

Golden Gate Fire Board signs communications policy

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GOLDEN GATE CANYON - The Golden Gate Canyon Fire Protection District Board signed the District Communication policy during a regular meeting on September 25, 2025, at 7 p.m.

Board members present for the meeting were Deb Curlee, president; Mike Sever, treasurer; Karla Grahn, secretary; and Dave Primmer. Marith Reheis, vice president, was excused.

Mike Sever reminded Board members they should review and sign the Board's Communication Policy. He said all the Board members have signed it except for Dave Primmer.

Primmer said, "This is just a way to hide stuff."

Sever read the policy, which states that board members agree to and follow the policy, and if the policy is not followed, the board member could be suspended.

Primmer asked for an update on the Bylaws Review, and Curlee said the committee was dissolved, that the full board will contribute to a discussion on the Bylaws at a later meeting.

Primmer introduced a review and questions about Credit Card Statements. He began questioning Chief Kyle Kociemba-Benson about expenses in April, which the chief answered.

Grahn pointed out that it is unrealistic to ask the chief on the spot in September about expenses in April. He added that Primmer should provide his questions in advance.

Primmer said he has been through the transaction list. "You are spending money like a candy store, and I want to see what it's for."

Grahn replied, "You approved the budget. You are not trusting. Do you have any questions on the current budget?"

Primmer then introduced a resolution that would require a purchase order to be signed by the board for any major expense. Staff would fill out the

purchase order and the board would approve it.

Grahn said that the current policy has been approved by the board. "I'm not conformable rewriting it. It is unrealistic and it is not how fire departments are run."

The resolution did not receive a second.

Chief's Report

"Jefferson County moved out of a fire ban as of September 19, 2025. Hiring for the Jeffco SO Wildland Fire Management team continues to move forward. We are looking forward to plugging GGFPD staff in with this team as they come onboard. This is going to be especially helpful with the GGFPD Mitigation Division onboarding.

"The Wildfire Mitigation Division committee continues to make significant strides toward full launch of the division. We have officially accepted five outside applicants into the division.

"The storage containers for the UTVS have been purchased and will be placed at station 81 and 82 on Thursday, September 25. A huge thank you, and also congratulations, to the Golden Gate Auxiliary for another spectacular pig roast!

"Call volume is steady at 64 calls to date. We continue to average a response time of 16 minutes or less from time of call to arrival, with an average of 4 or more responders per call.

"We are currently at an operational staff of 26 with 2 that fill a dual role as support staff and 2 single role support staff. We have officially added 5 staff to the roster for the Wildland Fire Mitigation Division, who were originally citizen participants in the division committee. Please welcome: Home Assessments - Kari Sever, Amanda Geirhart; Education and Outreach - Katherine Kraft; Mitigation Crew - Tyler Bassett, Cameron Kenyon.

"With those additions our staff now totals 32. We have one staff on

active-duty military leave. We had one resignation this month. We have received 4 applications for operational positions; we will review them and send out interview invitations in October 2025.

The CWPP production is in the very final phase. We are still planning to be completed in October 2025."

Primmer asked about the purpose of the mitigation division. Benson said the crew will do the work on public lands, Golden Canyon Road, and the bottom portion of Robinson Hill. Home assessment is homeowner-driven and allows the team to go out to homes. "It's a partnership as a human resource to make your home more fire resilient. It's not a permanent inspection," Benson responded.

The next regular Board Meeting will be on October 23, 2025, at 7 p.m. at The Grange, 25201 Golden Gate Canyon Road, Golden.



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Filling the agenda

Golden Gate Fire Protection District Board member Dave Primmer brought several concerns to the September 25 Board meeting.

Public Notice

NOTICE OF ELECTION (C.R.S. 1-5-205) Gilpin County General Election, November 4, 2025 ALL MAIL BALLOT ELECTION

Gilpin County Clerk and Recorder, Sahari McCormick, will be conducting a Mail Ballot General Election on November 4, 2025. The Clerk will begin mailing ballots on October 10, 2025. Ballots must be returned on or before Election Day by mail to the Gilpin County Clerk and Recorder, Sahari McCormick, PO Box 429, Central City, CO 80427-0429 or dropped off at the following 24-hour drop box locations starting October 15, 2025:

- OLD COURTHOUSE, 203 Eureka St., Central City
- GILPIN COUNTY COMMUNITY CENTER, 250 Norton Dr., Black Hawk
- GILPIN COUNTY PUBLIC WORKS SHOP, 135 Tolland Rd., Rollinsville

A new voter can register to vote at GoVoteColorado.gov. A voter can make changes to their registration online until October 27, 2025. From October 28 to November 4, 2025, a voter must appear at the VOTER SERVICE AND POLLING CENTER for these services.

VOTER SERVICE AND POLLING CENTER (VSPC):
Old Courthouse, 203 Eureka St., Central City, CO 80427

- Monday – Friday October 27 to November 3, 2025, 8:00 AM – 4:00 PM
- Saturday, November 1, 2025 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM
- Closed Sunday
- ELECTION DAY, November 4, 2025, 7:00 AM – 7:00 PM

FUNCTIONS OF THE VOTER SERVICE AND POLLING CENTER:

A voter can surrender their mail ballot and vote in person either electronically or by paper.

A new voter can register to vote and may vote the same day. (Must live in Colorado at least 22 days before the election).

Drop-off location for Mail Ballots.

Update your name or address on the voter rolls.

Ballots MUST be received by the Clerk and Recorder's Office by 7:00 PM on Election Day, November 4, 2025 to be counted. POSTMARKS DO NOT COUNT. If you have any questions, please call the Clerk and Recorder's office at 303-582-5321 or e-mail elections@gilpincounty.org

Sample ballots can be found on the Gilpin County website: gilpincounty.colorado.gov

Public Notice

INCLUSION OF TERRITORY (NOTICE BY PUBLICATION OF) § 32-1-401(2), C.R.S.

To Whom it May Concern, and particularly, to the real property owners of the Nederland Fire Protection District of Boulder County, Colorado.

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held Wednesday October 15, 2025 at 6:30 P.M. both in-person (station 1 – 650 W 4 th St., Nederland, CO 80466) and virtually (<https://www.nfpd.org/2025-10-15-public-hearings-inclusion-6-30pm>) regarding a petition for inclusion for properties located on Shady Hollow Road and Ridge Road.

Assent to the inclusion of such properties in the special district is given by the fee owner(s) and shall be acknowledged by the fee owner(s) in the same manner as required for conveyance of land.

- Address, 0 Shady Hollow Rd, Legal Description, SE ¼ NE ¼ 4-1S-72 6.6 ACS M/L Owners, Richard & Arlene Barry
- Address, 345 Shady Hollow Rd, Legal Description, Black Crystal LD 19549 Sugar Loaf 2.3 ACS & Tracts 1044C & 1044D Split from ID 100902 Total 4.22 ACS M/L

- Owners, Jonathan & Justine Sydello
- Address, 351 Shady Hollow Rd, Legal Description, Blue Bell LD 19549 less PT in SE ¼ NE ¼ 4-1S-72 5.20 ACS M/L Sugarloaf see split 27934 Owner, Veronica Gail Hrutkay
 - Address, 401 Shady Hollow Rd, Legal Description, LX Lode 19548 Less PT in Pegmatite LD 19787 & Less PT in Rocky Mountain LD & Tracts 1044A & 1044B Sugarloaf per BOCO Docket SE-05-029 See R2755158 & R2755159 Owners Jennifer L & Tyson L Nunemacher
 - Address, 509 Shady Hollow Rd, Legal Description, Pegmatite Lode 19787 & PT of L X LD 19548 lying within Pegmatite LD and Crackerjack LD 19548 less most swly & less pt in SE ¼ NE ¼ 4-1S-72 Sugarloaf 4-1S-72 Owners Gene Guevara & Peter F Crowley
 - Address, 5250 Ridge Rd, Legal Description, Parcel 4 Falls Pointe total 35.91 AC M/L Owner Amaroo LLC (represented by Christopher Squires)

All persons interested shall appear at such time and place and show cause in writing why the petition should not be granted. Public comments can be submitted prior to the meeting on NFPD's website at: <https://www.nfpd.org/2025-10-15-public-hearings-inclusion-6-30pm>



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