



Garden Valley Fire Protection District

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The Honorable Suzanne N. Kingsbury
Presiding Judge of the El Dorado County Superior Court
1354 Johnson Blvd. Suite 2
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Re: El Dorado Grand Jury 2019-2020
West Slope Fire Protection Update
Case 19-06 June 2020
Public Release June 15, 2020

Responses to all findings and recommendations have been requested, and are required, from the Garden Valley Fire Protection District Board of Directors, by the El Dorado County Grand Jury. The responses of the Garden Valley Fire Protection District Board of Directors are below.

Findings:

- F1. Long term fiscal sustainability of fire protection on the West Slope of the County is highly questionable.
Agree
- F2. County citizens on the West Slope experience a wide disparity in fire protection services often masked by Automatic Aid, based on their location and their specific fire district.
Agree
- F3. Efforts to improve fire protection on the West Slope of the County have been ongoing for many years with limited success.
Agree
- F4. Cal Fire has the infrastructure, staffing and expertise to be a major component of a solution to the County's fire district disparities.
Agree

F5. Improvements in the existing fire protection model for the West Slope requires all fire protection districts to take a holistic view of fire protection and the political will to embrace change.

Agree

F6. Fire protection districts on the West Slope have not displayed the ability to take a holistic view of fire protection or the political will to embrace change, to the detriment of all County citizens.

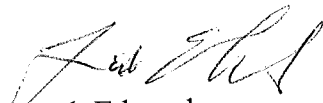
Agree

Recommendation:

R1. Fire Protection Districts, Cal Fire, BOS and LAFCO should continue discussing ways to improve County fire protection services.

Recommendation has not been implemented, but will be, by the Garden Valley Fire Protection District, within a timeframe to be determined, by the El Dorado County Board of Supervisors.

Sincerely,



Frank Edwards
Board Chairman