Notice and Agenda

Of the Gold Ridge Fire Board of Directors Special Meeting
To be held on November 18, 2026 – 7pm
Location: The Annex (Located next to Sebastopol Station 83)
7351 Bodega Avenue, Sebastopol, CA 95472

Accessibility and Reasonable Accommodations: In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), individuals requiring accommodations to participate in a Board meeting are encouraged to contact the Board Clerk at (707) 823-1084 at least 48 hours in advance. Requests received with less notice will be accommodated whenever reasonably possible.

1. **CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

2. **ROLL CALL OF DIRECTORS**

3. **OPEN SESSION:** Motion to Designate District's Labor Negotiator under Government Code Section 54957.6: Appoint Negotiator to Negotiate Fire Chief's Employment Agreement ***(Action Item)***

4. **ADJOURNMENT INTO CLOSED SESSION:**
    a. The Board will meet in closed session to discuss the following:
        i. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - ANTICIPATED LITIGATION; Exposure to litigation pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(2): (One case)

        ii. Public Employee Employment Agreement for Fire Chief under Government Code Section 54957.

5. **RECONVENE INTO OPEN SESSION:** (Report on closed session if applicable)

6. **PUBLIC INPUT:** *At this time, members of the public may address the Board with any item not appearing on the agenda. It is recommended that you limit your comment to 3 minutes or less. Under State Law, matters presented under this item cannot be discussed or acted upon by the Board at this time.*

7. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS:**
    a. October 14, 2026 Regular Meeting Minutes ***(Action Item)***

8. **CORRESPONDENCE:** *Review of any correspondence that might have been received after distribution of the board packet.*

9. **REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL REPORTS:**
    a. October 2026 Bank Accounts Register ***(Action Item)***

10. REPORTS:

a. October 2026 Monthly Activity Report (MAR) Review

b. Fire Chief's Report

11. OLD BUSINESS: None

12. NEW BUSINESS:

a. Consideration of approval of Employment Agreement between the Gold Ridge Fire Protection District and Fire Chief Shepley Schroth-Cary. **(Action Item)**

b. Consideration of approval of a Professional Services Agreement Between the County of Sonoma and the Gold Ridge Fire Protection District for fire prevention services within the District's boundaries ***(Action Item)***

c. Consideration of approval of Resolution 26/27-07: Adopting the 2026 Sonoma County Hazard Mitigation Plan. ***(Action Item)***

d. Consideration of approval of Resolution 26/27-08: Establishing Compensation for Board Members. ***(Action Item)***

e. Consideration of a request to offer remote public participation (Zoom) at District Board meetings. ***(Discussion/Action Item)***

f. Consideration of declaring the following District assets as surplus and authorizing their disposal through public auction. ***(Action Item)***

   i. 5435 (rescue)
   ii. 5472 (type 3 engine)

g. Consideration and appointment of an Interim Board Chair and Interim Vice Chair to serve through December 9, 2026. ***(Action Item)***

h. Recognition and appreciation of outgoing Board Directors for their years of service and dedication to the District. ***(Presentation Item)***

13. GOOD OF THE ORDER

14. ADJOURNMENT

Materials related to an item on this agenda submitted to the Gold Ridge Fire Protection District after the distribution of the agenda & packet are available for public inspection at the administrative office located at 4500 Hessel Road, Sebastopol, CA during normal business hours.