



BOARD MEETING AGENDA SUBMITTAL

TO: GCSO Board of Directors

FROM: Peter Kampa, General Manager

DATE: April 8, 2025

SUBJECT: Agenda Item 6B. Consideration of an Extension of the License and Cost Reimbursement Agreement Between the District and Tuolumne County for Funding an Additional Fire Apparatus and Associated Staffing Co-Located with the Groveland Community Services District Fire Department from April 1, 2025 through March 31, 2026

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

No specific action is requested at this time. This item is for initial discussion of the county requested extension of the existing expired agreement, while a long-term agreement is being negotiated.

BACKGROUND:

District staff recently met with Tuolumne County officials to discuss fire services in Groveland and the need for a long-term commitment from the county. Two county supervisors in attendance, both new to the board, expressed support for a long-term agreement and agreed to begin collaboration on its development. The District intends to use the last modified agreement as a starting point. However, given that the current agreement has expired, an interim solution is necessary.

Key Considerations:

The County seeks an extension of the existing agreement while negotiations for a long-term agreement take place.

The County is open to a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA), in some form, to acknowledge the ongoing need for fire services and to formalize planning for long-term county fire service provision in Groveland.

The Deputy CAO has suggested a formal resolution by the County Board to memorialize this commitment. The District may in the future consider a joint resolution acknowledging the County commitment.

The District may consider holding a special meeting to accommodate county staff and supervisors, as their meeting schedule conflicts with the District's regular meeting.

The Board is asked for input and whether it supports the concept of an extension to the existing License and Cost Reimbursement Agreement between the District and Tuolumne County, which

provides for a County Fire apparatus and associated staffing at the Groveland Community Services District Fire Department. The proposed extension would cover the period from April 1, 2025, through March 31, 2026. The Board is also requested to provide input as to whether it supports the concept of a County resolution committing to planning for a long term Tuolumne County Fire presence in the Groveland area. Such a resolution is intended to bridge the gap until a long term agreement can be reached between the District and County.

ATTACHMENTS:

None