



BOARD MEETING AGENDA SUBMITTAL

TO: GCSB Board of Directors

FROM: Peter Kampa, General Manager

DATE: March 11, 2025

SUBJECT: Agenda Item 6A: Adoption of a Resolution Commending Assistant Chief Andy Murphy on his Retirement and for his Efforts and Accomplishments While Serving the Groveland Fire Department

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Staff recommends the following action:

I move to approve Resolution 09-2025 commanding Assistant Chief Andy Murphy on his retirement and for his efforts and accomplishments while serving the Groveland Fire Department.

BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION:

Honoring the Retirement of Assistant County Fire Chief Andy Murphy

Assistant County Fire Chief Andy Murphy will retire from CAL FIRE effective April 30, 2025. His retirement marks the conclusion of a remarkable career dedicated to public service, leaving a lasting impact on the Tuolumne County Fire Department (TCFD), the Groveland Community Services District (GCSB) Fire Department, and the broader community. While we will deeply miss Chief Murphy's leadership, expertise, and dedication, we extend our heartfelt congratulations and gratitude for his extraordinary service and commitment to fire protection at the local, county, and state levels.

A Distinguished Career of Service

Chief Murphy's career spans over 34 years with CAL FIRE, where he has held critical leadership roles, including Tuolumne County Assistant Chief and Assistant County Fire Warden. In these roles, he was responsible for the management and administration of TCFD and GCSB Fire Department operations, overseeing training programs and supervising personnel across multiple schedules. His leadership extended to coordinating 41 volunteer firefighters and acting as Unit Duty Chief, ensuring seamless emergency response operations.

Beyond his core responsibilities, Chief Murphy built and maintained strong professional relationships with key stakeholders, including the Tuolumne County Board of Supervisors, county administrators, the GCSB General Manager and Board of Directors, as well as

numerous local, state, and federal agencies. He represented CAL FIRE and TCFD in meetings, committees, and working groups, frequently delivering formal presentations to governing boards and community organizations.

Chief Murphy's contributions also extended to major incident management. He served for eight years on CAL FIRE Incident Management Teams (IMTs) and is currently the Planning Section Chief for CAL FIRE IMT 2. His leadership in emergency management was complemented by his service in several specialized task forces, working groups, and as an acting TCU Administrative Officer. A certified Fire Officer, Fire Instructor, and licensed paramedic, Chief Murphy's extensive training in the Incident Command System and emergency management has been instrumental in shaping the region's fire services.

Impact on Groveland and Tuolumne County

Chief Murphy's contributions to the Groveland Community Services District have been invaluable. Recognizing the financial challenges faced by GCSD, he prioritized securing grant funding, empowering a capable team to write and manage grant proposals. As a result, Station 78 has received over \$1.3 million in grant funding since 2018, enhancing tools, technology, and fire fuels reduction efforts.

His dedication to improving fire services in Tuolumne County extended beyond grant funding. He played a pivotal role in strengthening the partnership between GCSD and Tuolumne County, securing county funding for Amador staffing at the CAL FIRE Groveland Station—relieving financial pressure on GCSD. Most recently, his efforts led to Tuolumne County's commitment to funding a second, year-round, fully staffed fire engine in the Groveland area, a critical enhancement for public safety in southern Tuolumne County.

Chief Murphy's leadership, advocacy, and unwavering commitment to public safety have left an indelible mark on our community. His legacy of service will continue to benefit Groveland, Tuolumne County, and beyond for years to come.

On behalf of the Groveland Community Services District, we extend our deepest gratitude to Chief Murphy for his outstanding leadership and service. We wish him the very best in his well-earned retirement and future endeavors.

Thank you, Chief Murphy—you are a true hero in our eyes!

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Resolution 09-2025

RESOLUTION 09-2025

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE GROVELAND COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT COMMENDING ASSISTANT CHIEF ANDY MURPHY FOR HIS EFFORTS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS WHILE SERVING THE GROVELAND FIRE DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, Assistant County Fire Chief Andy Murphy has dedicated over 34 years of distinguished service to CAL FIRE, demonstrating exceptional leadership, unwavering commitment, and selfless dedication to public safety; and

WHEREAS, Chief Murphy has served as the Tuolumne County Assistant Chief and Assistant County Fire Warden, overseeing the management and administration of the Tuolumne County Fire Department (TCFD) and the Groveland Community Services District (GCSD) Fire Department, ensuring operational excellence, training personnel, and coordinating a team of professional and volunteer firefighters; and

WHEREAS, Chief Murphy has been instrumental in fostering and maintaining strong professional relationships with the Tuolumne County Board of Supervisors, county administrators, the GCSD General Manager and Board of Directors, and numerous local, state, and federal agencies, effectively advocating for fire service improvements and resources; and

WHEREAS, Chief Murphy has made invaluable contributions to major incident management, serving for eight years on CAL FIRE Incident Management Teams (IMTs) and currently as the Planning Section Chief for CAL FIRE IMT 2, further enhancing emergency response capabilities and public safety; and

WHEREAS, Chief Murphy has demonstrated exceptional leadership in securing vital grant funding, resulting in over \$1.3 million in grant awards for Station 78 since 2018, significantly enhancing tools, technology, and fire fuels reduction efforts for the betterment of Groveland and Tuolumne County; and

WHEREAS, Chief Murphy played a pivotal role in strengthening partnerships between GCSD and Tuolumne County, successfully securing county funding for Amador staffing at the CAL FIRE Groveland Station, easing financial burdens on GCSD, and advocating for a second, year-round, fully staffed fire engine in the Groveland area to improve fire protection and emergency response services; and

WHEREAS, Chief Murphy's unwavering dedication, expertise, and advocacy have left an indelible mark on the fire services of Tuolumne County, ensuring long-lasting benefits for the community and enhancing public safety for generations to come; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Groveland Community Services District, on behalf of its Board of Directors, staff, and the community, extends its deepest appreciation and heartfelt gratitude to Assistant County Fire Chief Andy Murphy for his outstanding leadership, exemplary service, and tireless dedication to protecting lives and property; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Resolution of Appreciation be presented to Chief Murphy as a testament to his remarkable career and lasting contributions, with best wishes for his well-earned retirement and future endeavors.

WHEREFORE, this Resolution is passed and adopted by the Board of Directors of the Groveland Community Services District on March 11, 2025, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

APPROVE:

Nancy Mora, Board President

ATTEST:

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 March 11, 2025.

DATED: _____