

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
GROVELAND COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT  
GROVELAND, CALIFORNIA  
October 27, 2008  
11:00 a.m.**

The Board of Directors of Groveland Community Services District met in regular session on the above mentioned date with Directors Richard Lennen, President, Gus Allegri, Wesley Johnson, and Steve Perreira being present. Also present were General Manager Jim Goodrich, District Engineer Randy Klaahsen, Fire Chief Shane Warner, Assistant Fire Chief Jim Burdick, Secretary to the Board Vicki West, and Administrative Staff Member Lena Spilman.

Absent: Vice President of the Board John Gray and District Counsel Dave McMurchie

President Lennen called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m.

***Agenda Approval***

Director Lennen moved, seconded by Director Allegri, and the motion passed unanimously, to approve the agenda as written.

***Public Comment***

A member of the public spoke to issues concerning Long Gulch Ranch.

A member of the public voiced concern over confidentiality issues surrounding discussion between District Counsel and County Counsel.

**Action Items**

***Accept the Resignation of Director John Gray Effective October 27, 2008 and Direct Staff to Begin the Lawful Replacement Process to Fill the Vacant Board Seat within 60 Days***

Director Lennen read Director John Gray's Letter of Resignation. Director Allegri read a personal statement applauding Director Gray's commitment to public service, announcing that his presence would be missed on the GCSD Board of Directors and wishing him much success in his new position.

Director Perreira read a personal statement urging the Board to allow for the replacement of Director Gray by special election. Director Perreira argued that elections produce stronger candidates, and that the people would often choose a different candidate than would a Board. Director Perreira moved that the District should fill the vacancy left by Director Gray's resignation through special election. The motion died for lack of a second.

Discussion ensued concerning the other ways to fill the vacancy. Through input from staff, the Board, and members of the public, it was decided that the vacancy would be

advertised through local newspapers, the GCSD and other local websites, a flyer in the November billing, and at various public locations within the community. Then, after a public interview process, the Board would consider appointing a replacement for John Gray.

Director Allegri moved, seconded by Director Lennen, and the motion passed unanimously to direct staff to begin the lawful replacement process to fill the vacant Board seat within 60 days, and that candidate interviews will be held at an open forum.

***Authorize the General Manager to Award a Contract to Pierce Manufacturing for a Type I Fire Engine in the Amount of \$366,453.03.***

Fire Chief Shane Warner presented this item to the Board. He explained that 11 bid packages were sent to different manufacturers, with only 3 responses. One of the three responses was non-compliant, as the bid did not provide the required engine horsepower. The two compliant bids were sent in by Hi-Tech and Pierce Manufacturing. Chief Warner informed the Board that Pierce Manufacturing not only returned a lower bid price, but are well known in the industry for producing quality products. Given these facts, Chief Warner recommended to the Board that they award the bid contract to Pierce Manufacturing.

Director Johnson thanked Chief Warner and Assistant Chief Burdick for their work on this project, but voiced concern that the Board has not seen the contract or financing information.

Director Allegri assured Chief Warner and Assistant Chief Burdick that he supported the purchase of a new fire engine, but agreed with Director Johnson that additional information was needed.

Director Johnson moved, seconded by Director Perreira, and the motion was passed unanimously to continue the item to the next regularly scheduled Board meeting.

**Information Items**

***Staff Reports***

***A. General Manager's Comments***

General Manager Jim Goodrich had nothing to report.

***Director's Comments***

Director Perreira announced his attendance at the annual Tuolumne County Alliance for Resources and Environment, Inc. (TuCARE) seminar at the Elks Lodge in Sonora. Director Perreira found the seminar very informative and recommended attendance to interested parties at next year's event.

***Adjournment***

Director Lennen moved, and the motion was seconded by Director Allegri, to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 12:25 pm.

APPROVED:

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Richard Lennen, President

ATTEST:

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Vicki L. West, Board Secretary