



BOARD MEETING AGENDA SUBMITTAL

TO: GCSB Board of Directors

FROM: Peter Kampa, General Manager

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SUBJECT: Agenda Item 3Av: General Manager's Report

Overview

The following report from the General Manager covers highlights for the period of May 13, 2026 to June 17, 2026.

Engagement and Long-Term Planning

The Statewide Park Program draft grant funding guidelines have been released by the State Department of Parks and circulated for comment. Staff spent time this month reviewing the guidelines and developing comments with the goal of encouraging the state to modify its project scoring/ranking criteria to allow rural Gateway communities such as Groveland to have a better opportunity to compete for the funds. Currently for example, a major scoring criteria is the ratio of current park lands to population. The guidelines consider the current local BLM lands as developed park areas, which significantly increases the amount of current park lands viewed as available to the local population, thus lowering our ranking scores. Their population figures are also based solely on census data, rather than considering the influx of population and associated park impacts caused by tourists. We are submitting extensive comments to the state suggesting language changes and modified scoring criteria to identify actual accessible, usable park lands and to include tourist population increases.

Staff is evaluating capital project and equipment financing options, as our cashflow and financial projections anticipated securing loan funds next fiscal year to complete priorities within our capital improvement plans, as well as to purchase a replacement fire engine should the fire assessment be successful. We are also preparing to conduct a cost and feasibility analysis regarding the creation of a maintenance construction crew consisting of GCSB employees to complete projects such as our fire hydrant and valve replacement program, service line replacements, water meter upgrades and other long-term work.

CSDA and Other Agencies and Committees

I attended the CSDA Executive Committee meeting on May 20, and CSDA Board meeting on June 5, where discussion focused primarily on the potential purchase of the current CSDA office building, owned by SDRMA, our insurance carrier. The purpose of this purchase consideration is to develop a permanent location for CSDA adjacent to the State Capitol for efficient and effective legislative advocacy, as well as the long term financial health of CSDA.

Fire Services Planning

Attended two meetings of a regional, multi-county wildfire resilience planning committee, the Southwest Interface Team or SWIFT, for the discussion and prioritization of fire fuel break and other interagency planning covering primarily southern Tuolumne County and Northern Mariposa County. The team consists of representatives from USFS, CAL FIRE, GCSD, County Resource Conservation District, PML Safety, Firesafe Council, Hetch Hetchy, Mariposa County Fire, Tuolumne County Government/County Fire and others. The focus currently is on fuel break project prioritization and preparing projects to be successful in upcoming Proposition 4 grant funding available through the Sierra Nevada Conservancy and CAL FIRE.

We held internal coordination discussions with Chief Gorham regarding interagency training and the priority of maintaining Engine 781 and its crew available in the Groveland area. Inter-agency training is planned to be conducted in the Groveland area with the fire departments in the area, versus traveling to Sonora. With Engine 781 at 17 years of age, we seek to reduce wear and tear on this critical vehicle and to ensure we consistently meet our adopted response time standards.

The 2023 Community Wildfire Protection Plan is attached for the Board's reference.

8.7 RECOMMENDED ACTIONS – FIRE PLANNING UNIT F (FPU F)

Fire Planning Unit F

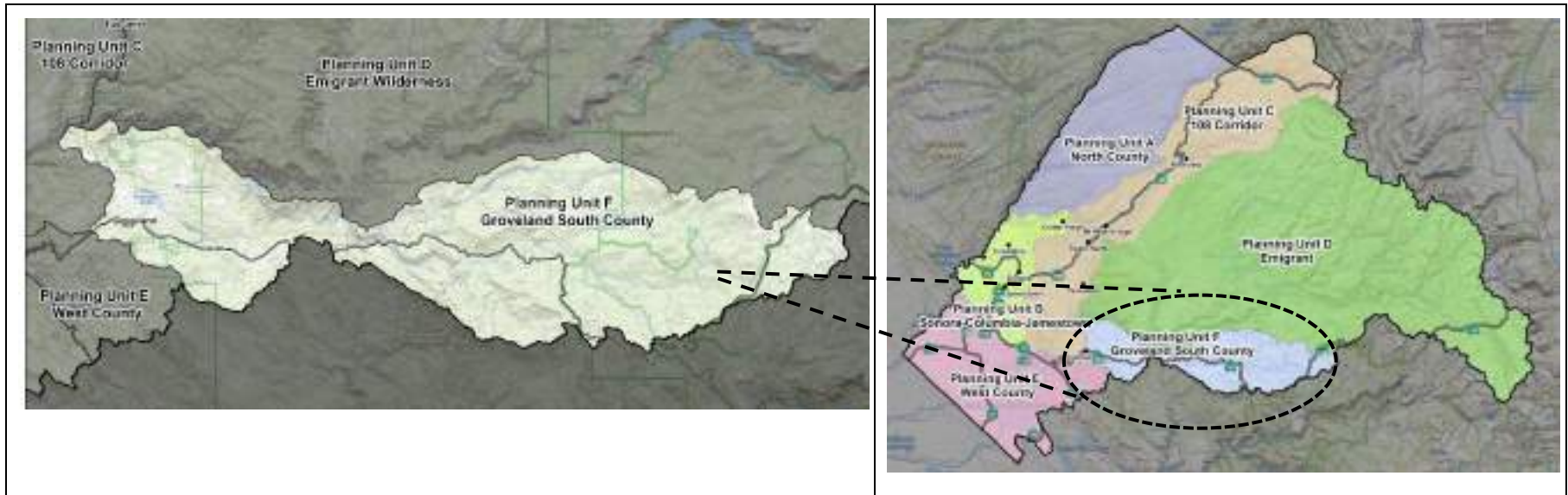


Table 33. Recommended Actions for Fire Planning Unit F (FPU F) – West County

Recommended Actions by Fire Planning Units					
6. FPU F – Groveland South County					
Objective	Action	Tracking Number	Responsible Entities	Target Date	Status
C. Property Protection (Defensible Space):	Identify and prioritize high hazard fuel load areas surrounding the Groveland/Big Oak Flat area, particularly near communities and other development.	F-1	CAL FIRE Groveland Community Services TFSC		
D. Property Protection (Home Hardening) – Improve					

Hardening of Existing Building Stock (Serving Goals #1, #2 and #4 in Table 1)	Provide funding and assistance to property-owners to help retrofit existing structures and defensible space to current WUI building construction standards. A focus on providing financial resources and other assistance particularly for vulnerable populations (e.g., elderly, fixed-income, low-income) should be a priority. Refer to CW-18 for countywide action.	F-2			
E. Wildfire Resiliency of Critical Infrastructure (Serving Goals #1 and #4 in Table 1)	Improve Community Ingress and Egress – Develop a study for constructing a new road or improving existing road(s) for ingress and egress between Groveland and Sonora. Acquire funding and rights-of-way to develop the road.	F-3			
	Emergency communications – Work with consultants on how to build a resilient communications network for the community	F-4			
H. Public Education and Awareness (Serving Goals #1, #2 and #4 in Table 1)	Develop a multi-media education and outreach program to inform second homeowners and rental guests/tourists of specific, local wildfire dangers as well as safe practices inside and outside the home	F-5			
	Establish minimum requirements for vacation rentals, hotels, and other hospitality facilities to provide site specific guidance and information to guests to increase awareness on how to respond in the event of a major wildfire (e.g., where to go to get additional information, location of primary egress routes, locations of resiliency centers). This ordinance should be consistent across the County.	F-6			

	Provide local level community workshops, “conversations”, informational videos, demonstrations, and other methods targeted specifically at South County and the Groveland area to increase public education, awareness, and guidance on a range of wildfire safety topics at the parcel and neighborhood scales. Topics may include: • Home hardening • Defensible space • Native, fire-resistant, drought-resistant plants, landscaping, and maintenance practices • Community Defensible Space where adjacent landowners design and implement fuel treatments to protect groups of homes. • Evacuation planning and preparedness	F-7			
I. Increase Community and Regional Partnerships, Collaboration and Coordination (Serving Goal #3 in Table 1)	Increase coordination and collaboration of local, county and state fire agencies, emergency operations, as well as private entities on vegetation management projects and other wildfire resiliency measures and priorities to ensure resiliency of critical infrastructure and facilities (e.g., water services, communication systems, road networks).	F-8			
J. Emergency Response: Reduce and Stabilize Fire Response Times to FPPA Rural Standards (Serving Goals #1 in Table 1)	Identify necessary fire station locations and staffing based on the outcomes of the Tuolumne County Fire's Standards of Coverage evaluation	F-9			