

**Mesa Community Service District
Board Special Meeting Agenda
Thursday August 6, 2026 6:00PM
Hosted by President Nate Gratz
356 Aliso Circle**

CALL TO ORDER:

PRESENT:

ABSENT:

PUBLIC COMMENT/ GUESTS:

OLD BUSINESS:

FIRE PROTECTION

- Approve Resolution 26-1, titled *“A RESOLUTION OF THE GOVERNING BOARD OF THE MESA COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT ORDERING THE ELECTION FOR THE SUBMISSION OF A MEASURE TO THE VOTERS AND REQUESTING CONSOLIDATION WITH THE NOVEMBER GENERAL ELECTION”*

ADJOURNMENT:

**Mesa Community Services District
Resolution No. 26-1**

A RESOLUTION OF THE GOVERNING BOARD OF THE MESA COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT ORDERING THE ELECTION FOR THE SUBMISSION OF A MEASURE TO THE VOTERS AND REQUESTING CONSOLIDATION WITH THE NOVEMBER GENERAL ELECTION

WHEREAS, the Mesa Community Services District (“District”) has determined that it is necessary to submit to the voters a Measure establishing a special parcel tax for fire protection and emergency response services; and

WHEREAS, the District desires to hold said election on November 3, 2026, the date of the General Election; and

WHEREAS, the District requests that the election be consolidated with the General Election conducted by the County of Inyo; and

WHEREAS, the District acknowledges that it will reimburse the County for the actual costs of conducting the election as required by law; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Elections Code §10418, the consolidated election shall be held and conducted in accordance with the provisions of law regulating the statewide election

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Board of the District of the Mesa Community Services District as follows:

1. **Order of Election.** The Governing Board of the District hereby orders an election to be held within the District on November 3, 2026, for the purpose of submitting to the voters the Measure entitled “Special Parcel Tax for Fire Protection Services.”
2. **Specifications of the Election Order.** The Measure shall be submitted to the voters in the form attached hereto as Exhibit A (Ballot Question and Full Text).
3. **Request for Consolidation.** The Governing Board of the District requests that the County Board of Supervisors consolidate the District’s election with the November 3, 2026 General Election, and that the County Elections Official conduct the election on behalf of the District, pursuant to Elections Code §10403.
4. **Conduct of Election.** The consolidated election shall be held and conducted in accordance with Elections Code §10418.
5. **Tie Vote Resolution.** In the event of a tie vote, the outcome shall be determined by lot, as provided by law.
6. **Filing.** The Secretary/Clerk is directed to file a certified copy of this Resolution, together with Exhibit A (Ballot Question and Full Text), with the County Elections Official no later than 88 days prior to the election.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Governing Board of the District this ____ day of _____, 2026, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

Chairperson
Mesa Community Services District

**Mesa Community Services District
Measure XYZ
Special Parcel Tax for Fire Protection Services**

**Exhibit A
Ballot Question and Full Text**

Ballot Label:

Shall the Mesa Community Services District adopt an ordinance establishing annual special parcel tax of up to \$500 per developed parcel and up to \$250 per undeveloped parcel, with up to a 3.5% annual escalator, raising approximately \$64,500 in year one, to fund an Out of Area Service Agreement with the Bishop Fire Protection District, or other legally authorized fire protection service provider for fire suppression and related services, with all funds used locally for these purposes only, continuing until ended by voters, and subject to annual review?

YES

NO

**Full Text of the Measure (for Ordinance & Voter Guide)
Mesa Community Services District
Measure XYZ
Special Parcel Tax for Fire Protection Services**

“ORDINANCE NO. ____

AN ORDINANCE OF THE MESA COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT,
ESTABLISHING A SPECIAL PARCEL TAX FOR FIRE PROTECTION SERVICES

Subject to voter approval, to ensure the provision of fire protection and related safety services for residents and properties within the Mesa Community Services District (“District”), the Mesa Community Services District does ordain as follows:

SECTION 1. Establishment of Special Parcel Tax

The Mesa Community Services District hereby adopts a special parcel tax (hereinafter “Tax”) for fire protection services as set forth below.

SECTION 2. Purpose and Use of Revenue

Revenue from the Tax shall be used exclusively to fund:

- A. A service agreement with Bishop Fire Protection District, or other legally authorized fire protection service provider for fire suppression and related services;
- B. Administrative costs directly necessary for implementing and collecting the Tax and implementing and maintaining the out-of-area service agreement.

SECTION 3. Taxable Property & Exemptions

The Tax is imposed upon each parcel of real property located within the boundaries of the District for which there exists a fee simple interest, except those parcels owned by the Federal, State, or other local government, or as otherwise exempt pursuant to law.

SECTION 4. Term of Tax

The Tax shall be imposed and levied annually beginning July 1, 2027, and shall remain in effect for a period of ten years, or until such a time that the out-of-area service agreement is no longer in effect.

SECTION 5. Annual Tax Rate

The Tax shall be imposed and levied annually at a rate of up to \$500 per developed parcel and up to \$250 per undeveloped parcel, of taxable property within the District. The actual per parcel tax rate imposed shall be tied to the negotiated service agreement with the Bishop Fire Protection District, which shall be executed prior to any Tax being imposed.

The per parcel Tax rate shall include up to a 3.5% annual escalator, if such escalator is included in the service agreement.

SECTION 6. Accountability Provisions

The District shall comply with the accountability requirements of Government Code §§50075.1 and 50075.3, including but not limited to:

- A. Annual reporting of revenues and expenditures;
- B. Annual verification that funds were used solely for authorized purposes.

SECTION 7. Collection

The Tax shall be collected by the Inyo County Tax Collector on behalf of the District in the same manner, and subject to the same penalties, fees, and procedures, as other charges and taxes collected on the County property tax roll. The County may deduct its reasonable costs of collection before remitting the balance of the proceeds to the District.

SECTION 8. Two Thirds Voter Approval Required

This ordinance shall be considered null and void unless adopted if approved by at least two thirds (2/3) of the voters voting on the measure, pursuant to Article XIII C of the California Constitution.

Section 9. If this Tax ordinance is approved by the voters, a summary shall be published at least five (5) days before the date set for adoption by the Mesa Community Services District and again fifteen (15) days after passage of this ordinance. It shall be published once with the names of the Mesa Community Services District board members voting for and against the ordinance in a newspaper of general circulation published in the County of Inyo, State of California.”

A YES VOTE SUPPORTS THE TAX:

A NO VOTE DOES NOT SUPPORT THE TAX: