

# Purpose of Today's Meeting

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- Hold a public hearing
- Take action on:
  - Resolution No. 23-03
  - Resolution No. 23-04
  - Statement of support
- Decision to proceed with a new tax to be decided by 2/3 of voters approval in a special election in July

# Important Dates

- Resolution of Intention:
  - March 3, 2023
- Resolution of Formation:
  - Today
- Registered Voter Special Election:
  - July 11, 2023
- Special Board Meeting to Certify Election
  - August 4, 2023
- Special Taxes Due to Counties:
  - No later than August 10, 2023
- Contract Negotiations:
  - Q1 2024
- First Availability of Funds:
  - March 2024



# Agenda

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- Current status of Kirkwood Volunteer Fire Department
- What we could/should provide
- Details of proposal to provide year-round professional, on-mountain fire and emergency services staff 24/7
- Public comments, questions, and answers.
- Public comment closes.
- Board discussion and decision on
  - Resolution 23/03 for formation of Community Facilities District No. 2023-1
  - Resolution 23/04 to submit ballot measure to voters to decide future direction
  - Publish a statement of support for the ballot measure

# Kirkwood Volunteer Fire Department

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- Thank you to the community who has generously provided support for equipment and recently some volunteer benefits
- Thank you to the staff:
  - Rick Ansel - Fire Chief
  - Tom Harris - Assistant Fire Chief
- Thank you to all the volunteers
- Suggested changes in no way reflect a lack of commitment by the community or staff

# Kirkwood Volunteer Fire Department

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- Established in 1985 as strictly volunteer
  - Responds to structure fires, wildfires, explosions, medical assistance, traffic accidents, mutual requests, etc.
- Despite increase in recruiting and benefits, volunteers have not been available to provide the required manpower and skills
- Volunteers living off mountain cannot respond during road closures
- KVFD falls well below National Fire Protection Assoc recommendations and often has no volunteers for shifts
- KVFD ambulance services discontinued in 2019 due to lack of EMT fire department volunteers
- Funding of \$0.0396/square foot/year never updated

# What We Could/Should Provide

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- 2017 – District adopted the Fire Service Master Plan which identified deficiencies in KVFD. 2019 – Ad Hoc committee explores funding options. 2021 – Ad Hoc committee formed to develop Special Tax.
- 24/7 coverage with minimum of two qualified personnel on mountain at all times
- Prompt fire suppression and medical service response times are required to reduce health risk, including deaths, and fire damage.
- The fire and emergency services resources staffed to protect the peak population of the service area.
- Example from San Francisco: Response times to the scene of a life-threatening emergency within ten minutes at least 90 percent of the time. Why? Because delayed response times increase property damage and health risk.

# Resolution No. 23-03

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- Authorizes the formation of Community Facilities District No. 2023-1 (Fire Services) in order to finance public services in and for such CFD
  - Public services consist of all fire protection, prevention and suppression services, including medical services, and including but not limited to costs of personnel, equipment, replacement reserves and costs incidental thereto
  - Other costs to be financed by the CFD include costs of administering the CFD, levying the Special Tax and administering the CFD

# Proposed Level of Service

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- Rick Ansel continuing as KVFD Fire Chief
- Contract with Amador Fire Protection District to provide personnel
- Staffing:
  - Battalion Chief (1 staff) – provides program oversight and management.
  - Duty Officers (Captains) (3 staff) – provides shift oversight.
  - Engineer/EMT (4 staff) – firefighting and emergency medical services. Licensed to operate the fire department vehicles.
  - Firefighter/EMT (4 staff) - firefighting and emergency medical services.
- Augmented by trained volunteers
- The service scenario of 100% paid full-time staff provides the highest certainty of adequately trained staff responding to an emergency
- The service scenario of paid full-time staff, augmented by some volunteers may reduce costs
  - Serious efforts will be made to reduce costs through use of trained volunteers
- Resolution 23-03 covers the maximum anticipated expenses



# Resolution No. 23-04

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- Calls for a special election for Community Facilities District No. 2023-1 (Fire Services)
  - To be held on July 11, 2023
  - Requires a two-thirds vote from the qualified electors (registered voters) within the CFD

# Special Tax and Rate and Method

- Special Tax explained in the Rate and Method of Apportionment
  - Apportionment is based on the peak population in the service area related to each property
  - Parking spaces on developed properties are used as proxy for peak population
  - Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Maximum Special Tax:
    - \$513 per parking space
    - Subject to an annual escalator (2-6%)
- Residential Property
  - Single Family: Two parking spaces per dwelling unit (520 spaces)
  - Condominium: One parking space per dwelling unit, adjusted for time-share (385 spaces)
- Non-Residential Property
  - Number of parking spaces assigned at formation and updated on an annual basis (see table on next slide)

# Special Tax and Rate and Method

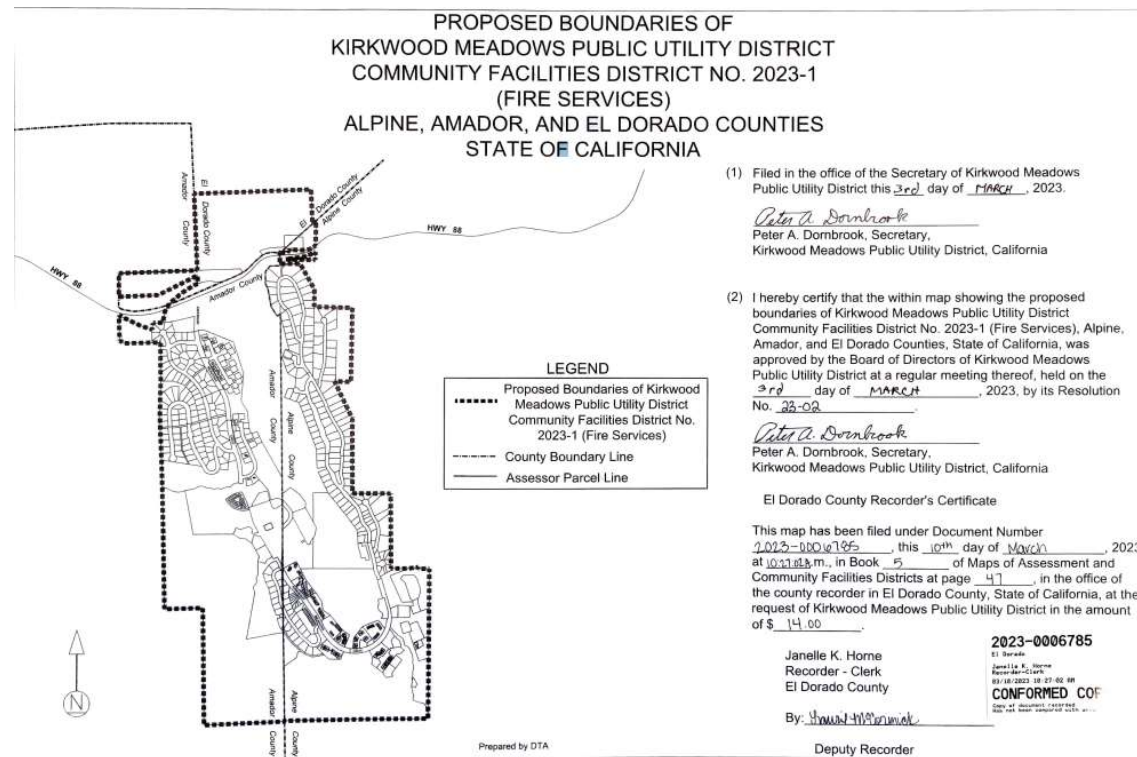
Assessor's Parcel	County	Additional Description	Parking Spaces
006-010-024-000	Alpine	Timber Creek / Loop Road (portion)	105
006-010-077-000	Alpine	Village / KMD / Tennis Courts	827
006-010-087-000	Alpine	West Village (portion)	84
006-010-088-000	Alpine	West Village (portion)	36
006-010-095-000	Alpine	East Village	50
006-010-096-000	Alpine	East Village (portion)	8
006-010-097-000	Alpine	East Village (portion)	68
006-010-099-000	Alpine	Red Cliffs (portion)	242
006-010-102-000	Alpine	Mighty Mountain	94
006-010-105-000	Alpine	Red Cliffs (portion)	241
006-020-007-000	Alpine	Kirkwood Inn East (portion)	21
006-020-009-000	Alpine	Kirkwood Inn East (portion)	42
006-020-019-000	Alpine	Timber Creek	310
006-090-024-000	Alpine	Cornice Grill	8
026-270-034-000	Amador	Timber Creek / Loop Road	574
026-270-037-000	Amador	Renwick / KMD	30
039-070-017-000	El Dorado	Kirkwood Inn East	63
Total			2803

# Annual Costs

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- Cost Breakdown
  - Model D annual services: \$1,736,369 (assuming no volunteers augmenting staff)
  - Annual vehicles/equipment: \$119,267
  - Annual administrative expenses: \$45,000
  - Total: \$1,900,636
- Community donations can continue to fund KVFD equipment (which reduces costs)
- Parking spaces: 3,708
- Special Tax per parking space: \$513

# CFD Boundaries (Separate Maps For Each County)



# Question and Answer

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- Open Public Comment Period
  - Each person will be given one opportunity to ask questions or make comments for up to 3 minutes.
  - After all participants have been allowed an opportunity to be heard, the Board will close the Public Comment.
- Board Discussion
- Board Action on Resolutions 23-03 & 23-04