

**Genesee Water and Sanitation District (GWSD)
Statement of Support for Genesee Fire Protection District (GFPD)
Ballot Initiative**


The GFPD Election of May 6, 2025 contains three ballot initiatives in addition to providing for the election of four members of the GFPD Board of Directors. The Board of Directors of Genesee Water and Sanitation District is authorized to adopt a resolution in support of an issue of official concern pursuant to C.R.S. § 1-45-117(1)(b)(III)(A).

The GWSD Board and Staff strongly endorse and support Ballot Issue B, a provision for borrowing up to \$8 million as necessary for the construction of a Southern Emergency Access Route (SEAR). This route, as designed, would begin on GWSD property, pass around the East Side of reservoir 1, then pass through Genesee Foundation (GF) property, terminating at Highway 74. Previously, easement agreements were executed between the GFPD and both the GWSD and the GF to allow the construction of this SEAR. Ballot issue B is an issue of official concern to the Genesee Water and Sanitation District.

GWSD strongly supports Ballot Issue B as, under declared fire emergency scenarios, it will provide a valuable life safety function for employees of the GWSD allowing access to protect and maintain critical water infrastructure including the Bear Creek intake, reservoir 2, and the lower pump station. Timely access to the area would also allow staff to provide direct access to millions of gallons of water via hydrant and hoses along Highway 74 for additional wildland fire fighting efforts. GWSD urges eligible electors to vote for Ballot Issue B.

The District Manager and staff of the GWSD are hereby authorized and directed to take all necessary and appropriate action to effectuate the provisions of this resolution, including reporting the passage of or distribution of this resolution through established, customary means, other than paid advertising, pursuant to C.R.S. § 1-45-117(1)(b)(III)(B).

APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 25th day of February 2025 by the Board of Directors of Genesee Water and Sanitation District.



President

Attest:



Secretary/Treasurer