



GRASS VALLEY

Measure B Meeting

Monday, April 07, 2025 at 2:00 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. 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.

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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. 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 proposed expenditures are consistent with Measure B and the associated Mid-Year Expenditure Plan for a portion of Fiscal Year 2024/25.

CEQA: Not a Project.

Recommendation: That the Citizen Oversight Committee confirms the Mid-Year expenditures for Measure B.

2. Scheduling of the Annual 25/26 Budget Review meeting for Measure B Expenditures

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POSTING NOTICE

This is to certify that the above notice of a Measure B Meeting, scheduled for Monday, April 7th, 2025, at 2:00 p.m., was posted at city hall, easily accessible to the public, as of 5:00 p.m. Friday, April 4th, 2025.

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: April 8, 2025

Date Prepared: April 3, 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.

According to the State's implementation schedule, Measure B will take effect on October 1, 2024. For Fiscal Year 2024/25, the City expects to receive approximately 75% of the projected annual revenue, estimated at \$2 million based on prior Measure E collections.

On August 19, 2024, the Citizens Oversight Committee endorsed staff's recommendation to implement a two-phase expenditure plan for FY 2024/25. Under this plan, approximately 60% of anticipated revenues—roughly \$1.2 million—would be allocated during the first half of the fiscal year, with the remaining 40% to be distributed after December 2024. This phased approach ensures responsible stewardship of Measure B funds while allowing for timely execution of initial projects.

The attached exhibit includes the initial expenditure plan approved by the City Council and outlines the proposed Measure B Mid-Year Budget. This document is presented for the Oversight Committee's review and confirmation that the proposed expenditures align with Measure B's stated objectives.

Additionally, the City has now received fourth-quarter sales tax figures for Measure B, enabling more accurate revenue projections for the remainder of the fiscal year. Staff will present an overview of the mid-year adjustments and explain how they align with the approved expenditure plan. For reference, the original Expenditure Plan approved with the tax measure is also attached.

City of Grass Valley
Fiscal Year 2024-25 Proposed Budget
Measure B Fund (Fund 207)

Item # 1.

		4/7/2025	11/7/2024	8/19/2024	
<u>Revenues:</u>		<u>Mid Year Budget</u>	<u>Amended</u>	<u>Initial Budget Based</u>	
		<u>FY 2024-25</u>	<u>Expenditure Task</u>	<u>Upon Projections</u>	
207-40303	Measure B Sales Tax	\$ 1,700,000	\$ 2,000,000	\$ 2,000,000	
207-46100	Interest Earnings	-	-	-	
	Total Revenue	1,700,000	2,000,000	2,000,000	
<u>Expenditures:</u>					
Resiliency					
	<i>1A. Increasing Firefighters per Engine</i>		518,669		530,000
207-203-50010	Salaries - Regular	242,016			
207-203-50020	Overtime	50,220			
207-203-50110	FICA	23,068			
207-203-50120	PERS Retirement	33,301			
207-203-50130	Health / Dental / Vision / Life Ins	45,764			
207-203-50160	Uniform Allowance	9,300			
207-203-50720	Operating Materials	95,000			Radios, uniforms, medical supplies
207-203-54112	Training	10,000			
207-203-51110	Contractual Services	10,000			Medical exams, pre employment
	<i>1B. Operate Vegetation Mgmt. Program</i>		171,730	* See Note	300,000
207-102-50010	Salaries - Regular	93,431			
207-102-50110	FICA	7,148			
207-102-50120	PERS Retirement	9,847			
207-102-50130	Health / Dental / Vision / Life Ins	23,704			
207-102-50710	Office Supplies	4,000			Computer, office supplies
207-102-51110	Contractual Services	30,600			CDTFA new tax implementation & 15K for Seasonals site inspect
207-102-54112	Conferences & Travel	3,000			
	<i>1C. Green Waste Pickup</i>		TBD		TBD
Vegetation Mitigation					
	<i>2A. Fuel Reduction</i>		526,000		100,000
207-102-50715	Fuel & Oil	6,000			
207-102-50720	Operating Materials	10,000			Saws, flags, muck boots, clothing
207-102-51110	Contractual Services	500,000			Clearing of Loma Rica property
207-102-54126	Equipment Maintenance	10,000			Masticator heads, small tools
	<i>2B. Grants for Fuel Reduction Assistance</i>		TBD		TBD
	<i>2C. Long-Term Green Waste Solutions</i>		TBD		70,000
	Total Expenses	1,216,399	1,000,000	1,000,000	
	Excess (Deficit) of Revenues Over Expenditures	\$ 483,601	\$ 1,000,000	\$ 1,000,000	

Notes:

* Revised Contracting work out proposal originally approved on 8/19/24 with hiring staff

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)

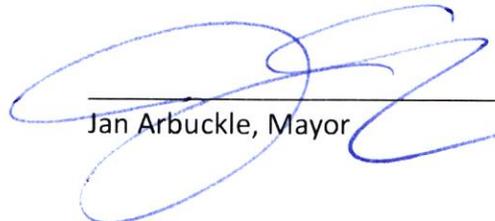
- Resiliency – 50% of \$2.55 M or \$1.25+/- M Annually
 - Move Closer to National Standards by increasing from two to three Firefighters per engine (\$900K+/-)
 - \$250k to Operate a Veg. Management, Education & Inspection Program (up to 3 Personnel)
 - \$100K Annual Fire Vegetation / Green Waste Pickup/Drop-off
- 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



Jan Arbuckle, Mayor

ATTEST:



Taylor Day, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Michael G. Colantuono, City Attorney

60% Expenditure Plan for Fiscal Year 2024/25

3/8 Percent (.00375) Sales Tax increase Based Upon Today \$'s

50%/50% Split between Resiliency and Vegetation Mitigation (\$2.75 Million+/- to be generated annually) For Fiscal Year 2024/25, Measure B will not start collecting tax until October 2024, thus the City estimates will receive approximately 75% of the total revenue or \$2 Million dollars. For the 60% Expenditure Plan, we are looking to allocate \$1.2 million of the \$2 million now, and staff will bring back the remaining 40% expenditure plan after December 2024.

- Resiliency - 50% of \$2.00 M or \$1.0+/- M for Fiscal Year 2024/25
 - Priority R.1 (60%)- Move Closer to National Standards by increasing from two to three Firefighters per engine (\$530K) 1-Fire Fighter now and 6 - Fire Fighters in January 2025
 - Priority R.2 (60%) \$300K total to hire a consultant to implement a vegetation management/inspection program and pay for a portion of masticator operator salary.
 - TBD for (40% Expenditure Plan) Annual Fire Vegetation / Green Waste Pickup/Drop-off
- Vegetation Mitigation - 50% of \$2.00 M or \$1.0+/- M for Fiscal Year 2024/25
 - Priority VM.1 (60%)- \$100K to start the environmental process for Fuel Reduction around the City.
 - TBD for (40% Expenditure Plan) Creating Grants for residences/ businesses for assistance in Fuel Reductions (Priority on hardships and low income)
 - Priority VM.2 (60%) \$70K evaluating for long-term green waste solutions (environmental review)