



City of Grass Valley City Council Agenda Action Sheet

Title: Public meeting to discuss Fire Resiliency and Vegetation Management concerns and consider approving Resolution No. 2023-57 of the City Council of the City of Grass Valley declaring a Fiscal Emergency relating to combating wildfires and extreme weather conditions.

CEQA: Not a Project.

Recommendation: That Council 1) declare a fiscal emergency due to the lack of necessary funding for fire personnel and land management required to combat wildfires and extreme weather conditions as stated in Resolution No. 2023-57; 2) conduct a public meeting to gain additional input from the community on Fire and Vegetation Management and a potential tax; and 3) develop a schedule of next steps with City Council.

Prepared by: Timothy M. Kiser, City Manager

Council Meeting Date: September 12, 2023

Date Prepared: September 7, 2023

Agenda: Administrative

Background Information: The purpose of this gathering is to discuss Fire and Vegetation Mitigation and managing the risks that Grass Valley may face due to extreme weather events and wildfires.

First for the Council to even put a proposed general sales tax on the March 2024 Election, it must declare a fiscal emergency and adopt the proposed resolution by a unanimous vote of the City Council. Without the unanimous vote from the Council, the Council would have to wait until the November 2024 Election to place something on the ballot for consideration. Thus, staff will be asking the Council to vote on declaring a Fiscal Emergency as stated in Resolution 2023-57.

Next, the staff will provide a summary of the comments received so far and suggest gathering more feedback from the public at the meeting regarding Fire, Vegetation Management, and a possible expenditure plan for a sales tax. After hopefully receiving additional input and more comments, the staff will talk about potential next steps, including scheduling more meetings and setting decision points for the City Council to meet the deadline for putting something on the ballot in March 2024. The staff will present this information for consideration at the Council Meeting.

Council Goals/Objectives: The execution of this action attempts to achieve Strategic Goal #5 - High Performance Government and Quality Service.

Fiscal Impact: At this point, there is very little fiscal impact. The Fiscal Impact would come about if the Council decides to move forward with a Special Election in March 2024, which could easily exceed \$100,000, but there are sufficient funds in City reserves if the City Council deems this issue to be a fiscal emergency.

Funds Available: Yes

Account #: General Fund Reserves

Reviewed by: Tim Kiser, City Manager

Attachments: Resolution 2023-57