

**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

## 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)