



GRASS VALLEY

City Council Regular Meeting, Capital Improvements Authority and Redevelopment "Successor Agency"

Tuesday, July 22, 2025 at 6:00 PM

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

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AGENDA

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**Mayor Hilary Hodge, Vice Mayor Haven Caravelli, Councilmember Jan Arbuckle,
Councilmember Joe Bonomolo, Councilmember Tom Ivy**

MEETING NOTICE

City Council welcomes you to attend the meetings electronically or in person at the City Hall Council Chambers, located at 125 E. Main St., Grass Valley, CA 95945. Regular Meetings are scheduled at 6:00 p.m. on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month. Your interest is encouraged and appreciated.

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CALL TO ORDER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

AGENDA APPROVAL - *The City Council reserves the right to hear items in a different order to accomplish business in the most efficient manner.*

REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION

INTRODUCTIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

1. Report from staff on a booth at the County Fair.
2. Update from staff on the cleanup event that occurred on July 16 at the site of the future Dorsey Marketplace.

PUBLIC COMMENT - *Members of the public are encouraged to submit public comments via voicemail at (530) 274-4390 and email to public@cityofgrassvalley.com. Comments will be reviewed and distributed before the meeting if received by 5pm. Comments received after 5pm will be addressed during the item and/or at the end of the meeting. Council will have the option to modify their action on items based on comments received. Action may be taken on any agenda item. There is a time limitation of three minutes per person for all emailed, voicemail, or in person comments, and only one type of public comment per person. Speaker cards are assigned for public comments that are on any items not on the agenda, and within the jurisdiction or interest of the City. Speaker Cards can be pulled until the opening of public comment at which time sign ups will no longer be allowed. These cards can be found at the City Clerks desk. If you wish to speak regarding a scheduled agenda item, please come to the podium when the item is announced. When recognized, please begin by providing your name and address for the record (optional). Thirty minutes of public comment will be heard under this item in order of the speaker card assigned and the remaining general public comments will be heard at the end of the meeting. We will begin with number one.*

CONSENT ITEMS - *All matters listed under the Consent Calendar are to be considered routine by the City Council and/or Grass Valley Redevelopment Agency and will be enacted by one motion in the form listed. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless, before the City Council and/or Grass Valley Redevelopment Agency votes on the motion to adopt, members of the Council and/or Agency, staff or the public request specific items to be removed from the Consent Calendar for separate discussion and action but Council action is required to do so (roll call vote). Unless the Council removes an item from the Consent Calendar for separate discussion, public comments are invited as to the consent calendar as a whole and limited to three minutes per person.*

- [3.](#) Approval of the Regular Meeting Minutes of July 8, 2025.

Recommendation: Council approve minutes as submitted.

4. Approving the Application for California Forest Improvement Program and Designating an authorized Representative

CEQA: Not a project

Recommendation: That the City Council authorize staff to apply for funding through the California Forest Improvement Program (CFIP) to support forest health improvements on City-owned properties of 20 acres or more. Additionally, designate the City Manager as the authorized agent to conduct all necessary negotiations and to execute and submit all required documents—including, but not limited to, applications, contracts, amendments, payment requests, and compliance certifications with all applicable state and federal laws—for the successful completion of the CFIP project.

5. Annual Approval of the Consumer Price Index (CPI) Adjustment to the Special Emergency Medical and Fire Response Tax.

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Recommendation: That Council 1) Approve a rate increase to the Special Emergency Medical and Fire Response Tax of 2.9% based on the December 2024 CPI. 2) Adopt Resolution 2025-40 requesting that the Nevada County Auditor place the adjusted Measure A special tax for 2025/2026 on the tax rolls.

ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT CALENDAR FOR DISCUSSION OR SEPARATE ACTION AND / OR ANY ADDED AGENDA ITEMS

REORGANIZATION RELATED ITEMS

PUBLIC HEARING

6. Collection of Delinquent Sewer and/or Water Accounts on the Nevada County Tax Roll

CEQA: Not a Project

Recommendation: After holding a public hearing, adopt Resolution 2025-39 requesting that the County of Nevada levy and collect delinquent sewer and water charges on the property tax roll.

ADMINISTRATIVE

7. Local Buyback and Compost Facility Feasibility Study - R3 Proposal

CEQA: Not a project

Recommendation: That the City Council 1) Review the proposal for a joint feasibility study with the City of Nevada City to evaluate the development of a shared facility for CRV (California Redemption Value) local buyback, clear plastic recycling, and composting; 2) Provide direction to staff regarding the City's participation in the proposed project; and 3) Authorize the City Manager to enter into any necessary agreements, subject to legal review, and approve the use of General Fund contingencies and Measure B funds to cover the City's share of the feasibility study cost in coordination with Nevada City.

8. Historical Commission Quarterly Update

CEQA: Not a project

Recommendation: That Council receives quarterly update from Historical Commission.

BRIEF REPORTS BY COUNCIL MEMBERS

CONTINUATION OF PUBLIC COMMENT

ADJOURN

POSTING NOTICE

This is to certify that the above notice of a meeting of The City Council, scheduled for Tuesday, July 22, 2025, at 6:00 p.m., was posted at city hall, easily accessible to the public, as of 5:00 p.m. Thursday, July 17, 2025.

Taylor Whittingslow, City Clerk



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MINUTES

Mayor Hilary Hodge, Vice Mayor Haven Caravelli, Councilmember Jan Arbuckle,
Councilmember Joe Bonomolo, Councilmember Tom Ivy

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order at 6:02PM.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Pledge of allegiance led by Mayor Hodge.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT

Councilmember Jan Arbuckle

Councilmember Joe Bonomolo

Councilmember Tom Ivy

Vice Mayor Haven Caravelli

Mayor Hilary Hodge

AGENDA APPROVAL

Tim Kiser, City Manager, requested that Item #8, Collection of Delinquent Sewer and/or Water Accounts on the Nevada County Tax Roll, be moved to the next Council meeting.

Motion made to approve the agenda with the continuation of item 8 to the July 22nd council meeting by Councilmember Arbuckle, Seconded by Vice Mayor Caravelli.

Voting Yea: Councilmember Arbuckle, Councilmember Bonomolo, Councilmember Ivy, Vice Mayor Caravelli, Mayor Hodge

REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION

INTRODUCTIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

PUBLIC COMMENT

Robin Galvin Davies & Mark Gold.

CONSENT ITEMS

Motion made to approve the consent by Councilmember Arbuckle, Seconded by Vice Mayor Caravelli.

Voting Yea: Councilmember Arbuckle, Councilmember Bonomolo, Councilmember Ivy, Vice Mayor Caravelli, Mayor Hodge

1. Approval of the Regular Meeting Minutes of June 24, 2025.

Recommendation: Council approve minutes as submitted.

2. Adoption of Historic Legacy Award Policy and Nomination Form

CEQA: Not a project

Recommendation: That the City Council adopt the Historic Legacy Award Policy and Nomination Form as presented.

3. Public Works Purchase of Sewer Inspection Van at a total cost of \$294,914.18

CEQA: Not a project

Recommendation: Council to authorize the Utilities Director to purchase new RapidView IBAK sewer inspection van from MME

4. Adoption of the Updated Injury and Illness Prevention Program (IIPP) and Heat Illness Prevention Plan (Indoor and Outdoor)

CEQA: Not a project

Recommendation: That the City Council adopt the updated Injury and Illness Prevention Program (IIPP) and the new Heat Illness Prevention Plan (Indoor and Outdoor) as submitted.

5. Amendment to the Professional Services Agreement with Bureau Veritas North America, Inc. for Building Services

CEQA: Not a project

Recommendation: That the City Council approve the Amendment to the Professional Services Agreement with Bureau Veritas North America, Inc., extending the contract term and updating the fee schedule, and authorize the City Manager to execute the amendment, subject to legal review.

6. Authorization for Deputy City Manager to Execute Amendment No. 2 to the Agreement with Michael Baker International for Grant Management Services

CEQA: Not a project

Recommendation: That the City Council authorize the Deputy City Manager to execute Amendment No. 2 to the Professional Services Agreement with Michael Baker International for continued HOME and CDBG grant administration services for Fiscal Year 2025-2026, subject to legal review.

7. Letter of Support - Letter of Support for Bear Yuba Land Trust's Acquisition of Cedar Ridge Preserve

CEQA: Not a Project.

Recommendation: That the City Council authorize the Mayor to sign a letter of support for Bear Yuba Land Trust's application to the Environmental Enhancement and Mitigation (EEM) Program for the acquisition of the 140-acre Cedar Ridge Preserve.

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REORGANIZATION RELATED ITEMS

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Recommendation: After holding a public hearing, adopt Resolution 2025-39 requesting that the County of Nevada levy and collect delinquent sewer and water charges on the property tax roll.

Item continued to the July 22, 2025 meeting.

ADMINISTRATIVE

BRIEF REPORTS BY COUNCIL MEMBERS

Councilmember Bonomolo participated in the 4th of July Parade and spoke about the upcoming Skate park AdHoc meeting. Councilmember Arbuckle participated in the 4th of July Parade, attended the Law Enforcement and Fire Council Meeting, League of Cal cities meeting on State budget, elected to be the Honorary Commander for Beale. Councilmember Ivy participated in the parade for the 4th, met with the Bear Yuba Land Trust about the possible Litton trail expansion, wants to agendize a conversation on the proposal to look into recycling options. Vice Mayor Caravelli attended the Center for the Arts board meeting, ERC Subcommittee for the Summit, GVDA board meeting, West Home ribbon cutting, and will not be at the next meeting. Mayor Hodge attended the Copland and Lauridsen concert, rode with Battalion Chief, James Drummond, in the 4th of July parade, and mentioned the upcoming shows at the Nevada Theater, Center for the Arts, Nevada County Arts Council.

ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned at 6:20 pm.

Hilary Hodge, Mayor _____

Taylor Whittingslow, City Clerk _____

Adopted: _____

Taylor Whittingslow

From: Nick Haris [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, July 8, 2025 4:55 PM
To: Public Comments
Subject: comment letter reagarding motorcyle parking
Attachments: Grass Valley letter.pdf

You don't often get email from [REDACTED] [Learn why this is important](#)

Please see attached.

Sincerely,

Nick
Nicholas Haris
Director of Government Relations
American Motorcyclist Association
(530) 306 3912
www.americanmotorcyclist.com





July 8, 2025

The Honorable Hilary Hodge
Mayor, Grass Valley, Calif.
125 E. Main Street,
Grass Valley, CA 95945

Dear Mayor Hodge and members of the City Council,

The American Motorcyclist Association (AMA) is a not-for-profit organization, founded in 1924 and incorporated in Ohio, with more than 225,000 enthusiast members nationwide, more than 30,000 of whom reside in California. Our members are interested in any action that may affect their enjoyment and use of on and off highway motorcycles.

It has come to our attention that the current repairs to S. Auburn and Main Street include the planned elimination of existing dedicated motorcycle parking spots in favor of additional automobile spots. As a longtime resident of Placerville myself I know firsthand the popularity of motorcycles throughout the foothills, especially during the spring and summer months. Riders seek out the beauty and history of the gold country, and this proposed elimination of a few decided spots seems shortsighted and one we request you reconsider.

Often we find that areas that are inappropriate for automobile parking are restricted/made into no parking areas when they would in fact be appropriate for dedicated motorcycle spots. We would also encourage you work with local riders (I would be happy to help put you in contact with some) who could assist in this effort.

Sincerely,

Nick Haris
Director of Government Relations
(530) 3906 3912

Taylor Whittingslow

From: Mark Gold [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, July 8, 2025 4:40 PM
To: Public Comments; Hilary Hodge
Cc: Nick Haris
Subject: Public Comment - City Council Meeting 7/8/2025

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Dear Mayor Hodge, Vice Mayor Caravelli, and esteemed City Council Members,

My name is Mark Gold, co-owner of Gold Rush Cookie Company, across the street from City Hall, and I ride a motorcycle.

As I understand it, with the repairs to S. Auburn and Main Streets will be the elimination of dedicated motorcycle parking in favor of increasing automobile parking. As of this moment, I am only aware of a single space located in front of Mountain Day Spa at 110 E. Main. This elimination is presumably to make up for the losses of parking spots due to the closure of Mill Street as well as the addition of parklets along Main Street. As someone who drives a car, I can understand the need for additional parking spaces. However, as someone who recently started riding a motorcycle most every single day, it has become clear that eliminating dedicated motorcycle parking should be reconsidered.

Why Grass Valley Needs Dedicated Motorcycle Parking on Main Street

As downtown Grass Valley continues to thrive as a cultural and commercial hub, it's time to consider smart infrastructure solutions that benefit both residents and visitors. One simple yet high-impact improvement: **Do not remove the dedicated motorcycle parking along Main Street, and instead, increase it.**

Here's why this change makes sense—economically, practically, and aesthetically—for our town:

More Parking with Less Space

Motorcycles take up significantly less space than cars. On average, **3-4 motorcycles can fit in the space of a single car, specifically in spaces such as those that run parallel to Main Street.** By converting even one or two car-length spots along Main Street into dedicated motorcycle areas, or if that is not an option, then other areas that are not suitable for automobiles to park that could be repurposed for motorcycle parking. By increasing the amount of available motorcycle parking, Grass Valley can **dramatically increase total vehicle capacity**—a critical benefit during peak tourist seasons, festivals, and weekends when motorcycle traffic increases. We also know that there are a lot of motorcycle riders in Nevada County. One needs to look no further than the annual toy run as an example of that. And with the mild winter we had and relatively mild summer so far, motorcycle ridership is up.

Support Local Businesses

Motorcyclists are mobile, loyal consumers who often plan their routes around convenient parking. I can tell you first-hand about this based on customers coming into my store. By providing visible, safe, and legal parking, Grass Valley becomes more attractive to riders passing through the Sierra Foothills—bringing increased foot traffic to our shops, cafes, and events. **More riders stopping = more dollars spent locally.**

Prevent Damage and Theft

Motorcycles parked randomly are more vulnerable to being knocked over by cars or tampered with. A few **well-placed, well-marked spaces** along Main Street (with clear signage) show that the city supports motorcycle use and takes rider safety seriously. That's a small investment with big returns in goodwill and damage prevention.

Encourage Low-Impact Transportation

Motorcycles produce less congestion and lower emissions than cars. Encouraging two-wheel transportation helps Grass Valley meet **sustainability and traffic-reduction goals**—especially important in a compact, historic downtown where road space is limited.

Celebrate Our Culture of Open Roads

Grass Valley sits at the gateway to some of Northern California's most scenic motorcycle routes including Hwy 49 and Hwy 20. Riders already come through town regularly. By creating visible, dedicated parking, we send a clear message: **you're welcome here**. This kind of rider-friendly infrastructure can turn Grass Valley into a must-stop destination.

In Summary:

Dedicated motorcycle parking on Main Street would:

- Increase total vehicle capacity without needing more space
- Boost business by attracting motorcycle tourism
- Protect motorcycles from damage
- Encourage environmentally friendly transport
- Celebrate the freedom and culture that define our region

I am happy to work with the Grass Valley City Council, the City Engineer Bjorn Jones, and others to help come up with suitable alternatives to completely eliminating motorcycle parking in downtown. Our two-wheeled community both near and far will appreciate the effort to accommodate them.

Mark Gold
Co-Owner
Gold Rush Cookie Company



Taylor Whittingslow

From: Janet Sambucetti <info@cityofgrassvalley.com>
Sent: Monday, July 7, 2025 5:48 PM
To: COGV General Voicemail
Subject: Form submission from: Contact us



07/07/2025 - 5:47pm

City of Grass Valley »

WEBFORM SUBMISSION

Submitted by anonymous user: [2607:fb91:792d:8406::b252]

Your name:
Janet Sambucetti

Your e-mail:

[REDACTED]

Your Phone Number:

[REDACTED]

Message:

I highly encourage our city council to take immediate local action in response to the rise of masked, unidentifiable law enforcement, ICE overreach, and the targeting of immigrants and political dissenters, including students and lawful residents.

This isn't just a federal issue; it's a local emergency, and our city must act to protect its people.

I'm asking each Councilmember to:

Pass a city ordinance requiring visible identification for all law enforcement operating in our city, including federal agents.

Ban local police from cooperating with ICE operations, especially those happening without warrants or clear legal justification.

Work with schools, universities, and hospitals to strengthen local sanctuary policies and rapid response systems when federal agents show up.

I hope you'll lead on this and protect our community.

Thank you.

Janet Sambucetti

Attachment(s) (if applicable):

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CITY OF GRASS VALLEY CITY COUNCIL MEETING

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT SIGN IN SHEET

7/8/2015
Item # 3.

WELCOME to the City of Grass Valley City Council meeting! Public Comments provide an opportunity for the public to address the City Council on any subject which is not on the agenda but in the jurisdiction of the council. If you wish to speak, please indicate in the appropriate box when you sign in and take the number corresponding to your name. Each individual can have up to 3 minutes of public comment. At the beginning of the meeting, there will be an allotted 30 minutes of general public comments and the remainder of comments will be heard at the end of the agenda. Speakers will be called in order of the numbers given.

When you are recognized by the mayor:

1. Please stand before the podium and give your name and address. (optional)
2. Please limit your comments to three minutes per speaker.
3. If previous speakers have made the same point, you may simply indicate your support or disagreement, unless you have new information.

Thank you for your participation.

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City of Grass Valley City Council Agenda Action Sheet

Title: Approving the Application for California Forest Improvement Program and Designating an authorized Representative

CEQA: Not a project

Recommendation: That the City Council authorize staff to apply for funding through the California Forest Improvement Program (CFIP) to support forest health improvements on City-owned properties of 20 acres or more. Additionally, designate the City Manager as the authorized agent to conduct all necessary negotiations and to execute and submit all required documents—including, but not limited to, applications, contracts, amendments, payment requests, and compliance certifications with all applicable state and federal laws—for the successful completion of the CFIP project.

Prepared by: Tim Kiser, City Manager

Council Meeting Date: 07/22/2025

Date Prepared: 07/15/2025

Agenda: Consent

Background Information: The City of Grass Valley is exploring opportunities to improve forest health on City-owned properties through proactive vegetation management practices such as selective tree thinning, pruning, and brush clearing. These efforts are aimed at enhancing ecological resilience, and promoting long-term forest sustainability.

To support this work, the City intends to apply for funding through the California Forest Improvement Program (CFIP), a state-funded initiative administered by CAL FIRE. The purpose of CFIP is to encourage both private and public investment in the improved management of California's forestlands. The program promotes forest productivity, environmental stewardship, and economic benefits—while ensuring that forests remain healthy and resilient for future generations.

CFIP provides cost-share assistance to eligible landowners—including public agencies—for properties ranging from 20 to 5,000 acres.

Participation in the California Forest Improvement Program (CFIP) would enable the City to leverage state funding to implement high-priority forest health projects on City-owned lands. These efforts will enhance community safety, protect vital natural resources, and strengthen overall forest resiliency. The City is currently preparing to apply for funding to improve forest conditions on more than 240 acres of City-owned property, including open space near Loma Rica Ranch, Condon Park, the Wolf Creek

Trail corridor, and areas surrounding the City's Wastewater Treatment Plant and Corporation Yards.

As part of the CFIP, the City needs to designate a representative to act as authorized agent to conduct all necessary negotiations and to execute and submit all required documents—including, but not limited to, applications, contracts, amendments, payment requests, and compliance certifications with all applicable state and federal laws—for the successful completion of the CFIP project. Staff is recommend the City Manager be designated as the authorized agent for the CFIP for the City.

Council Goals/Objectives: The execution of this action attempts to achieve the following Strategic Goals - Community and Sense of Place.

Fiscal Impact: The areas identified for treatment were originally planned to be cleared using Measure B funds. However, if the City is awarded CFIP funding, a significant portion of those costs would be reimbursed by the State through the program. This would allow the City to preserve a substantial amount of Measure B funds for other potential projects and priorities.

Funds Available: Yes

Account #: TBD

Reviewed by: City Manager

Attachments: None



City of Grass Valley City Council Agenda Action Sheet

Title: Annual Approval of the Consumer Price Index (CPI) Adjustment to the Special Emergency Medical and Fire Response Tax.

CEQA: Not a Project

Recommendation: That Council 1) Approve a rate increase to the Special Emergency Medical and Fire Response Tax of 2.9% based on the December 2024 CPI. 2) Adopt Resolution 2025-40 requesting that the Nevada County Auditor place the adjusted Measure A special tax for 2025/2026 on the tax rolls.

Prepared by: Mark Buttron- Fire Chief

Council Meeting Date: 07/22/2025

Date Prepared: 07/14/2025

Agenda: Consent

Background Information: In June of 1997 the voters of the City of Grass Valley approved the Special Emergency Medical and Fire Response Tax (Measure A) to fund three additional firefighters. The voter approval contained a provision allowing for an annual inflation adjustment to the special tax based upon the CPI-All U.S. Cities for the prior calendar year, not to exceed 5%. That adjustment is necessary in order to maintain ongoing funding for the three firefighters. The CPI for the year ending December 2024 was 2.9%.

The 2025/2026 Special Emergency Medical and Fire Response Tax with the December 2024 CPI applied are as follows:

Council Goals/Objectives: Exceptional Public Safety consistent with the City of Grass Valley Strategic Plan

Fiscal Year 2025/2026

Classification	FY 24/25 Existing	2024 CPI Increase 2.90%	FY 25/26 New Fee	Adjusted per Nevada County Auditor	Adjusted Fee
Single Family Residential (per parcel)	\$52.36	\$1.52	\$53.88		\$53.88
Multi-Family (per unit-duplex or larger)	\$25.46	\$0.74	\$26.20		\$26.20
Mobile Home Park (per unit)	\$36.18	\$1.05	\$37.23	(0.01)	\$37.22
Commercial / Industrial (per business)	\$56.12	\$1.63	\$57.75	(0.01)	\$57.74
Any Other Improved Parcel	\$55.36	\$1.61	\$56.97	(0.01)	\$56.96
Any Unimproved Buildable Parcel	\$18.38	\$0.53	\$18.91	(0.01)	\$18.90

Fiscal Impact: N/A

Funds Available: N/A

Account #:

Reviewed by:

Attachments: Resolution 2025-40

**RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE COUNTY AUDITOR TO PLACE THE CURRENT
SPECIAL EMERGENCY MEDICAL AND FIRE RESPONSE TAX ON THE PROPERTY
TAX ROLL FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025**

WHEREAS, on March 11, 1997, the City Council adopted Resolution No. 97-22, calling for a Special Municipal Election to be held in the City of Grass Valley on June 3, 1997 for the purpose of submitting to the qualified voters of the City the issue as to whether to impose a special emergency medical and fire response tax (Measure A); and

WHEREAS, a Special Election was held in the County of Nevada for the City of Grass Valley on the 3rd day of June 1997, in accordance with the provisions of the City Charter, California Elections Code, and other State Laws concerning election matters; and

WHEREAS, the County Clerk did conduct said election, canvass the returns and certify the Statement of Results of the Election on June 5, 1997; and

WHEREAS, Proposition 218 requires that all special taxes receive at least 66-2/3rds vote and Measure A, the Emergency Medical and Fire Response Tax passed with a 78.3% approval; and

WHEREAS, Measure A includes a provision for an automatic cost of living allowance not to exceed 5% per year; and

WHEREAS, the December 2024 cost of living allowance as determined by the CPI – All U.S. Cities Index showed a 2.9% annual increase; and

WHEREAS, the cost of living allowance increase is necessary to continue to fund the firefighters as provided for in the special emergency response tax; and

WHEREAS, the total CPI adjustment for FY 2025 – 2026 Measure A special tax is 2.9%.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Grass Valley, as follows:

1. That the above recitals are true and correct.
2. The new special tax rates will now be:

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3. The City Council hereby requests that the County Auditor place the Measure A special tax for 2025-26 on the tax roll.
4. The City Clerk is hereby requested to forward a copy of this resolution to the County Auditor along with the information necessary for placement on the tax roll.

ADOPTED as a Resolution of the Council of the City of Grass Valley at a meeting thereof held on 22nd day of July 2025, by the following vote:

AYES:
NOES:
ABSENT:
ABSTAINING:

Hilary Hodge, Mayor

ATTEST:

Taylor Whittingslow, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

David Ruderman, City Attorney



City of Grass Valley City Council Agenda Action Sheet

Title: Collection of Delinquent Sewer and/or Water Accounts on the Nevada County Tax Roll

CEQA: Not a Project

Recommendation: After holding a public hearing, adopt Resolution 2025-39 requesting that the County of Nevada levy and collect delinquent sewer and water charges on the property tax roll.

Prepared by: Jennifer Styczynski, Deputy Finance Director

Council Meeting Date: 7/22/2025

Date Prepared: 7/17/2025

Agenda: Public Hearing

Background Information: Health and Safety Code Section 5473 allows the City to place delinquent sewer and/or water charges on the County property tax roll for collection, with a two-thirds vote of the City Council. This process is used when utility service cannot be discontinued as a means of collecting unpaid charges and follows the same procedures as property tax collection.

Nevada County participates in the Teeter Plan, a property tax distribution method in which the County pays the City the full amount of the delinquent charges up front and assumes responsibility for collecting from the property owner. This ensures timely revenue for the City even if the property owner delays or fails to pay their tax bill. The method has proven to be a reliable and effective tool for recovering unpaid utility charges.

All affected property owners were notified in accordance with state law. Initial notices were mailed on June 12, 2025, with follow-up letters sent on June 30, 2025. Any delinquent accounts paid before the final submittal to the County will be removed from the list.

As of July 17, 2025, the total amount of delinquent charges eligible for placement on the tax roll is \$179,101.24. This amount may be reduced if additional payments are received after the publication of this report and before the City Council meeting. An updated list of delinquent accounts will be provided to the Council in advance of the hearing.

Council Goals/Objectives: This action supports Strategic Plan Goal #7 - Water and Wastewater Systems & Underground Infrastructure, by ensuring sustainable cost recovery for utility services.

Fiscal Impact: N/A

Reviewed by: City Manager

Attachments: Resolution 2025-39, Exhibit A

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-39

**RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE NEVADA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO AUTHORIZE THE
COUNTY AUDITOR AND THE COUNTY TAX COLLECTOR TO LEVY AND COLLECT DELINQUENT SEWER
AND/OR WATER SERVICE CHARGES AGAINST CERTAIN PROPERTIES WITHIN THE CITY OF GRASS
VALLEY AND THE UNINCORPORATED TERRITORY OF NEVADA COUNTY**

WHEREAS, the City of Grass Valley has issued bills to certain property owners for sewer and/or water charges in accordance with Chapters 13.04 and 13.12 of the Grass Valley Municipal Code; and

WHEREAS, the recipients of said sewer and/or water services have failed to remit payment for those charges; and

WHEREAS, California Health and Safety Code Section 5473 authorizes a city, by a two-thirds vote of its legislative body, to collect delinquent sewer and/or water charges on the county tax roll;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Grass Valley as follows:

1. The Nevada County Board of Supervisors is hereby requested to authorize the Nevada County Tax Collector to levy and collect the unpaid sewer and/or water charges, as listed in Exhibit "A", against the respective parcels and owners of record identified therein. Exhibit "A" is attached hereto and incorporated herein by this reference.
2. The charges listed in Exhibit "A" are more than 60 days delinquent as of July 17, 2025, and do not reflect any payments received after that date. Exhibit "A" is subject to revise any accounts that are paid in full prior to submission to the County.
3. The City Council acknowledges that the City will incur costs for this collection service, to be charged in accordance with the "Standard Form Tax Collection Services" agreement between the City of Grass Valley and the County of Nevada.

ADOPTED as a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Grass Valley at a regular meeting held on the 22nd day of July 2025, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAINING:

Hilary Hodge, Mayor

ATTEST:

Taylor Whittingslow, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

David Ruderman, City Attorney

Account #	Name	Service Address	Last Pmt Date	Mailing Address	Collection Amount
02-1393284-001	HELENE & ARTHUR FELLOWS	603 W MAIN St	6/23/2025	, PO BOX 5263, , BELLINGHAM, WA 98227-5263	862.40
03-1394164-004	MICHAEL & VICTORIA LERMAN	411 COLFAX AVE	3/26/2025	, 20890 Comanche Trl, , Los Gatos, CA 95033	397.42
01-1394174-002	SHELLY BRUST	122 MILL ST	4/15/2024	, PO Box 6185, , Ketchum, ID 95959	1,827.14
01-1394794-003	Lillian Watson	441 MILL ST	11/15/2024	, 441 MILL ST, , GRASS VALLEY, CA 95945	2,920.14
04-1395104-002	JOHN GIBSON TRUSTEE	717 S AUBURN ST	1/23/2025	C/O STOCKTON TRUST , 24877 KAY AVE, , HAYWARD, CA 94545-2138	1,372.53
04-1395494-001	JEANIE M & STEVE MOORE	145 S AUBURN ST	7/1/2025	, 11647 VIA VISTA, , NEVADA CITY, CA 95959	1,619.57
04-1395524-001	REBECCA VAN METER	477 S AUBURN ST	4/7/2025	, 477 S AUBURN ST, , GRASS VALLEY, CA 95945-7223	954.01
01-1396414-002	ROBERT W HILL	526 MILL ST	6/24/2025	, 526 MILL ST, , GRASS VALLEY, CA 95945-7132	298.79
02-1396744-001	MARK TOPOLINSKI	215 N CHURCH ST	4/28/2025	, 12530 HONEYBROOK LN, , AUBURN, CA 95603-3597	5,359.85
04-1397564-003	Evan Glasco	352 MARSHALL ST	7/5/2022	, 273 Cypress Hill Dr, , Grass Valley, CA 95945	3,433.32
04-1397714-005	JEREMY BREWER	112 OCEAN AVE	7/9/2024	, 112 OCEAN AVE, , GRASS VALLEY, CA 95945-7528	2,273.24
03-1397974-002	SUSAN ARMISTEAD	121 WILSON ST	7/11/2024	, 126 W BERRYHILL DR #220, , GRASS VALLEY, CA 95945	1,788.50
06-1398144-001	DANIEL ROBERTSON	590 DELIA CT	5/30/2021	, 590 DELIA CT, , GRASS VALLEY, CA 95945-7016	1,422.29
06-1399204-001	DELORES MONTAGNE	118 LIDSTER AVE	2/6/2025	, 118 LIDSTER AVE, , GRASS VALLEY, CA 95945-5606	296.01
04-1400154-001	SHELLY COVERT	641 S AUBURN ST	1/19/2023	, 641 S AUBURN ST, , GRASS VALLEY, CA 95945-7535	2,715.25
07-1401574-002	TROY HICKMAN	871 SUTTON WAY	6/17/2025	, 6219 Sawtelle Avenue, , Yuba City, CA 95991	4,439.54
07-1401944-001	GOLD RUN LAUNDROMAT	1263 E MAIN ST	7/10/2025	, 12300 Deer Park Drive, , NEVADA CITY, CA 95959-9061	503.95
07-1401974-001	GOLDEN EMPIRE HOSPITAL	121 DORSEY Dr	6/6/2025	, 121 DORSEY DR, , GRASS VALLEY, CA 95945-6249	1,415.90
07-1402084-001	SPRINGHILL HOSPITAL	355 JOERSCHKE DR	5/13/2025	, 355 JOERSCHKE DR, , GRASS VALLEY, CA 95945-5288	1,798.00
04-1402264-003	MATT & LISA RODRIGUEZ	120 BERRYMAN AVE	7/3/2024	, 120 BERRYMAN AVE, , GRASS VALLEY, CA 95945-7204	2,733.58
07-1402374-001	NEVADA CO COUNTRY CLUB	1040 E MAIN ST	11/22/2024	, 1040 E MAIN ST, , GRASS VALLEY, CA 95945-5708	1,394.28
07-1402444-001	KAREN KNECHT	1641 E MAIN ST	1/19/2023	, 1641 E MAIN ST, , GRASS VALLEY, CA 95945-5216	1,724.85
02-1402724-002	JANET PHELPS	627 LINDEN AVE	10/22/2024	, 627 LINDEN AVE, , GRASS VALLEY, CA 95945-6110	1,219.27
07-1402754-001	PATRICK DONAGHEY	2322 NEV CITY HWY	1/22/2025	, 2322 NEVADA CITY HWY, , GRASS VALLEY, CA 95945-7008	221.79
07-1402784-005	K & M PARTNERSHIP	2344 NEV CITY HWY	1/19/2023	, 12613 Gayle Ln, , NEVADA CITY, CA 95959	902.15
04-1403054-001	CLARENCE RICKARD	418 MARSHALL ST	6/26/2025	, 18611 ROUND MOUNTAIN RANCH RD, , NEVADA CITY, CA 95959	921.98
07-1403304-001	MICHAEL & CAROLYN INGLIS	891 E MAIN ST	4/29/2024	, 14864 LAKE LN, , NEVADA CITY, CA 95959-9569	2,737.59
03-1404304-001	SHAROLYN SAGE	209 DEPOT ST	7/14/2025	, 209 DEPOT UNIT A, , GRASS VALLEY, CA 95945-8728	791.39
07-1404714-001	MARK TOPOLINSKI	144 IDAHO MARYLAND	3/11/2024	, 144 IDAHO MARYLAND, , GRASS VALLEY, CA 95945-5814	1,186.39
07-1404994-001	A SPADARO	536 E MAIN ST #540	7/4/2025	, 10556 COMBIE RD, , AUBURN, CA 95602-8908	242.20
02-1405304-001	WILLIAM & KARIN ROBINSON	131 TOWNSEND ST	7/11/2024	, 131 TOWNSEND ST, , GRASS VALLEY, CA 95945-6416	3,187.98
03-1405514-001	JUDITH ELLIS	218 DEPOT ST	11/21/2024	, P.O. BOX 415, , NEVADA CITY, CA 95959	565.99
04-1405664-001	Timothy Person	559 WHITING ST	7/10/2024	, PO BOX 376, , GRASS VALLEY, CA 95945	2,755.22
01-1405994-002	Austin Wallace	418 FRENCH AVE	5/23/2025	, 599 Delia Ct, , GRASS VALLEY, CA 95945-7121	1,039.82
02-1406024-001	PATRICK MCCORMICK	137 TOWNSEND ST	7/17/2025	, 137 TOWNSEND ST, , GRASS VALLEY, CA 95945-6416	358.08
01-1406504-002	WILLIAM HOLLAND	292 CORNWALL AVE	9/19/2024	, PO BOX 3466, , GRASS VALLEY, CA 95945	1,233.53
02-1407194-002	RAYMOND D & LURA S JAMES	353 HILL ST	7/8/2025	, PO BOX 2953, , GRASS VALLEY, CA 95945-2953	668.57
03-1407334-001	BONNIE CARTER	105 E COLFAX AVE	6/28/2024	, 108 Colfax E Ave, , GRASS VALLEY, CA 95945-0095	2,208.79
03-1408264-001	BARBARA PRICE	237 QUARTZ ST	9/6/2022	, 237 QUARTZ ST, , GRASS VALLEY, CA 95945-6326	2,413.22
03-1408364-002	MARY CONNER	117 CONAWAY AVE	6/29/2025	, 518 E 600 SOUTH, , RIVER HEIGHTS, UT 84321	688.85
04-1408564-002	PAMELA ACHESON	105 BERRYMAN AVE	6/17/2025	, 1801 S FLAGLER DR APT 902, , WEST PALM BEACH, FL 33401	415.69
01-1408634-001	CAROL HILLS	634 BRIGHTON ST	4/30/2024	, 634 BRIGHTON ST, , GRASS VALLEY, CA 95945-7052	2,597.89
04-1409064-003	MARK CHRISTENSEN	152 W EMPIRE ST	7/10/2025	, 1242 N MAIN ST, , FORT BRAGG, CA 95437	347.78
03-1410074-003	HENRY RAMOS II	334 NORTHSTAR PL	2/13/2025	, PO BOX 2095, , NEVADA CITY, CA 95959	1,402.99
02-1412924-002	JESSE MCKENNA	412 LINDEN AVE	9/26/2024	, 412 LINDEN AVE, , GRASS VALLEY, CA 95945-6107	2,991.81
03-1413044-001	BETTY TAYLOR	127 WILSON ST	3/15/2024	, 127 WILSON ST, , GRASS VALLEY, CA 95945-6335	2,477.73
06-1413124-003	DAVID KLINE	107 CYPRESS HILL	2/10/2025	, 11147 RIDGE RD, , NEVADA CITY, CA 95959-8750	296.01
01-1413954-002	COMMON AREA	239 MILL ST	1/23/2025	, 239 MILL ST, , GRASS VALLEY, CA 95945-6729	12,548.15
02-1414394-001	ARTHUR& ALBERTA GALLEZ	310 CAROL DR	2/2/2024	, 310 CAROL DR, , GRASS VALLEY, CA 95945-6231	3,077.50
01-1414804-003	BRANDON PALMER	338 MILL ST	12/26/2023	, 338 MILL ST, , GRASS VALLEY, CA 95945-6714	2,778.95
01-1416364-002	TODD BERARDI	330-1/2 PLEASANT ST	4/5/2025	, 330 PLEASANT ST, , GRASS VALLEY, CA 95945-6606	818.91
04-1416644-001	CALTRANS	COLFAX AVE	5/30/2025	, PO BOX 168020 1820 ALHAMBRA BLVD, , SACRAMENTO, CA 95816	2,638.37

06-1418484-003	EVAN GLASCO	273 CYPRESS HILL	7/5/2022	, 273 CYPRESS HILL, , GRASS VALLEY, CA 95945-5662	1,205.65
01-1419024-001	Pine Creek Owner LLC	746 TAYLORVILLE RD	2/28/2025	, 746 TAYLORVILLE RD, , GRASS VALLEY, CA 95949-7713	631.77
04-1419794-001	SHAROLYN SAGE	135 MAINHART DR	7/29/2024	, 209 DEPOT UNIT A, , GRASS VALLEY, CA 95945-8728	858.72
02-1419904-002	EGOZI URI HALPERT NOAM	715 W MAIN St	1/19/2023	, 2036 NEVADA CITY HWY #188, , Grass Valley, CA 95945	3,095.80
06-1420214-002	JESSE MCKENNA	1039 SLATE CREEK RD	3/18/2025	, 10848 BANNER VIEW DR, , GRASS VALLEY, CA 95945-4914	581.28
03-1420334-004	JEROME AND KAYLA CIMINO	116 WOOD ST	6/7/2024	, 116 WOOD ST, , GRASS VALLEY, CA 95945-6229	2,236.26
01-1420924-003	KIMCO REALTY CORP	716 FREEMAN LN UNIT A	1/19/2023	, PO Box 7769, , Merrifield, VA 22116	1,887.28
04-1421004-002	KELLEY GARITTY & NATHAN RANNIE	134 W EMPIRE ST	7/11/2025	, 134 W EMPIRE ST, , GRASS VALLEY, CA 95945	718.19
06-1421264-002	PRUDENCE MARSH	710 DORIS DR	7/1/2025	, 4042 8th Ave., , Sacramento, CA 95817	1,098.99
06-1422204-002	DOUGLAS A BENDER	224 FAIRMONT DR	1/19/2023	, 224 FAIRMONT DR, , GRASS VALLEY, CA 95945-9709	1,449.79
06-1422574-001	JAN SCOTT	212 ROCKWOOD DR	3/14/2025	, 212 ROCKWOOD DR, , GRASS VALLEY, CA 95945-5638	333.51
01-1423694-001	CAROLYN TATE	138 MELISSA CT	3/25/2025	, 132 MELISSA CT, , GRASS VALLEY, CA 95945	1,073.89
03-1425154-004	HEIDI & CARL WILCOX	222 WASHINGTON ST	11/19/2024	HEIDI WILCOX , 19257 PURDON RD, , NEVADA CITY, CA 95959-9489	921.27
06-1425524-002	AARON DAVIS	109 RUBY LEDGE CT	11/3/2023	, 109 RUBY LEDGE CT, , GRASS VALLEY, CA 95945	1,284.79
06-1426174-002	DIANA BABB	222 ELYSIAN PL	6/19/2025	, 222 ELYSIAN PL, , GRASS VALLEY, CA 95945	304.90
02-1426544-001	KENNETH FIORAVANTI	188 SCOTIA PINES	7/11/2024	, 188 SCOTIA PINES, , GRASS VALLEY, CA 95945-5419	3,144.05
06-1429114-001	BERGERON & MONDRAGON	616 PARTRIDGE RD	1/19/2023	, 616 PARTRIDGE RD, , GRASS VALLEY, CA 95945-7463	1,449.79
03-1429494-001	KAREN E WHEAT	125 WILSON ST	8/20/2024	, 125 WILSON ST, , GRASS VALLEY, CA 95945-6335	1,830.41
02-1431324-001	STEPHEN CARDWELL	535 IVY ST	7/17/2025	, 535 IVY ST, , GRASS VALLEY, CA 95945-6125	2,152.00
03-1433654-002	MARY ELLEN ANDRE SORCI	211 MAIDEN LN	2/13/2025	, 104 W MAIN ST, , GRASS VALLEY, CA 95945-4706	1,446.39
03-1433874-002	PAUL T HOPPER	323 RACE ST	1/19/2023	, 323 RACE ST, , GRASS VALLEY, CA 95945-7328	5,317.74
06-1435734-002	TOM & VIRGINIA VATER	795 ANNEX AVE	1/29/2025	, 736 Rosewood Ave., , Vallejo, CA 94591	320.49
06-1435984-001	TERRY M GREBENS	830 ATKINS RD	10/23/2024	, 830 ATKINS RD, , GRASS VALLEY, CA 95945	699.66
06-1436214-002	FTCRA LLC	122 CATALPA LN	11/10/2024	, PO BOX 1625, , ROCKLIN, CA 95677	484.38
08-1436284-003	LORIN & BRANDON HEMBREE	1317 SUTTON WAY	6/16/2025	, 1317 SUTTON WAY, , GRASS VALLEY, CA 95945-5120	1,007.48
06-1436294-001	RICHARD OBERLEITNER	2356 NEV CITY HWY	2/13/2025	, 2356 NEV CITY HWY, , GRASS VALLEY, CA 95945-7006	296.01
06-1436304-003	TAMMIE FOX	193 GLENBROOK DR	1/19/2023	, 193 GLENBROOK DR, , GRASS VALLEY, CA 95945-5126	1,422.29
06-1436394-001	CARMEN STEWART	840 ORCHARD GLEN	12/17/2024	, 840 ORCHARD GLEN, , GRASS VALLEY, CA 95945-5142	457.47
06-1436604-001	DAVID WEBB	819 ANNEX AVE	5/2/2024	, 819 ANNEX AVE, , GRASS VALLEY, CA 95945-5138	1,205.65
06-1436624-001	HERR GUNTER KYKILLUS	10417 DURBROW RD	3/18/2024	, 10417 DURBROW RD, , GRASS VALLEY, CA 95945-8466	1,495.83
04-1749669-002	BRIE MENDOZA	144 JOYCE DR	7/3/2023	, 144 JOYCE DR, , GRASS VALLEY, CA 95945	2,801.33
04-1749679-002	MELISSA ESSEX	220 GREEN MOUNTAIN LOOP	2/20/2025	, 220 GREEN MOUNTAIN LOOP, , GRASS VALLEY, CA 95945	1,454.97
06-3119019-001	EDITH H SIEBERT	175 RYANS LN	7/5/2023	, 175 RYANS LN, , GRASS VALLEY, CA 95945	1,377.16
06-1411424-004	Kirsten, Lauren & Thomas Prehn	115 CYPRESS HILL	6/28/2025	, 115 Cypress Hill Dr, , Grass Valley, CA 95945	1,021.39
03-1425824-003	Benjamin Samuel Harmon	121 MURPHY ST	5/10/2024	, 121 Murphy St, , Grass Valley, CA 95945	2,020.24
07-1401454-003	Hari Johl	1784 E MAIN ST		, 224 Nunzia Ct, , Roseville, CA 95661	924.31
04-1405194-003	Jenifer Lyn Campbell-Lund	136 WINCHESTER ST	3/20/2025	, 136 Winchester St, , Grass Valley, CA 95945	471.73
06-1435874-005	David Dial & Sheridan McCary	785 ANNEX AVE	6/27/2024	, 785 Annex Ave, , Grass Valley, CA 95945	1,299.23
06-1418794-004	Brooke Myhre-Shannon	164 HOLBROOKE WAY	4/23/2025	, 164 Holbrooke Wy, , Grass Valley, CA 95945	403.64
02-1413904-003	Balraj Singh Hundal	227 HELEN LN	1/3/2025	, 11279 Bosal Cir, , Auburn, CA 95603	2,934.45
03-1414794-002	Jarod Thomas	211 DEPOT ST	1/17/2023	, 211 Depot St, , Grass Valley, CA 95945	2,702.13
06-1420864-003	JUDITH DALEY	350 HORIZON CIRCLE	6/13/2025	, 126 HUNTINGTON CT, , GRASS VALLEY, CA 95945	268.93
01-1417604-002	PINE CREEK OWNER LLC	664 E FREEMAN LN	4/9/2025	Pine Tree Commercial Realty LLC , PO Box 149419, , Austin, TX 78714-	7,618.73
03-3136105-002	Shawna Crutchfield	135 STENNETT St	7/7/2025	, 135 Stennett St, , Grass Valley, CA 95945	1,335.16
06-1422694-004	Larry Losness	248 ROCKWOOD DR	1/18/2024	, 248 Rockwood Dr, , Grass Valley, CA 95945	1,258.41
06-1421344-002	Justin and Kaila Jones	107 BRIDGER CT	5/14/2024	, 107 Bridger Ct, , Grass Valley, CA 95945	1,044.72
06-1428984-002	Troy Cox	435 GLENWOOD PINES	10/24/2024	, 435 Glenwood Pines Ct, , Grass Valley, CA 95945	702.86
02-1409134-006	Jeffrey Thornsby	300 ALTA ST	11/7/2024	, 300 Alta St, , Grass Valley, CA 95945	1,311.29
06-1419744-004	The Clasen-Jermyn Family Trust	126 ST JOHNS DR	5/20/2024	, 14101 Hillside Dr, , Jamul, CA 91935	1,205.65
01-1394894-002	Billie Lea Alvarez-Declusin	321 PLEASANT ST #B		, 321 Pleasant St, Apt B, Grass Valley, CA 95945	2,086.63
04-1434774-004	Robert Lawless	328 MARSHALL ST	5/31/2024	, PO Box 1853, , Nevada City, CA 95959	3,543.76
03-1402634-005	Michelle Stornetta	115 MURPHY ST		, 115 MURPHY ST, , GRASS VALLEY, CA 95945-6322	1,720.37
02-1416284-003	Barend Botha	203 JAN RD		, 203 JAN RD, , GRASS VALLEY, CA 95945-6352	1,606.47



City of Grass Valley City Council Agenda Action Sheet

Title: Local Buyback and Compost Facility Feasibility Study - R3 Proposal

CEQA: Not a project

Recommendation: That the City Council 1) Review the proposal for a joint feasibility study with the City of Nevada City to evaluate the development of a shared facility for CRV (California Redemption Value) local buyback, clear plastic recycling, and composting; 2) Provide direction to staff regarding the City's participation in the proposed project; and 3) Authorize the City Manager to enter into any necessary agreements, subject to legal review, and approve the use of General Fund contingencies and Measure B funds to cover the City's share of the feasibility study cost in coordination with Nevada City.

Prepared by: Tim Kiser, City Manager

Council Meeting Date: 07/22/2025

Date Prepared: 07/15/2025

Agenda: Administrative

Background Information:

The Cities of Grass Valley and Nevada City are jointly exploring the feasibility of developing a shared facility to support local CRV (California Redemption Value) buyback, composting, and clear plastic recycling operations. Currently, these services are centralized at the County-owned McCourtney Road Transfer Station (MRTS), operated by Waste Management (WM). Green waste and other organics from MRTS are hauled to composting facilities more than 36 miles away, and the existing CRV buyback center—also located on County property—is inconvenient for many local residents.

In response to growing interest in sustainable and community-based waste management solutions, both cities are considering localized alternatives that would:

- Reduce transportation costs and emissions by processing organic waste closer to the source and making finished compost available for community use;
- Expand public access to CRV buyback services, addressing service gaps caused by the closure of multiple centers in recent years;
- Support local, volunteer-led recycling efforts for items such as film plastic and food waste;

- Assess the potential for capturing and processing cannabis-related waste as a supplemental revenue stream.

To evaluate these opportunities, the Cities propose a high-level feasibility study that will examine applicable regulations, market demand, operational requirements, potential sites, and preliminary financial projections. The study will help determine whether the development of a shared facility is practical and beneficial.

The objective is to provide both Cities with clear direction on the viability of establishing a local facility for compost processing and CRV/recyclables drop-off. While not intended to produce final designs or cost estimates, the study will offer guidance on next steps and key considerations for moving forward with a project of this nature.

A copy of the proposal for the Feasibility Study is attached for City Council's review and information.

Council Goals/Objectives: The execution of this action attempts to achieve the following Strategic Goals - Community and Sense of Place.

Fiscal Impact: The total cost of the Feasibility Study is estimated at \$25,000, to be shared equally between the City of Grass Valley and the City of Nevada City. Sufficient funds are available in the General Fund Contingency and Measure B allocations to cover Grass Valley's share of the cost.

Funds Available: Yes

Account #: TBD

Reviewed by: City Manager

Attachments: Proposal

June 20, 2025

Mr. Sean Grayson, City Manager
City of Nevada City
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Nevada City, CA 95959
submitted via email: sean.grayson@nevadacityca.gov

Mr. Tim Kider, City Manager
City of Grass Valley
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Grass Valley, CA 95945
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SUBJECT: Local Buyback and Compost Facility Feasibility Study – R3 Proposal

Dear Mr. Grayson and Mr. Kider,

R3 Consulting Group, Inc. (R3) is pleased to submit the attached proposal to the City of Nevada City and the City of Grass Valley (collectively, the Cities) for a Local Buyback and Compost Facility Feasibility Study (Study).

Introduction

The objective of the Study is to provide the Cities with an analysis relative to the feasibility of developing a facility for the processing of compost and drop-off of CRV beverage containers and other source separated recyclable materials. This study is intended to provide general direction to the Cities and offer guidance on methods by which to proceed with a project of this scope.

Project Team

Katelyn Scholz, Managing Consultant, will serve as Project Lead and primary point of contact for this engagement. Kate will be supported by **Nate Forst**, Principal, and **Jordan Lane**, Managing Consultant, who together will have primary responsibility for completing our scope of work. Our team is also able to draw upon additional staff members on an as-needed basis.

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Thank you for this opportunity to be of service to the Cities. If you have any questions regarding our proposal or need additional information, please contact me.

Sincerely,



Katelyn Scholz | *Managing Consultant*
R3 Consulting Group, Inc.
650.799.3213 | kscholz@r3cgi.com

Please note our new office address:

1504 Eureka Rd, Ste 220
Roseville, CA 95661

1. SCOPE OF WORK

Background

WM is the operator of Nevada County-owned McCourtney Road Transfer Station (MRTS), located at 14741 Wolf Mountain Rd., Grass Valley. From the MRTS, WM transports green waste and other organics to composting facilities that are, at a minimum, 36 miles away. WM also operates a buy-back center for CRV on County-owned land adjacent to MRTS.

For the following reasons, the Cities are considering the development of alternative facilities for various waste streams:

- » The Cities have a preference for keeping organic waste within the community for processing and use of the finished organic waste product, as well as identifying a more economically beneficial solution.
- » Several buyback centers have closed in recent years, and the current location of the buy-back center is inconvenient for many residents of Nevada City and Grass Valley.
- » The local community has created grassroots processes for managing film plastic, food waste and other waste products, and the jurisdictions would like to support the community effort.
- » The region generates a notable amount of cannabis waste, and the Cities believe capturing this material could be a revenue stream that can help support localized efforts.

This proposed scope aims to fulfill a cooperative planning task for both Cities, who jointly are interested in understanding what services can be localized to their communities. It is anticipated that should this project move forward, Nevada City will serve as the contracting agency.

Scope of Work

R3 is proposing to conduct an initial evaluation of the opportunity for the Cities to develop a local site for management of discreet material types. This feasibility analysis will be high-level such that it will help guide the jurisdictions on a potential course. This analysis will not result in final costs or an implementable technical protocol, but rather is intended to be an initial viability check towards aligning on a proper course forward to manage local waste.

Task 1 Policy and Regulation Framework

1. Research California Redemption Value (CRV) and the Bottle Bill by conducting research and compiling information about the current state of CRV and statewide status of buyback centers.
2. Research general permitting requirements for compost handling facilities, with a particular focus on cannabis handling, and associated regulatory requirements.
3. Research other agencies (JPAs, Cities, and Counties) that operate or contract to operate buyback centers and/or small to medium scale composting facilities throughout the State by conducting online research and phone calls.
4. Establish communication with CalRecycle staff responsible for the Bottle Bill administration as well as local LEA staff to gather information and identify solutions.

Task 2 Market Analysis

1. Assess Buyback and composting facilities within a 60-mile radius of the McCourtney Road Transfer Station.
2. Conduct outreach with existing grassroots recycling groups, including film plastic group, to understand their processes, the material they collect, and their niche in the market.

3. Document local buyback centers that have closed in the last ten years and gather data on gaps created by their absence.
4. Research the generation of cannabis waste in the region and local handling procedures currently in place.
5. Document tonnage trends of covered waste streams over the past few years to understand potential throughput.

Task 3 Financial Analysis

1. Research grant funding and other financial resources available for the development of buyback centers and composting facilities.
2. Understand costs associated with existing processing of material per collection and processing agreements with WM.
3. Develop preliminary proforma establishing planning level estimated expenses and revenues and project an approximate ROI.

Task 4 General Siting Parameters

1. Develop guardrails for requirements for facility relative to zoning, space requirements, and accessibility based on anticipated volume and user type(s).

Task 5 Benefit Analysis, Recommendations and Deliverable

1. Based on gathered information and analysis, determine benefits and drawbacks associated with this type of project.
2. Depending on the outcomes of the research, suggest alternatives (if viable) to the initial concept of the project.
3. Develop a framework for next steps to further develop an implementable project, with greater emphasis on technical analysis and more detailed financial forecasting.
4. Provide a succinct draft memo, provide one round of edits according to staff direction, and deliver one final memo including options and a recommendation, as applicable.

Project Deliverables

- Electronic Draft and Final Memo Reports.

2. PROJECT BUDGET

R3 proposes to complete the project for a total fee of **\$25,000**. For cost-effective service delivery, R3's pricing is fixed and **Table 1**, below, show the payment schedule. Any additional consulting services beyond those proposed will be charged at the standard rates shown in **Table 2**, below. Fees for the additional work will be billed monthly at the first of each month, for the preceding month, and are due within 30 days of the invoice date.

Table 1: Payment Schedule

INSTALLMENT	FEE TYPE	DUE DATE	COST
1	Engagement Fee	Upon Contract Execution	\$ 5,000
2	Analysis Fee	Within 30 Days of Receiving Draft Results and/or Report	\$ 10,000
3	Completion Fee	Within 30 Days of Study Completion	\$ 10,000

Table 2: Standard Rates Fiscal Year 2025-26

CLASSIFICATION	RATE
Principal / Sr. Director	\$ 340 per hour
Director	\$ 305 per hour
Sr. Managing Consultant	\$ 265 per hour
Managing Consultant	\$ 240 per hour
Sr. Consultant	\$ 220 per hour
Consultant	\$ 200 per hour
Associate Consultant	\$ 185 per hour
Expert Witness	1.5x Rates Listed Above
REIMBURSABLE COSTS	
Consultants/Subcontractors	Cost plus 10%
Lodging and meals	Direct cost
Travel - Private or company car	At Current Federal Rate
Travel - Other	Direct cost
Delivery and other expenses	Direct cost



City of Grass Valley City Council Agenda Action Sheet

Title: Historical Commission Quarterly Update

CEQA: Not a project

Recommendation: That Council receives quarterly update from Historical Commission.

Prepared by: Terry McAteer, Chair, Grass Valley Historical Commission

Council Meeting Date: 7/22/2025

Date Prepared:
7/18/2025

Agenda: Administrative

Background Information:

1. Free Historic Walking Tours of Grass Valley Continue to Attract Nice Audiences

- a. April 12– 74 people attended the 90 minute tour
- b. May 10th– 71 people
- c. June 14th– 36 people
- d. July 12th– 28 people
- e. Still to come–August 10th and Sept 13th

2. Heritage Homes Reprinting Update– Booklets are now available to purchase at the Bookseller and the Chamber

3. Lake Olympia– The five acre parcel that encompasses the former historic Lake Olympia is being offered as a donation to the City of Grass Valley. I will shortly ask for a meeting with City staff and Council members Caravelli and Arbuckle to chat about next steps with the owner of the property.

4. Redesigning the Walking Tour– The Commission is nearing completion of the walking tour which will have a variety of platforms– a simple walking brochure, walking tour booklet which can be purchased and using Storymaps with digital sections highlighting a Downtown Tour, Heritage Homes Tour, Murals Tour and Citizens Star Awardees.

5. Historic People and Places Pole Banners for Downtown– The Commission would appreciate your approval as we privately and publicly (our walking tours have generated over \$500 in donations) raise funds to highlight historic local notables and historic places in our community by placing them on the banners. At our next meeting with you, we will provide a list of selections for your approval.

- 6. History Day— Saturday, April 18th—** The Commission is wanting to create a History Day for the community. On that day, most of the museums and other historic spots would be open to the public free of charge. We are working collaboratively with the Nevada County Landmarks Commission to co-host this event. The County Superintendent of Schools Office, another co-host, has agreed to produce and fund brochures which would be distributed to all K-8 students in the county encouraging them and their families to participate. We ask for a “thumbs-up” from the Council to continue working on this initiative.

Council Goals/Objectives: This executes portions of work tasks to achieve/maintain the Strategic Plan—Open and Collaborative City Government.

Fiscal Impact: N/A

Funds Available: N/A

Account #: N/A

Reviewed by: City Manager

Attachments: Report to City Council