

GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND ELECTION NOV. 5, 2019

Golder Ranch Fire District residents will decide whether to fund capital improvement projects in a special general obligation bond election on November 5, 2019.

All registered voters in the Golder Ranch Fire District will receive a ballot by mail.

PHASE 1 - REFINANCE AND REMODEL OF EXISTING PROPERTY & FACILITIES

3 PROJECTS • \$7,450,000.00

Remodel Station 375 in Rancho Vistoso in the Town of Oro Valley	Estimated Cost \$1,800,000.00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Station 375 remodel will fulfill a variety of needs for both the Golder Ranch Fire District and the community it serves. The station will be improved to meet updated building codes and National Fire Protection Association recommendations. This project addresses the health and safety of District firefighters by adding a separate storage area for firefighter protective gear and building a decontamination room that will prevent dangerous contaminants from entering living spaces. The expansion of sleeping and living quarters will allow the District to house more firefighters in an area of anticipated growth.
Station Alerting Systems	Estimated Cost \$400,000.00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Design and install a modern internet protocol station alerting system at all fire stations in the District. These systems, once installed, will reduce response times to emergency calls by providing fast and accurate notifications to fire personnel. Upgrading to a digital dispatching system allows multiple 911 calls to be answered and dispatched automatically, instead of in the order received, thereby allowing first responders to get to the emergency more quickly. Allows for redundant alerting and dispatching in case of network failure.
Restructure Existing Debts	Estimated Cost \$5,250,000.00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The proceeds from the first bond issuance will restructure the existing debt obligations Golder Ranch Fire District assumed as a result of the 2017 consolidation between the Mountain Vista Fire District and Golder Ranch Fire District. Because Mountain Vista Fire District never held a bond election to cover the cost of land acquisition and station construction, they were required to cover the cost of these relatively expensive undertakings with non-bonded, conventional debt financing. The servicing for these conventional loans must be paid for out of the Operations and Maintenance (O&M) budget. If the 2019 bond election is successful, the decreased spending out of the O&M budget towards the previous debt would immediately free up the funding to pay for needed firefighter equipment and apparatus.

PHASE 2 - SAFETY, EMERGENCY RESPONSE, AND SECURITY IMPROVEMENTS

9 PROJECTS • \$14,350,000.00

Communication Infrastructure	Estimated Cost \$500,000.00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Design and install new, as well as upgrade existing radio and network infrastructure links that support critical communication for emergency personnel and operations. Communication items include data equipment that would allow redundant network paths that carry both radio and computer communications. Site improvements include associated tower structures in remote areas, antennas, devices, shelters and construction. By ensuring better communications at emergency incidents, emergency scenes can be run more efficiently and firefighter safety will be increased.
Upgrade Property Ingress/Egress	Estimated Cost \$1,350,000.00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Improve the quality of driveways to and from fire stations and around the District's training tower by replacing the asphalt that currently exists with concrete. Concrete will provide a safer, more durable surface for emergency vehicles that will reduce the financial impact of the District by decreasing maintenance costs incurred by the less resistant asphalt.
Storage Area for Firefighter Protective Gear	Estimated Cost \$500,000.00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Addition of personal protective equipment (PPE) areas, through remodeling a portion of the apparatus bay, to the stations that do not currently have this type of safety area. Soiled PPE can be saturated with hazardous chemicals and dangerous carcinogens that are known to cause cancer and other illnesses to firefighters. This area will provide a clean, well-ventilated storage space for PPE, separate from living quarters and apparatus bay. Research shows that properly stored PPE increases the life cycle of the equipment, both saving money on replacements and keeping firefighters safe.
Perimeter Security	Estimated Cost \$500,000.00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Addition of security and lock down measures, such as gates and fenced barriers, to fire stations that currently do not have them. Physical barriers will not only protect District equipment and assets, but also better ensure that employees and their property are secure.
New Fire Stations Station 378 Serves Northern part of Fire District Future Oro Valley Fire Station	Estimated Cost \$6,000,000.00 \$3,000,000.00 \$3,000,000.00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Existing station is currently located in a residential house, not owned by the Golder Ranch Fire District, with limited space for apparatus and personnel. New station will allow for required staffing and appropriate number of apparatus. Will meet the future needs of the northern boundaries of the Golder Ranch Fire District. Based on the future growth and emerging needs of the Golder Ranch Fire District, the new station will be located in the northern portion of the Town of Oro Valley.

Land Acquisition	Estimated Cost \$2,000,000.00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Acquire the land needed to support the construction of District facilities with the goal of increasing operational efficiency. This placeholder allows the Golder Ranch Fire District to be strategic and flexible, while maintaining the vision to centralize operations such as logistics (facilities, fleet, and fire supply) and stations to improve operational readiness and emergency response needs. This increases the District's ability to collaborate with other public safety agencies. This will allow for economies of scale between government entities by possible sharing costs in joint ventures reducing cost to the tax payers.
Training Facilities	Estimated Cost \$2,000,000.00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Classrooms and office space will be added for both training staff and public use. Upgrade of audiovisual and technological capabilities. Modernization and addition of equipment, such as a flashover simulator, car fire and propane prop, and digital fire training system, to enhance training and better prepare firefighters. Improvement of technology to enhance use of blended learning philosophies and electronic learning management systems common in today's training environment.
Administration Expansion	Estimated Cost \$1,500,000.00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Design and construction of additional office space, storage areas, and meeting rooms to meet the growing needs of Administration, IT, Human Resources, Finance, and other support staff. The District's current administration office space has reached capacity limits. Board Room upgrades that will improve technical capabilities.

PHASE 3 - ENHANCEMENTS TO TRAINING, LOGISTICS, AND FLEET FACILITIES

2 PROJECTS - \$4,800,000.00

Reserve Apparatus Building	Estimated Cost \$800,000.00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Design and build new apparatus storage building. Enable the District to provide hands-on training to large groups of firefighters and firefighter recruits. Keep the District's apparatus and equipment out of the Arizona sun, ensuring the longevity of our equipment.
Logistics & Fleet Facility/Warehouse	Estimated Cost \$4,000,000.00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Design and construction of a new logistics and fleet facility to accommodate increased demand for services in facilities maintenance, fire supply, and fleet operations. Assist with efficient distribution of necessary items across the District. Itemizing and controlling inventory. Fleet facility will continue to address the growing needs of the District.

What's the cost for you?

If the bond is approved by voters, the cost to you would be administered through your property tax bill via a secondary property tax. The cost is NOT determined by your property's market value, but rather it's assessed value.

AVERAGE ASSESSED HOME VALUE

**LIMITED ASSESSED VALUE
10% OF ASSESSED VALUE**

**TO COVER BOND ANNUALLY
\$24,471/100 x \$.1270**

**TO COVER BOND MONTHLY
\$31.08/12**



Value for Tax Purposes
\$244,712



Limited Assessed Value
\$24,471



Estimated Average Annual Cost
\$31.08



Estimated Average Monthly Cost
\$2.59

STEPS TO DETERMINE THE PROPERTY TAX IMPACT TO YOUR HOME IN PIMA COUNTY

STEP 1

Visit
www.asr.pima.gov/parcel/search

STEP 2

Click address and enter property address information under address query, click search

STEP 3

Scroll down to Valuation Data

STEP 4

Find the "Limited Assessed" Amount

STEP 5

Divide the "Limited Assessed" dollar amount by 100, then multiply that number by the rate (\$.1270)

STEPS TO DETERMINE THE PROPERTY TAX IMPACT TO YOUR HOME IN PINAL COUNTY

STEP 1

Visit
www.pinalcountyaz.gov/~assessor

STEP 2

Click search by address and enter property address information, click go

STEP 3

Scroll down to Valuation Data

STEP 4

Find the "Assessed LPV" Amount

STEP 5

Divide the "Assessed LPV" dollar amount by 100, then multiply that number by the rate (\$.1270)

Election Information

Voter registration deadline:

Monday, October 7, 2019- 5:00 PM

To register: <http://servicearizona.com/webapp/evoter>

Special Bond Election Day- Ballot by Mail:

Tuesday, November 5, 2019

Ballots Mailed:

Wednesday, October 9, 2019

For more important voter information please visit www.grfdaz.gov and go to the Bond Election Information heading under the About tab.