

## Taxpayer Notice of Proposed Fire District Consolidation

The Governing Board of Golder Ranch Fire District and Mountain Vista Fire District have each adopted resolutions declaring that a consolidation of the Mountain Vista Fire District into the Golder Ranch Fire District should be considered and that public hearings be held on the matter to determine if a consolidation would be in the best interest of the Districts and would promote the public health, comfort, convenience, necessity or welfare and to hear public comment on the proposed consolidation pursuant to Arizona Revised Statutes §48-822.

The Fire Board of each District will hold a public hearing on the following dates:



**Golder Ranch Fire District Public Hearing**  
**July 17, 2017 at 9:00 a.m.**  
**3885 E. Golder Ranch Drive**  
**Tucson, Arizona 85739**

**Mountain Vista Fire District Public Hearing**  
**July 17, 2017 at 6:00 p.m.**  
**1175 W. Magee Road**  
**Tucson, Arizona 85704**



If the Governing Boards adopt a resolution that the consolidation would promote public health, comfort, convenience, necessity or welfare and each Board reaches unanimous consent, then Golder Ranch Fire District shall adopt a resolution declaring the two Districts consolidated and joined pursuant to Arizona Revised Statutes (ARS) §48-822.

If each of the Governing Boards does not reach unanimous consent to approve the consolidation, then the Governing Boards of each District may consider asking the Pima County Board of Supervisors to call for an election to consolidate the Fire Districts.

The estimated net assessed value of the proposed consolidated Fire District is \$1,104,054,936 for fiscal year 2018-2019 and is estimated to levy \$26,536,436 in direct property taxes for fiscal year 2018 – 2019 [fiscal year (FY) beginning July 1, 2018 and ending June 30, 2019]. The estimated tax rate for the proposed consolidated Fire District is projected at \$2.29 per one hundred dollars of the limited property value, multiplied by 10%, for residential properties (FY 2018-19). Note: There is no change in the property tax levy or property tax rate in the requested budget for fiscal year (FY 2017-18) for either District.

The following table shows the requested tax rates of each District for FY 2017-18 budgets and the estimated tax rate of the proposed consolidated Fire District effective FY 2018-2019.

Fire District	17-18 Requested Tax Rate	18-19 Proposed Consolidated Tax Rate	Change
Mountain Vista Fire District	\$2.35	\$2.29	- \$0.06
Golder Ranch Fire District	\$2.29	\$2.29	No change

The estimated change in annual property tax liability for a typical resident of each Fire District is provided in the following table. This table illustrates a SAMPLE tax liability for a typical resident of either District whose home has a FY 2017 limited property value of \$230,000.

Fire District	17-18 Projected Tax Liability	18-19 Proposed Consolidated Tax Liability	Change
Mountain Vista Fire District	\$540.50	\$526.70	- \$13.80
Golder Ranch Fire District	\$526.70	\$526.70	No change

*Note: To determine your home's specific property tax liability for the proposed consolidated fire district, use the following formula:  
 Limited Property Value (LPV) multiplied by 10% and divided by 100 equals the sum to be multiplied by the proposed tax rate. (LPVx.10/100 x 2.29)*

The Fire Districts will take the following steps to determine the feasibility of the proposed consolidation:

- Both Fire Districts' Governing Boards have hired an independent third party consultant to conduct a feasibility study on each of the Districts' financial analysis including any liabilities, revenue sources, growth opportunities, and financial sustainability.
- Both Districts will hold public informational meetings prior to the public hearings on the following dates:

**Mountain Vista Fire District**  
**June 8, 2017 at 6:00 p.m.**  
**1175 W. Magee Road**  
**Tucson, Arizona 85704**

**Golder Ranch Fire District**  
**June 15, 2017 at 6:00 p.m.**  
**3885 E. Golder Ranch Drive**  
**Tucson, Arizona 85739**

### Benefits and Injuries of the Proposed Consolidation

Benefits:

- The consolidated Fire District will reduce administrative redundancy and administrative costs
- The consolidated Fire District will reduce operational redundancy and gain economies of scale to increase overall efficiency which will result in a reduction in property tax liability and improve overall service delivery
- The consolidated Fire District will be positioned to better serve the communities collectively; thereby improving the delivery of fire, emergency medical and associated services
- The Mountain Vista Fire District residents will receive advanced life support (ALS) ambulance transportation services, an ambulance membership program and a community paramedicine program
- Residents of Mountain Vista Fire District may be afforded the fire insurance rating of the Golder Ranch Fire District, currently a classification of a two, which could result in a lowered costs for home insurance premiums
- Residents of Mountain Vista Fire District would gain Fire Marshal services and increased fire and life safety services
- The residents of the Golder Ranch Fire District will receive direct benefits from a broader tax base and ambulance transportation revenue that will allow for additional revenues to be used to fund emergency services

Injuries:

- The costs of changing the name on signage, apparatus, and uniforms

**General Description**

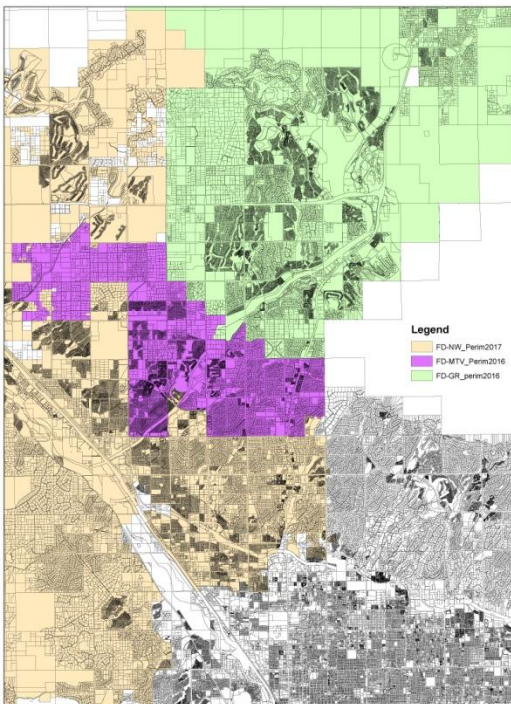
Golder Ranch Fire District serves 222 square miles and the boundaries include the communities of SaddleBrooke, Catalina and most of the Town of Oro Valley with surrounding unincorporated areas of Pima and Pinal Counties. The District also includes some state land within the boundaries. The District abuts Northwest Fire District, Mountain Vista Fire District and the Coronado National Forest.

Mountain Vista Fire District serves approximately 19 square miles and the boundaries include the most southern portion of the Town of Oro Valley, an eastern portion of the Town of Marana, as well as some unincorporated areas of Pima County. The District abuts to Northwest Fire District, Golder Ranch Fire District and the Coronado National Forest.

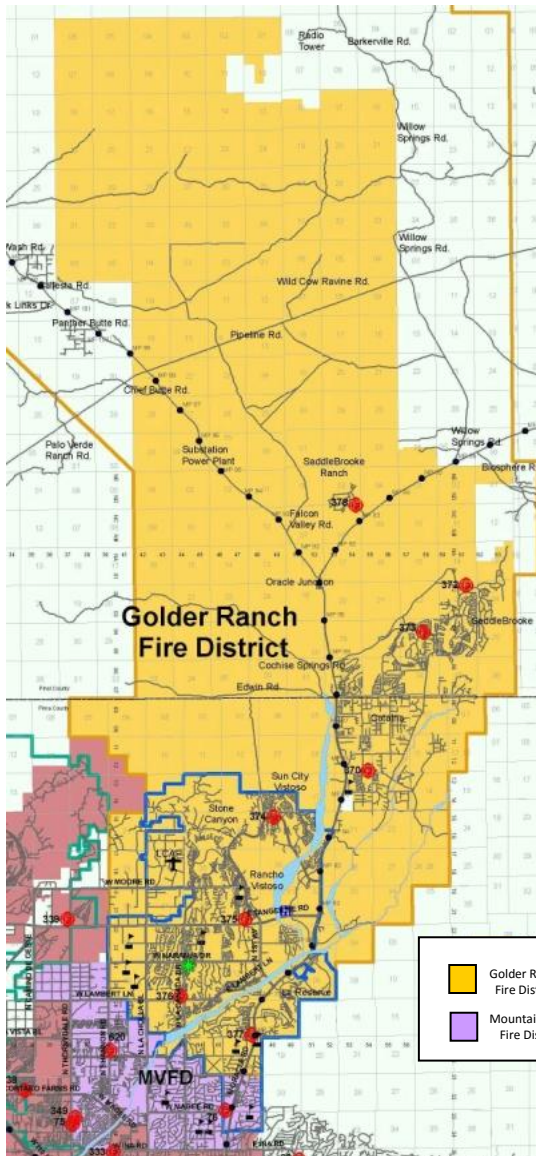
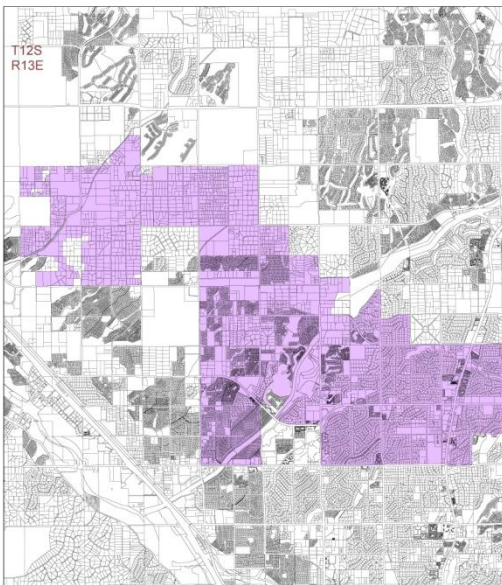
The consolidated District would consist of combining both Golder Ranch Fire District and Mountain Vista Fire District. The name of the consolidated fire district would be Golder Ranch Fire District. No new territory will be added as a result of this proposed consolidation.

**Maps of the Proposed Consolidated District Boundaries**

GOLDER RANCH - MOUNTAIN VISTA FIRE DISTRICTS



**Mountain Vista Fire District**



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**More Information**

**Golder Ranch Fire District Administration**  
520-825-9001  
[www.grfdaz.gov](http://www.grfdaz.gov)

**Mountain Vista Fire District Administration**  
520-575-4087  
[www.mountainvistafire.org](http://www.mountainvistafire.org)