

Notice of Measure Election

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Notice

Date of Notice	Name of District	Name of County or Counties	Date of Election
8/28/25	Rogue River Rural Fire Protection District	Jackson	11/04/25

Final Ballot Title The following is the final ballot title of the measure to be submitted to district voters. The ballot title notice was published and the ballot title challenge process is complete.

Caption 10 words which reasonably identifies the subject of the measure.

Five-year local option tax for general fire safety operations

Question 20 words which plainly phrases the chief purpose of the measure.

Shall District impose \$0.80 per \$1,000 of assessed value for five years beginning 2026-2027 to fund general operations? This measure may cause property taxes to increase more than three percent.

Summary 175 words which concisely and impartially summarizes the measure and its major effect.

Rogue River Rural Fire Protection District provides fire protection and advanced life support ambulance transport within the District and Ambulance Service Area. If adopted, this measure approves a new levy of \$0.80 per \$1,000 of assessed value, effective July 1, 2026. The District's current levy of \$0.50 per \$1,000 of assessed value expires June 30, 2026.

This proposed new levy would allow for maintaining services, and building reserves for future fire apparatus and equipment purchases. Maintaining services is necessary for the District to provide coverage for responding to medical emergencies and fires.

Without the new levy, service reductions will occur, facility maintenance will be deferred, and new equipment purchases will be delayed. If the levy is rejected, residents within the District will likely see an increase in response time when calling for fire and life safety services. In addition, if the District reduces service levels, homeowners within the District could experience increases in real property insurance rates.

The proposed rate will raise approximately \$725,901 in 2026-2027, \$747,678 in 2027-2028, \$770,108 in 2028-2029, \$793,212 in 2029-2030, and \$817,008 in 2030-2031, for a total over five years of \$3,853,907.

Explanatory Statement 500 words that impartially explains the measure and its effect.

If the county is producing a voters' pamphlet an explanatory statement must be written and attached to this form for:

→ any measure referred by the district elections authority; or
→ any initiative or referendum, if required by local ordinance.

Explanatory Statement Attached? ☒ Yes ☐ No

Authorized District Official Not required to be notarized.

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By signing this document:

→ I hereby state that I am authorized by the district elections authority to submit this Notice of Measure Election; and
→ I certify that notice of receipt of ballot title has been published and the ballot title challenge process for this measure completed.

Signature

8/28/25

Date Signed

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EXPLANATORY STATEMENT FOR COUNTY VOTERS' PAMPHLET

NAME OF PERSON RESPONSIBLE FOR CONTENT: Mike Hammond

NAME OF ORGANIZATION PERSON REPRESENTS, IF ANY: Rogue River Rural Fire Protection District

BALLOT TITLE CAPTION: Five-Year local option tax for general fire safety operations

MEASURE NUMBER: 15-239

(Explanatory Statement Shall Be Typed)

See attached

WORD COUNT TOTAL: 390

THE TOTAL WORD COUNT CANNOT EXCEED 500 WORDS.

Mike Hammond
SIGNATURE OF PERSON RESPONSIBLE FOR THE CONTENT OF THE EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

8/28/25
DATE

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Explanatory Statement

The Rogue River Rural Fire Protection District Board of Directors voted to seek voter approval of this funding measure on the November ballot. With this measure, the Board is asking Fire District residents to adopt a new five- year local option tax levy of \$0.80 per \$1,000 of assessed value. Starting in the fiscal year 2026-2027, the new levy would replace the current levy of \$0.50 per \$1,000 of assessed value.

As with past levies, the Fire District plans to use this proposed new levy to fund general operations and staff positions. Firefighter/EMT and Firefighter/Paramedic staff positions benefit the Fire District in its ability to quickly respond to calls for service and increase the Fire District's overall capacity to respond to fire and life saving emergencies across the Fire District's service territory.

A "Yes" vote would allow funding for the Fire District through fiscal year 2030-2031 at current service levels. By continuing to fund emergency operations, this levy will enable the Fire District to continue to meet the demands of increasing emergency call volumes. The levy will also allow the Fire District to maintain its equipment, apparatus, and facilities.

The Fire District's permanent tax rate is \$1.931 per \$1,000 of assessed value. Only with the addition of local option levy revenue can the Fire District fully fund the Fire Districts current operations, preserve Fire District facilities, maintain the Fire District apparatus, and fund the Fire District's apparatus replacement reserves. With the increasing costs of operations and increasing call volumes the Board of Directors determined that this new levy is needed to provide adequate fire and life safety coverage within the Fire District's territory and to meet the emergency response needs of our community.

Rogue River Rural Fire Protection District is not a part of a city or the county. The Fire District is a "special district." It is governed by the Board of Directors who are residents of the Fire District. As elected representatives, the Board of Directors represent the interests of the Fire District residents by making policy decisions that ensure the highest level of fire services, emergency medical services, and life safety services provided in the most cost-effective manner. The Fire District also has a budget committee that is made up of the Board of Directors and five Fire District citizens that makes recommendations on Fire District expenditures.