



GRASS VALLEY

Measure B Meeting

Monday, August 19, 2024 at 4:00 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

Measure B Committee welcomes you to attend the meetings electronically or in person at the City Hall Council Chambers, located at 125 E. Main St., Grass Valley, CA 95945. Your interest is encouraged and appreciated.

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.

Agenda materials, staff reports, and background information related to regular agenda items are available on the City's website: www.cityofgrassvalley.com. Materials related to an item on this agenda submitted to the Committee after distribution of the agenda packet will be made available on the City of Grass Valley website at www.cityofgrassvalley.com, subject to City staff's ability to post the documents before the meeting.

Please note, individuals who disrupt, disturb, impede, or render infeasible the orderly conduct of a meeting will receive one warning that, if they do not cease such behavior, they may be removed from the meeting. The chair has authority to order individuals removed if they do not cease their disruptive behavior following this warning. No warning is required before an individual is removed if that individual engages in a use of force or makes a true threat of force. (Gov. Code, § 54957.95.)

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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. Nomination of Chair and Vice Chair of Measure B Committee
2. Review the council adopted Expenditure Plan Resolution R2024-09
3. Confirm proposed expenditures are consistent with Measure B and the associated initial Expenditure Plan for a portion of Fiscal Year 2024/25.

CEQA: Not a Project.

Recommendation: That the Citizen Oversight Committee confirms the initial expenditures for Measure B.

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POSTING NOTICE

This is to certify that the above notice of a Measure B Meeting, scheduled for Monday, August 19, 2024 at 4:00 PM was posted at city hall, easily accessible to the public, as of 5:00 p.m. Thursday, August 15, 2024.

Taylor Whittingslow, City Clerk

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.

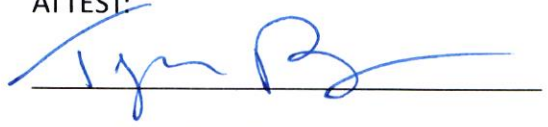
ADOPTED as a Resolution by the City Council of the City of Grass Valley at a regular meeting thereof held on the 13th day of February, 2024, by the following vote:

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



City of Grass Valley Measure B Citizen Oversight Committee Agenda Action Sheet

Title: Confirm proposed expenditures are consistent with Measure B and the associated initial Expenditure Plan for a portion of Fiscal Year 2024/25.

CEQA: Not a Project.

Recommendation: That the Citizen Oversight Committee confirms the initial expenditures for Measure B.

Prepared by: Timothy M. Kiser, City Manager

Council Meeting Date: August 19, 2024

Date Prepared: August 15, 2024

Agenda: Administrative

Background Information: On October 24, 2023, the Grass Valley City Council unanimously passed Resolution No. 2023-62 and Ordinance 826, initiating a pivotal decision for the community. The resolution called for a March 5, 2024 election, where citizens would vote on a 3/8 percent general sales tax (transactions and use tax) measure aimed at enhancing Fire Resiliency and Vegetation Management.

In accordance with Ordinance 826, the Grass Valley City Council adopted a detailed plan outlining the allocation of proceeds from the proposed tax, following a duly noticed public hearing.

On March 5th, the citizens of Grass Valley narrowly approved Measure B, and the City needs to continue to maintain our commitment to transparency and accountability reflecting the City Council's unwavering dedication to serving the best interests of the community as we have demonstrated with Measure E. Based on the State's determination, Measure B will take effect on October 1, 2024, resulting in the City receiving approximately 75% of the estimated annual revenue, or about \$2 million, for Fiscal Year 2024/25.

Staff recommends dividing the proposed expenditure plan into two phases for Fiscal Year 2024/25: approximately 60% of the anticipated revenue to be allocated now, and the remaining 40% after December 2024. This phased approach will allow staff to proceed with initial tasks while ensuring prudent management of tax revenues and aligning with revenue projections from the past fiscal year. Below is the proposed expenditure plan for the first 60%, or approximately \$1.2 million:

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)