

## RESOLUTION 16-2026

### A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE GROVELAND COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT ESTABLISHING A CITIZEN'S ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR THE FIRE SUPPRESSION ASSESSMENT

**WHEREAS**, the Groveland Community Services District (herein referred to as District) is a local government agency formed and operating in accordance with Section §61000 et seq. of the California Government Code; and

**WHEREAS**, the Groveland Community Services District ("District") is responsible for providing fire protection and emergency response services to the community; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Directors has adopted a preliminary Engineer's Report and initiated proceedings for a proposed Fire Suppression Assessment pursuant to Article XIII D of the California Constitution (Proposition 218); and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Directors recognizes the importance of transparency, accountability, and meaningful community engagement in matters relating to public safety funding; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board has identified the formation of a Citizen's Advisory Committee ("CAC") as a means to provide independent community input, enhance public understanding, and support ongoing oversight of the Fire Suppression Assessment; and

**WHEREAS**, the CAC's role is appropriately focused on community review, communication, and oversight in accordance with the assessment methodology;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE GROVELAND COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT DOES HEREBY approve as follows:**

**1. Establishes the Citizen's Advisory Committee (CAC)**

A Citizen's Advisory Committee is hereby established to provide advisory input to the Board regarding the Fire Suppression Assessment.

**2. Defines the Purpose of the CAC**

The purpose of the CAC shall be to:

- Provide independent community review and perspective regarding the Fire Suppression Assessment;
- Review and comment on the assumptions, methodology, and fairness of the Engineer's Report;
- Serve as a communication link between the District and property owners;
- Promote transparency and public understanding of fire protection services and funding;
- Monitor and report on the implementation of services funded by the assessment, if approved; and
- Provide recommendations regarding future adjustments or improvements, as appropriate.

The CAC shall serve in an advisory capacity only and shall not have decision-making authority.

### **3. Establishes Committee Composition**

The CAC shall consist of seven (7) to eleven (11) members, appointed by the Board of Directors, with the goal of representing a broad cross-section of the community, including:

- Residential property owners
- Commercial/business property owners
- Community members at-large
- Individuals with relevant experience (e.g., fire service, finance, risk management), where available

The Board shall seek to appoint members reflecting diverse perspectives, including individuals with varying viewpoints regarding the assessment.

### **4. Directs an Open Application Process**

District staff shall:

- Publicly solicit applications from interested community members
- Present recommended appointments to the Board for consideration at a public meeting

### **5. Establishes Terms and Operations**

- Members shall serve at the pleasure of the Board
- The CAC shall select a Chair from among its members
- The CAC shall meet as needed, generally:
  - Initially on an accelerated basis, if feasible, and
  - Thereafter monthly or quarterly as appropriate

### **6. Defines Scope and Duration**

The CAC shall operate in two general phases:

- **Initial Phase:** Orientation and review of the Fire Suppression Assessment
- **Ongoing Phase:** Oversight and reporting regarding implementation, if approved, or review and recommendations if not approved

The CAC shall continue for an initial period of up to 24 months, unless modified or dissolved by the Board.

### **7. Ensures Transparency**

To promote public confidence:

- Meetings shall be open to the public to the extent required by law
- Agendas and summaries shall be made available
- The CAC shall provide periodic reports to the Board

### **8. Authorizes Administrative Support**

District staff is authorized to provide administrative support and may utilize facilitation or technical assistance as needed.

**WHEREFORE**, this Resolution is passed and adopted by the Board of Directors of the Groveland Community Services District on May 13, 2026, by the following vote:

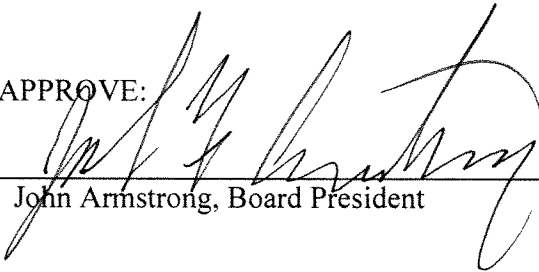
AYES: Directors Armstrong, Kwiatkowski, Mora, Swan, and Turney

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

APPROVE:

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John Armstrong, Board President

ATTEST:

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Rachel Pearlman, Board Secretary

**CERTIFICATE OF SECRETARY**

I, Rachel Pearlman, the duly appointed and acting Secretary of the Board of Directors of the Groveland Community Services District, do hereby declare that the foregoing Resolution was duly passed and adopted at a Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Groveland Community Services District, duly called and held on May 13, 2026.

DATED: \_\_\_\_\_