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## GRASS VALLEY

### Measure B Meeting

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Thursday, May 22, 2025 at 12:00 PM

Council Chambers, Grass Valley City Hall | 125 East Main Street, Grass Valley, California

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## AGENDA

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## MEETING NOTICE

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Members of the public are encouraged to submit public comments via voicemail at (530) 274-4390 and email to [public@cityofgrassvalley.com](mailto:public@cityofgrassvalley.com). Comments will be reviewed and distributed before the meeting if received an hour prior to the meeting. Comments received after that will be addressed during the item and/or at the end of the meeting. The committee will have the option to modify their action on items based on comments received. Action may be taken on any agenda item.

Agenda materials, staff reports, and background information related to regular agenda items are available on the City's website: [www.cityofgrassvalley.com](http://www.cityofgrassvalley.com). Materials related to an item on this agenda submitted to the Committee after distribution of the agenda packet will be made available on the City of Grass Valley website at [www.cityofgrassvalley.com](http://www.cityofgrassvalley.com), subject to City staff's ability to post the documents before the meeting.

Please note, individuals who disrupt, disturb, impede, or render infeasible the orderly conduct of a meeting will receive one warning that, if they do not cease such behavior, they may be removed from the meeting. The chair has authority to order individuals removed if they do not cease their disruptive behavior following this warning. No warning is required before an individual is removed if that individual engages in a use of force or makes a true threat of force. (Gov. Code, § 54957.95.)

**Council Chambers are wheelchair accessible and listening devices are available. Other special accommodations may be requested to the City Clerk 72 hours in advance of the meeting by calling (530) 274-4390, we are happy to accommodate.**

**CALL TO ORDER**

**AGENDA APPROVAL**

**PUBLIC COMMENT** - *Members of the public are encouraged to submit public comments via voicemail at (530) 274-4390 and email to [public@cityofgrassvalley.com](mailto:public@cityofgrassvalley.com). There is a time limitation of three minutes per person. For items not on the agenda and within the jurisdiction or interest of the City, please address the Measure B Committee at this time. For items on the agenda please address the Committee when the number and subject matter are announced. Comments will be reviewed and distributed before the meeting if received an hour prior to meeting. Comments received after that will be addressed during the item and/or at the end of the meeting. The Measure B Committee will have the option to modify their action on items based on comments received. Action may be taken on any agenda item.*

**ADMINISTRATIVE**

1. Confirm the FY 25/26 Annual Budget expenditure Plan is consistent with Measure B  
**CEQA:** Not a Project.  
**Recommendation:** That the Citizen Oversight Committee confirm the FY 25/26 Annual Budget for Measure B.

**ADJOURN**

**POSTING NOTICE**

This is to certify that the above notice of a Measure B Meeting, scheduled for Thursday, May 22, 2025, at 12:00 p.m., was posted at City Hall, easily accessible to the public, as of 5:00 p.m. Wednesday, May 21, 2025, at 10:00 am.

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Taylor Whittingslow, City Clerk



## City of Grass Valley Measure B Citizen Oversight Committee Agenda Action Sheet

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**Prepared by:** Timothy M. Kiser, City Manager

**Council Meeting Date:** May 22, 2025

**Date Prepared:** May 20, 2025

**Agenda:** Administrative

**Background Information:** On October 24, 2023, the Grass Valley City Council unanimously adopted Resolution No. 2023-62 and Ordinance No. 826, marking a significant step for the community. These actions called for a local election on March 5, 2024, asking voters to consider a 3/8 percent general sales tax (transactions and use tax) to support Fire Resiliency and Vegetation Management initiatives.

As outlined in Ordinance No. 826, the City Council approved a detailed expenditure plan for the anticipated tax revenues, following a duly noticed public hearing. On March 5, Grass Valley voters narrowly approved Measure B, reinforcing the City's continued commitment to transparency, accountability, and responsible fiscal management, as demonstrated previously with Measure E.

Attached are the Measure B FY 25/26 budget exhibit and the originally approved expenditure plan approved by the City Council.

Staff recommends that the Citizens Oversight Committee review the attached proposed annual budget for Measure B funds and provide a recommendation to the City Council confirming that the planned use of funds is consistent with the intent and priorities established by Ordinance No. 826. Staff further recommend that the Committee support the phased implementation approach to ensure accountability, maximize community impact, and maintain alignment with Measure B's fire resiliency and vegetation management goals.

**City of Grass Valley**  
**Fiscal Year 2025-26 Proposed Budget**  
**Measure B Fund (Fund 207)**

		8/19/2024 Initial Budget Based Upon Projections	11/7/2024 Amended Expenditure Task	Estimated Budget FY 2024-25	Proposed Budget FY 2025-26
<b>Revenues:</b>					
207-40303	Measure B Sales Tax	\$ 2,000,000	2,000,000	1,820,000	2,576,000
204-45330	Strike Team Reimbursements	-	-	-	50,000
207-46100	Interest Earnings	-	-	5,000	5,000
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>		<b>\$ 2,000,000</b>	<b>2,000,000</b>	<b>1,825,000</b>	<b>2,631,000</b>
<b>Expenditures:</b>					
<b>Resiliency</b>					
<b>1A. Increasing Firefighters per Engine</b>		<b>\$ 530,000</b>		<b>486,383</b>	<b>1,069,472</b>
207-203-50010	Salaries - Regular			226,785	607,585
207-203-50020	Overtime			38,775	55,000
207-203-50021	FLSA Overtime			4,250	16,298
207-203-50022	Overtime - Strike Team			-	50,000
207-203-50110	FICA			23,370	48,553
207-203-50120	PERS Retirement			34,050	87,281
207-203-50125	PERS Unfunded Liability			-	19,406
207-203-50130	Health / Dental / Vision / Life Ins			45,230	99,549
207-203-50160	Uniform Allowance			5,100	10,800
207-203-51020	Operating Materials			95,000	55,000
207-203-51110	Contractual Services			13,000	10,000
207-203-54112	Conferences & Travel			823	10,000
<b>1B. Operate Vegetation Mgmt. Program</b>		<b>\$ 300,000</b>	<b>* See Note</b>	<b>158,516</b>	<b>353,606</b>
207-102-50010	Salaries - Regular			83,365	207,127
207-102-50020	Overtime			-	500
207-102-50110	FICA			5,990	15,887
207-102-50120	PERS Retirement			9,055	22,127
207-102-50125	PERS Unfunded Liability			-	16,753
207-102-50130	Health / Dental / Vision / Life Ins			22,090	49,172
207-102-50160	Uniform / Uniform Allowance			191	-
207-102-51010	Office Supplies			4,000	500
207-102-51011	Communications			225	540
207-102-51110	Contractual Services			30,600	40,000
207-102-54112	Conferences & Travel			3,000	1,000
<b>1C. Green Waste Pickup</b>		<b>TBD</b>		<b>-</b>	<b>100,000</b>
<b>Vegetation Mitigation</b>					
<b>2A. Fuel Reduction</b>		<b>\$ 100,000</b>		<b>24,000</b>	<b>1,578,000</b>
207-102-51015	Fuel & Oil			2,000	6,000
207-102-51020	Operating Materials			12,000	2,000
207-102-51110	Contractual Services			-	1,360,000 **
207-102-54126	Equipment Maintenance			10,000	10,000
<b>Additional Equipment Purchase</b>					<b>200,000</b>
<b>2B. Grants for Fuel Reduction Assistance</b>		<b>TBD</b>		<b>-</b>	<b>250,000</b>
<b>2C. Long-Term Green Waste Solutions</b>		<b>\$ 70,000</b>		<b>-</b>	<b>50,000</b>
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>		<b>\$ 1,000,000</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>668,899</b>	<b>3,401,078</b>
Excess (Deficit) of Revenues Over Expenditures		<b>\$ 1,000,000</b>	<b>2,000,000</b>	<b>1,156,101</b>	<b>(770,078)</b>
* Revised contracting work out proposal originally approved on 8/19/24 with hiring staff					
**Budgeted \$500,000 not used in FY 24/25 and moved to FY 25/26					
Beginning Fund Balance				<b>\$ -</b>	<b>1,156,101</b>
Ending Fund Balance				<b>\$ 1,156,101</b>	<b>386,023</b>

**RESOLUTION No. 2024-09**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GRASS VALLEY FORMALIZING EXPENDITURE PLAN FOR MARCH 5, 2024 ELECTION 3/8 PERCENT (0.00375) GENERAL SALES TAX (A TRANSACTIONS AND USE TAX) MEASURE FOR FIRE RESILIENCY AND VEGETATION MANAGEMENT**

**WHEREAS**, on October 24th, 2023, the Grass Valley City Council unanimously passed Resolution No. 2023-62 placing a general transactions and use tax Ordinance No. 826 (the "Ordinance") on the ballot for voter approval at the March 5, 2024 election; and

**WHEREAS**, if approved by voters, the Ordinance will impose a general tax ("Tax"), the revenues from which can fund firefighting personnel, wildfire risk land management, other fire safety measures, or any other lawful purpose of the City; and

**WHEREAS**, the Ordinance requires the City Council, after a noticed public hearing, to adopt a plan to expend the proceeds of the tax imposed.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GRASS VALLEY AS FOLLOWS:**

1. **Recitals.** The foregoing recitals are true and correct and incorporated herein.
2. **Expenditure Plan.** That the City Council approves the expenditure plan outlined below, delineating the utilization of funds should the general sales tax of 0.375% (.00375) be ratified by Grass Valley residents during the upcoming March 5, 2024 Election in adherence to the provisions set forth in Ordinance 826.

**Expenditure Plan  
3/8 Percent (.00375) Sales Tax increase**

50%/50% Split between Resiliency and Vegetation Mitigation (\$2.55 Million+/- to be generated annually)

- Resiliency – 50% of \$2.55 M or \$1.25+/- M Annually
  - Move Closer to National Standards by increasing from two to three Firefighters per engine (\$900K+/-)
  - \$250k to Operate a Veg. Management, Education& Inspection Program (up to 3 Personnel)
  - \$100K Annual Fire Vegetation / Green Waste Pickup/Drop-off
- Vegetation Mitigation - \$1.3+/- M (Contracted Work and Grants)
  - \$1 M – Fuel Reduction (140+/- Acres of Fuel Reduction around the City)
  - \$250k Creating Grants for residences/ businesses for assistance in Fuel Reductions (Priority on hardships and low income)
  - \$50k/yr. for long-term green waste solutions

3. **Effective Date.** This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.


4. **Certification.** The Grass Valley City Clerk shall attest to the passage and adoption of this Resolution and its approval by the City Council and shall cause the same to be listed in the records of the City.

**ADOPTED** as a Resolution by the City Council of the City of Grass Valley at a regular meeting thereof held on the 13th day of February, 2024, by the following vote:

AYES:	Councilmembers	Branstrom, Ivy, Hodge, & Mayor Arbuckle
NOES:	Councilmembers:	NONE
ABSENT:	Councilmembers:	Caravelli
ABSTAIN:	Councilmembers:	NONE

  
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Jan Arbuckle, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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Taylor Day, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

  
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Michael G. Colantuono, City Attorney