

CITIZENS' ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING NOTES

July 28, 2026

9:00 a.m.

Call to Order

Action

The meeting began at 9:00am with committee consensus to record the meetings via zoom for transparency and reference material.

Committee Members in Attendance

Kay Crowe

Rick Martinez

Anna Moore

Larry Moore

Geoffrey Paulsen

Martin Schutt

Terri Wemmer

Amber Wittner via Zoom

Jeremy Zawondy

Review of Community Advisory Committee's (CAC) Role

Action

No action taken, discussion item only.

Member Introductions

Action:

Members of the Committee and GCSD staff introduced themselves and gave statements about what motivated them to volunteer for the advisory committee, what they hope to get out of participation, and what they hope the committee accomplishes by the end of its work.

Review of Committee Purpose

Action

No action taken, discussion item only.

Big Picture Overview

Action

No action taken, discussion item only.

Proposed Committee Ground Rules

Action

By consensus of the committee there were no objections to the following ground rules.

- 1. Assume good intent.*
- 2. Respect different viewpoints and experiences.*
- 3. Ask questions before reaching conclusions.*
- 4. Focus on facts, options, tradeoffs, and community impacts.*
- 5. Address ideas, not individuals.*
- 6. Avoid personal attacks or assumptions about motives.*

7. No single member speaks for the entire community.
8. GCSD Staff will provide information, and the committee may request additional information.
9. Agreement is welcome, but respectful disagreement is acceptable.
10. The committee's value is honest discussion, not forced consensus.
11. Keep the process transparent, understandable, and respectful.
12. Member information requests and responses will be distributed to all community members.
13. Committee members may have contact with outside agency officials as agreed by consensus of the committee.

Committee Structure, Communication, and Schedule

Action

By consensus of the committee the following structure, communication and schedule have been established.

Appointment of Chair and Vice Chair

It was moved by committee member Rick Martinez and seconded by committee member Terri Wemmer to appoint committee member Geoffrey Paulsen as Chair of the committee, and Martin Schutt as Vice Chair, motion approved unanimously by the committee members.

Spokesperson for monthly Board report

By consensus of the committee, it has been established that committee members will be assigned to address reports to the GCSD Board according to topic and availability.

Attendance requirements

By consensus of the committee the meeting dates and times have been established for the second Tuesday of each month at 1:00pm. The committee agrees that members can attend in person and/or via zoom. If a committee member misses a meeting, they agree to watch the meeting recording to be informed of any discussion or action taken.

Process for replacements

By consensus of the committee, it was agreed that if any member no longer wishes to be on the committee, as shown by missing two consecutive meetings without communication to the Chair or GCSD, the member may be considered by the committee for replacement. GCSD Staff will present available committee applications to the committee for recommendation to the GCSD Board for member replacement.

Group email for communications

By consensus of the committee, it was agreed that a committee group email be established for shared communications. The committee agreed that District Board Secretary, Rachel Pearlman, will notify the committee members of upcoming meetings and provide all meeting material, take meeting notes and provide them to the committee. If a committee member requests any documentation for research purposes, the entire committee will receive the communication and documentation. Communication between committee members is permitted, however, it is recommended that the committee uses the email group that includes GCSD staff and Committee Members.

Dedicated webpage for information

By consensus of the committee, it was agreed that District staff will create a webpage on the GCSD website that will contain committee member contact information including emails for public communication, optional pictures and bios. All requested documents will be uploaded to

the website; all meetings and meeting content including recordings will be posted on the website for transparency.

Confirm Next Meeting Topic

Action

Recommended by staff and consensus of the committee, the next meeting topics will cover the following.

Committee member Geoffery Paulsen requested to add the National Park Service and Hetch Hetchy to the list.

- *Brief history of GCSD Fire*
- *Agency Roles and Responsibilities to our Community*
- *GCSD*
- *Tuolumne County*
- *CAL FIRE*
- *U.S. Forest Service*
- *Mutual Aid and automatic aid partners*
 - *National Park Service*
 - *Hetch Hetchy*

Committee Questions

Action

None

Closing Message

Action

No action taken, discussion item only. The meeting adjourned at 10:57am.