeting minutes and monthly financial information. Staff explained that the monthly financial activity was lighter because the County closeout process resulted in a gap in certain bills; staff anticipated higher bills the following month.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the consent calendar. The motion carried by voice vote, with the Board voting in favor

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.

The Board invited public comment on matters not appearing on the agenda. No additional public comments were offered before the Marshall Medical Center presentation.

PUBLIC COMMENT / PRESENTATION – MARSHALL MEDICAL CENTER AND MEASURE S

Tim Cordero, a retired El Dorado County Fire Chief, and Maya Schneider, representing Marshall Medical Center in connection with the Measure S campaign, addressed the Board regarding Marshall Medical Center's seismic requirements, emergency medical services, wildfire preparedness, and Measure S.

Mr. Cordero stated that Marshall has invested approximately $70 million in its campuses toward seismic requirements and that additional state requirements have accompanied extensions of compliance deadlines. He described concerns regarding the effect a reduction in Marshall's emergency-care capacity could have on ambulance turnaround times and fire department availability.

Mr. Cordero explained ambulance “wall time,” during which ambulance personnel may remain with patients until hospital staff can accept care. He stated that extended transport and turnaround times could reduce ambulance and fire-engine availability for subsequent emergency calls, including Garden Valley's single-engine response capacity.

Mr. Cordero described Measure S as a citizen-led initiative proposing a three-eighths-of-one-cent countywide sales tax for 30 years. He stated that proposed revenues would support Marshall Medical Center capital needs, wildfire mitigation through a nonprofit organization, and participating fire districts. He identified potential fire-district uses including staffing, equipment, defensible-space inspection programs, and firefighter retention, subject to the measure's provisions and each district's priorities.

Ms. Schneider described the proposed measure's structure and stated that the citizen-initiative language would govern allocation of funds. She stated that the measure would sunset after 30 years and include a county-appointed citizens' oversight committee. She described three principal funding categories: fire districts, Marshall Medical Center capital, and a wildfire-prevention nonprofit.

Ms. Schneider stated that the measure would authorize Marshall Medical Center to issue revenue bonds supported by future sales-tax revenues, with the bonds capped at $125 million, and that the fire districts would receive an increasing share of revenues over the life of the measure as sales-tax revenues grow. She described the revenue projections as based on historical El Dorado County sales-tax data and conservative modeling assumptions.

The presenters also discussed voter polling, campaign activities, and opportunities for fire district directors and community members to participate in or endorse the initiative. The campaign website identified during the presentation was ElDoradoReady.org.

Board members asked questions regarding ambulance wall time, bond repayment, interest rates, revenue projections, and allocation of Measure S revenues. The presenters responded to the questions.

There was no formal Board action regarding endorsement of Measure S.

5.0 CHIEFS REPORT (A copy of the Chiefs Report is included with these minutes.)

6.0 OLD BUSINESS

6.1 Fuels Management Program Update: There are currently two active grant funded jobs with the fuels management program.

6.2 Update from Fire Advisory Working Group (Director Hawkins and Director Edwards to give an update on discussion with Mosquito FPD & El Dorado County.) Discussion and possible vote on Agreement for shared services. There was not a vote today as there is no agreement to vote on. Negotiations continue with a possible meeting date of September 3, 2026.

7.0 NEW BUSINESS

7.1 Resolution 2026-06 Fire Prevention Service Fees Modification – Approve resolution with updated service fees Director Edwards motions to approve with a seconds from Director Clark. All are in favor.

7.2 FY 2024-2025 Audit Management Letter. Approve responses to the FY24-25 audit management letter. This item is tabled until the next meeting as the letter was missed in the packet.

8.0 OPEN FORUM: Nothing to report

9.0 ADJOURNMENT: Director Edwards motions to adjourn with a second from Director Clark. All are in favor and the meeting is adjourned at 10:38 am.