

January 6, 2023

Via United States Mail

City of Grand Junction
City Clerk
250 N 5th Street
Grand Junction, CO 81501

Re: Dissolution of Grand Junction Rural Fire Protection District Redlands Subdistrict

To Whom It May Concern:

This letter is to notify you that the emergency services previously provided by the Grand Junction Rural Fire Protection District Redlands Subdistrict ("*Redlands Subdistrict*") have been merged into and assumed by the Grand Junction Rural Fire Protection District, and the Redlands Subdistrict has been dissolved. Enclosed please find a copy of the certified Order Dissolving the Grand Junction Rural Fire Protection District Redlands Subdistrict issued by the Mesa County District Court on May 26, 2022 ("*Order of Dissolution*"). The Order of Dissolution was recorded in the records of the Mesa County Clerk and Recorder on December 30, 2022, and, pursuant to C.R.S. § 32-1-105, became effective as of that date.

Please direct any further correspondence regarding the Redlands Subdistrict to:

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With copy to:

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Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,


Dave Parmley, Director
Grand Junction Rural Fire Protection District

Enclosure

MESA COUNTY COMBINED COURT
 STATE OF COLORADO
 CERTIFIED to be a full, true and correct copy of the original in my custody
 Dated June 6, 2022
 By Kelley Bond Deputy



DISTRICT COURT, MESA COUNTY STATE OF COLORADO 125 North Spruce Street Grand Junction, Colorado 81502 970-257-3640	DATE FILED: May 26, 2022 11:31 AM
IN THE MATTER OF THE DISSOLUTION OF THE GRAND JUNCTION RURAL FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT REDLANDS SUBDISTRICT	▲ COURT USE ONLY ▲
	Case No: 19CV81 Division: 10 Ctrm: Timbreza
ORDER DISSOLVING THE GRAND JUNCTION RURAL FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT REDLANDS SUBDISTRICT	

THIS MATTER comes before the Court on the *Notice of Election Results on the Question of Dissolution of the Grand Junction Rural Fire Protection District Redlands Subdistrict and Request for Order from the Court Dissolving the Grand Junction Rural Fire Protection District Redlands Subdistrict as of December 30, 2022* ("**Notice of Election Results and Request for Order of Dissolution**") submitted by the Grand Junction Rural Fire Protection District ("**Fire District**") and the Grand Junction Rural Fire Protection District Redlands Subdistrict ("**Subdistrict**"), collectively referred to herein as the "**Petitioners**". This Court, having reviewed the Notice of Election Results and Request for Order of Dissolution, makes the following Findings of Fact and issues this Order Dissolving the Subdistrict.

I. Findings of Fact

1. On November 17, 2021, the Petitioners filed with this Court a *Petition for Dissolution, and Request for an Order for Election on the Question of Dissolution, of Grand Junction Rural Fire Protection District Redlands Subdistrict* ("**Dissolution Petition**"), which incorporated therein as Exhibit 3 a Plan of Dissolution of the Subdistrict, which Plan of Dissolution provides that the emergency services provided by the Subdistrict shall be continued after its

dissolution by the Fire District pursuant to that certain *Intergovernmental Agreement for Continuation of Emergency Services* entered into by and between the Subdistrict and the Fire District effective November 9, 2021, and that responsibility for all emergency services presently provided by the Subdistrict will be assumed by the Fire District.

2. On January 2, 2022, this Court issued an *Order for Election on the Question of Dissolution of Grand Junction Rural Fire Protection District Redlands Subdistrict ("Election Order")*, which Ordered the Subdistrict to conduct a special election on the question of the Subdistrict's dissolution ("*Dissolution Election*") in accordance with the requirements of the Colorado Local Government Elections Code, C.R.S. § 1-13.5-101, *et seq.*, and all other applicable laws, rules, and regulations ("*Applicable Law*"), and subject to the conditions set forth in Paragraph 1(d) of such Election Order.

3. Pursuant to the Election Order, the Subdistrict conducted the Dissolution Election on May 3, 2022, placing the following Ballot Question B before the Subdistrict's eligible electors:

If and only if the voters approve the Grand Junction Rural Fire Protection District Ballot Issue A, shall the Grand Junction Rural Fire Protection District Redlands Subdistrict be dissolved for all purposes effective December 30, 2022, with the current Board of Directors continuing in office thereafter for the limited purpose of winding up the affairs of the Subdistrict?

4. Further, on May 3, 2022, the Fire District also conducted a mill levy increase election ("*Fire District Election*"), placing the following Ballot Issue A before the Fire District's eligible electors:

SHALL GRAND JUNCTION RURAL FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT TAXES BE INCREASED \$574,122 (FIRST FULL FISCAL YEAR DOLLAR INCREASE) ANNUALLY, BEGINNING IN LEVY YEAR 2022 (FOR COLLECTION IN CALENDAR YEAR 2023) BY INCREASING THE DISTRICT'S EXISTING PROPERTY TAX BY 2.049 MILLS, AND SHALL ALL REVENUE AND ANY EARNINGS ON THE DISTRICT'S TOTAL AD VALOREM PROPERTY TAX CONSTITUTE A PERMANENT VOTER-APPROVED REVENUE CHANGE WITHIN THE MEANING OF ARTICLE X, SECTION 20 OF THE COLORADO CONSTITUTION AND AN EXCEPTION TO THE LIMITATIONS SET FORTH IN SECTION 29-1-301 OF THE COLORADO REVISED STATUTES, AND ANY OTHER LAW?

5. At the Dissolution Election, a majority of the Subdistrict's eligible electors voted in favor of Ballot Question B, with 1067 eligible electors voting "yes", and 420 eligible electors voting "no".

6. At the Fire District Election, a majority of the Fire District's eligible electors voted in favor of Ballot Issue A, with 1378 eligible electors voting "yes", and 1234 eligible electors voting "no".

7. In accordance with C.R.S. §§ 32-1-707 and 32-1-708, the Court hereby finds that:

a. The Subdistrict has no financial obligations or outstanding bonds, and will not incur any financial obligations or bonded indebtedness prior to the effective date of its dissolution.

b. The Subdistrict's Plan of Dissolution provides for the emergency services provided by the Subdistrict to be continued after its dissolution pursuant to that certain *Intergovernmental Agreement for Continuation of Emergency Services* entered into by and between the Subdistrict and the Fire District effective November 9, 2021.

c. Upon dissolution, the existing Subdistrict Board shall continue in office for the limited purpose of winding up the affairs of the Subdistrict. Thereafter, the Subdistrict Board shall not continue in office.

d. All funds remaining in the Subdistrict's treasury at the time of its dissolution shall be transferred to the Fire District's treasury, to be utilized to reduce the rates, tolls, fees, and charges fixed by the Fire District to finance the emergency services to be continued in the Subdistrict.


e. All outstanding and unpaid tax levies of the Subdistrict after its dissolution shall be valid and remain a lien against the property against which they are assessed or levied until paid, subject to the limitations of Applicable Law. All taxes paid or collected on behalf of the Subdistrict after its dissolution shall be transferred to the Fire District's treasury, to be utilized to reduce the rates, tolls, fees, and charges fixed by the Fire District to finance the emergency services to be continued in the Subdistrict.

II. Order of Dissolution

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that, pursuant to C.R.S. § 32-1-707(1), the Grand Junction Rural Fire Protection District Redlands Subdistrict is dissolved as of December 30, 2022, and the Petitioners shall record a certified copy of this Order with the Mesa County Clerk and Recorder.

DATED this 26th day of May, 2022.

BY THE COURT:


District Court Judge
Lance Phillip Timbreza