



## City of Grass Valley City Council Agenda Action Sheet

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**Title:** Fire Resiliency and Vegetation Management approving an expenditure plan and 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) review and approve the draft expenditure plan; 2) 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; and 3) discuss next steps with City Council.

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

**Council Meeting Date:** October 16, 2023

**Date Prepared:** October 11, 2023

**Agenda:** Administrative

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

Council is being asked to review and approve the draft expenditure plan for the proposed general sales tax of 3/8% (.00375). Please note the proposed sales tax will include a sunset clause of 7 years and a citizen oversight committee. The draft expenditure plan is attached for the Council's information.

In order for the Council to put a proposed general sales tax on the March 2024 Election, the Council must declare a fiscal emergency and adopt the proposed resolution by a unanimous vote. Without the unanimous vote from the Council, the Council would have to wait until the November 2024 Election to place a measure on the ballot for consideration of the voters. Thus, staff will also be asking the Council to vote on declaring a Fiscal Emergency as stated in Resolution 2023-57. The proposed resolution is attached for Council's information.

**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 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  
Draft Expenditure Plan