



BOARD MEETING AGENDA SUBMITTAL

TO: GCSD Board of Directors

FROM: Peter Kampa, General Manager

DATE: March 11, 2026

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

Overview

The following report from the General Manager covers highlights for the period of February 11, 2026, to March 11, 2026.

Operations

In addition to the detailed report provided by Operations Manager, Luis Melchor, it is important to highlight the following for Board and community understanding:

- **Emergency Water Supply** - Given recent news reports regarding the storm-related Tuolumne Main Canal outage and resulting water shortages along the Highway 108 corridor, it is important to note that within our service area the District has planned and completed projects to ensure fully redundant water supply and treatment capabilities. This includes the completion of the Emergency Drought Resilience Project this year, funded by the Department of Water Resources. The District now has an immediately available, fully functional, state-of-the-art water supply pipeline and treatment plant to be used should the Hetch Hetchy system be shut down for any reason, maintenance or emergency. Through this planning effort and project, under almost any emergency conditions, whether extended loss of power, emergency tunnel outage, or drought, GCSD customers can count on continued water supply for domestic use in firefighting.
- **Staffing** - We are currently understaffed by one critical position, Chief Plant Operator. We have advertised numerous times and interviewed with no successful candidates. Of particular concern is the fact that our Operations Supervisor, Andy Klein, has submitted his retirement notice and will be leaving April 10th, leaving us down two positions. We also anticipate another upcoming retirement and are planning on seeking a replacement. Recruitment remains challenging due to a very tight labor market, particularly for mid-management positions and state-certified personnel. We will be placing an item on an upcoming agenda to discuss options.

Administration

In addition to the detailed report provided by Jennifer, it is important to give recognition to our administrative staff, in particular, Michelle and Jennifer, for their efforts and dedication to prepare for a successful workshop outlining fire funding and operational challenges.

- **Fire Department Operations and Funding Workshop** - Staff worked closely with our consultants and internally throughout the planning process to develop the program and content for the March 10th workshop.

Major Projects

- **Drought Resiliency Project** – The Project is completed and construction closed out with the state. Each of the three contractors working on separate components of the project have minor punch list items to complete such as road striping, clean up and fine tuning of equipment.

- **Big Oak Flat Waterline** - Funded by CDBG as a sub recipient to Tuolumne County, the main work of the project is completed, and in the coming weeks the contractor will be completing work under change order to upsize a pipeline that was originally included in the project but eliminated due to cost. We were able to control the overall project cost with funding remaining and are now able to complete this critical work which will significantly increase the water flow capability to Big Oak Flat.

Engagement and Long-Term Planning

- Attended daily emergency communication and coordination meetings during the recent storm held by the Tuolumne County Office of Emergency Services. At each meeting, GCSD was proud to report that we have redundant systems in place and were not severely impacted by the storms.
- Attended the California Special Districts Association (CSDA) Legislative Committee meeting on February 20, 2026, where numerous bills were reviewed, impacts analyzed and positions debated and established. CSDA is currently tracking more than one thousand state bills that may impact special districts. Many of these proposals could result in additional costs to our residents without providing a clear or tangible benefit. In summary, most problematic bills focus on:
 - Affordable housing - While this is an excellent concept, many bills restrict our abilities to cover the cost of the impact of new housing on services provided by the District.
 - Labor and Construction - Many bills are looking to significantly increase the administrative and reporting requirements associated with public works construction projects, which will increase our construction and administrative costs of infrastructure and building projects significantly.
- Water Supply - In response to the 2025 Southern California fires, legislation is being introduced that would require additional planning and reporting to ensure water systems are designed, constructed, and capable of providing sufficient water supply for firefighting. It is important to recognize that for systems such as ours, storing tens of millions of gallons of water while maintaining water quality that meets state standards presents significant operational and financial challenges, in addition to the substantial costs required to construct and maintain such infrastructure.
- Blue Zones Tuolumne Certification Celebration - On Saturday, February 21, 2026, Rachel Pearlman and I attended the Blue Zones Finale event, celebrating their successes throughout the county. I presented as part of a panel to discuss the Blue Zones positive impact on our community including park improvements, trails support and planning, and the new disc golf course.
- Board member Janice Kwiatkowski, Rachel Pearlman, and I attended the Tuolumne Utilities District facilitated Regional Sewer Advisory Committee meeting in Sonora. The minutes of that meeting are attached; we will be participating in future meetings to ensure regional collaboration.

- Response to Tuolumne County Low Impact Camping Proposal - Please see the attached District response from both the water service and fire service perspective, providing input on a county proposal to allow low impact camping on residential parcels. It is expected that the Tuolumne County Board of Supervisors will further consider this proposal at a meeting to be held on March 24, 2026.
- Application has been submitted for Feasibility Analysis for water and sewer services to a sixty unit RV Park. We recently received an application from a development company who is considering developing an RV park adjacent to the cemetery off Memorial Drive. We received an engineering deposit and will be reviewing the feasibility of connection to our systems in the coming month. Additional information will be provided to the District's Board when we receive the feasibility memo from our engineers.
- Rachel Pearlman attended a Tuolumne County Trails Master Plan update meeting to ensure GCSD's trail planning efforts are incorporated into the countywide plan. Our participation helps ensure Groveland and the south county are represented in regional planning efforts, increasing public awareness, strengthening coordination, and expanding funding opportunities for future improvements.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Natural Resources Committee Agenda
2. Water and Fire Response to Low Impact Camping Proposal
3. Minutes of the Regional Sewer Advisory Committee Meeting

TUOLUMNE COUNTY NATURAL RESOURCES ADVISORY COMMITTEE

REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

2025 Strategic Priorities

- Support our local water utility partners in their effort to modernize and improve water supply infrastructure and mitigate risk.
- Maintain awareness of pertinent State and Federal legislation regarding natural resources, land use, water, and water rights.
- Maintain awareness of Tuolumne County Federal land use policy, planning, and implementation and provide recommendations and advocacy as appropriate.
- Promote landscape and watershed resilience through innovative solutions and capacity building.

Date/Time: Wednesday, March 4, 2026, at 10:00 AM

Location: A.N. Francisco Bldg. 48 Yaney Ave. 3rd Floor Committees & Commissions Rm., Sonora, 95370

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I. CALL TO ORDER

II. ROLL CALL (5 minutes)

Introductions during roll call

Confirm quorum requirements are met (Quorum = 6 members)

III. PUBLIC FORUM (15 minutes)

The public may speak on any item, not on the agenda. No action may be taken by the Committee

Public Comment (limited to 3 minutes per person)

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR MEETING ON FEBRUARY 4, 2025

V. CONSIDERATION OF A RECOMMENDATION TO THE BOARD TO IN CLUDE IMPROVED WATER SECURITY IN THE 2026 BOARD PRIORITIES

VI. REPORT AND DISCUSSION OF THE CALIFORNIA WILDFIRE AND FOREST RESILIENCE TASK FORCE SIERRA REGIONAL MEETING, MARCH 19,20

VII. COMMITTEE BUSINESS:

a. Staff Reports and Recommendations

i. MSA Update

b. Committee Member Reports

II. ADJOURNMENT

The Next meeting is scheduled for April 4, 2026



Tuolumne County Natural Resources Advisory Committee Minutes

For the Meeting on February 4, 2026

2026 Natural Resource Members (or assigned delegates)	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Anaiah Kirk		✓										
Mike Holland												
Don Perkins		✓										
Pete Kampa		✓										
Joy Meller		✓										
Dianna Beasley												
Dick Gaiser		✓										
(Vacant)												
Jim Maddox		✓										
Jim Phelan		✓										
Present = ✓ Absent = A Excused = E												

- CALL TO ORDER:** Vice Chair Holland called the meeting to order at 10:04 A.M. and confirmed a quorum was present.
- MEMBERS PRESENT:** Chair Kirk, Don Perkins, Pete Kampa, Joy Meller, Dick Gaiser, Jim Maddox and Jim Phelan, and Sean Hembree, (staff)
- PUBLIC FORUM:** *(The public may speak on any item not on the printed agenda. No action may be taken by the Committee. The amount of time allocated for the public forum is limited to 15 minutes.)*
None
- APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** In Consideration of approving the minutes of the November 5, 2025 meeting. Pete Kampa made a motion to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded by Jim Phelan. The motion was approved unanimously.
- PARTNER AGENCY UPDATES:**
None
- CONSIDERATION OF COMMENT LETTER REGARDING AB35**

Staff (Sean Hembree) gave a summary of AB 35 with background information, indicating that the legislation would exempt the implementation of Proposition 4 (Climate Bond) from the Administrative Procedures Act (APA). Hembree indicated that past bond measures have had language exempting them from the APA. This has significantly delayed critical funding for wildfire and forestry and restoration projects under earmarked under Prop 4. Staff recommends a letter of support to the Board of Supervisors to support the bill as it is considered by the State Senate.

Dick Gaiser made a motion to act on staff recommendations in this matter. The motion was seconded by Jim Phelan.

7. COMMITTEE BUSINESS:

- a. Staff Reports and Recommendations: Sean Hembree made mention of the following:
 - i. Announcement of the California Wildfire and Forest Resilience Task Force Sierra Regional Meeting Scheduled for March 19-20, 2026 at Chicken Ranch Casino.
 - ii. Gave a summary a recent UCCE, UC Davis Rangeland Study first year outcome report on virtual fence technology under use in Stanislaus National Forest. A brief public comment discussion regarding study outcomes and monitoring followed.
 - iii. Indicating that NRC at-large member, Chris Trott has resigned from his position on the Committee.
 - iv. Announcement of a public meeting at the Stanislaus National Forest, Sonora office to hear public feedback and answer questions regarding the California State Parks OHV grant program.
- b. Committee Member Reports: Pete Kampa gave a report of current GCSD projects underway noting that GCSD customers are currently receiving treated water from Pine Mountain Lake as part of a planned shut-down of the Hetch Hetchy tunnel for maintenance and repair. Kampa indicated that the planned shut-down is expected to be completed by February 16th.
- c. Hetch Hetchy representative Joy Mellerer added that this the final tunnel shut-down planned for the next ten years.

8. ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 10:34 by Chair Kirk.

The next meeting is scheduled for March 4, 2026

Potential Impacts of Large-Acreage “Hipcamp” Operations on Public Water Suppliers in Tuolumne County, and Recommended Mitigation Measures

Groveland Community Services District (GCSD)

February 26, 2026

The Groveland Community Services District (District) appreciates the opportunity to provide early input regarding the County’s consideration of ordinance provisions that would allow “Hipcamp”-style transient lodging uses on large acreage parcels.

As the retail potable water supplier serving portions of the affected area, the District’s primary responsibility is to ensure reliable water service, maintain adequate storage and fire flow, comply with State water conservation requirements, and equitably allocate system capacity among all customers. We respectfully request that the County incorporate the following mechanisms into any proposed ordinance to ensure coordination with the District and to mitigate potential water system impacts.

1. Potential Water System Impacts

While the proposed use may occur on residentially zoned parcels, transient lodging activity can materially change the character and intensity of water demand. Based on our operational experience, the following impacts are reasonably foreseeable:

A. Increased Average and Peak Demand

Transient occupancy often generates:

- Concentrated morning/evening shower demand
- Laundry and turnover cleaning loads
- Additional outdoor water use associated with guest areas

These patterns may increase both average day demand and, more critically, maximum day and peak hour demand. Seasonal and holiday clustering may further stress storage and distribution capacity.

B. Impacts to Fire Protection and Storage Objectives

Elevated peak demand during summer and holiday periods can accelerate tank drawdown and reduce operational buffer for firefighting storage, particularly in high fire-risk areas.

C. Compliance with State Water Conservation Requirements

Under California’s long-term water conservation framework (“Making Conservation a California Way of Life”), urban retail water suppliers must meet defined water use objectives. If transient commercial activity remains embedded within residential accounts, it may artificially inflate reported residential per-capita consumption, complicating compliance and performance evaluation.

D. Cumulative System Planning Concerns

If adopted broadly, this land use category could create cumulative demand increases that were not contemplated in the District’s prior water supply planning, rate studies, or capital improvement planning.

2. Requested Ordinance Provisions

To ensure responsible implementation and continued coordination, the District respectfully recommends the following provisions be incorporated into the ordinance:

A. Mandatory Water Supplier Review

1. Will-Serve / Service Availability Letter Requirement

Prior to issuance or renewal of any Hipcamp or transient camping permit on parcels served by a public water system, the applicant shall obtain a written service availability determination from the applicable retail water supplier.

This determination may identify:

- Existing service and meter size
- Capacity constraints
- Required system improvements
- Applicable fees or conditions

2. Formal Referral and Notice Requirement

The County shall provide the District notice of all applications within the District’s service area and allow a defined review period prior to approval.

B. Metering and Account Classification

3. Separate Meter or Account Classification

Where transient use exceeds defined thresholds (e.g., number of campsites, plumbing facilities, or annual guest-nights), the ordinance should require:

- Installation of a separate meter, or

- Reclassification to a commercial/transient account type

This ensures accurate demand tracking and equitable cost allocation.

4. Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI) Requirement

Where separate service is required, installation of District-approved AMI equipment should be mandatory to support leak detection, demand monitoring, and conservation compliance.

C. Occupancy and Water-Use Controls

5. Maximum Occupancy and Site Limits

The ordinance should clearly define maximum occupants per site and maximum sites per parcel to prevent incremental expansion of water demand beyond evaluated limits.

6. Water Efficiency Standards

Any plumbing fixtures serving transient uses should meet EPA WaterSense or equivalent low-flow standards.

7. High-Water Amenities

Installation of pools, hot tubs, multi-unit laundry facilities, or similar high-water amenities should require discretionary review and written approval from the District.

8. Backflow and Cross-Connection Protection

RV hookups, irrigation systems, or other auxiliary connections must comply with District backflow and cross-connection control standards.

D. Cost Recovery and Mitigation

9. Capacity and Impact Fees

Applicants shall pay all applicable District capacity, connection, and impact fees necessary to offset incremental demand on source, treatment, storage, and distribution infrastructure.

10. Required Infrastructure Improvements

Where hydraulic modeling or operational analysis identifies localized deficiencies, the ordinance should authorize conditioning approval on applicant-funded improvements.

E. CEQA Coordination

For the ordinance adoption and any discretionary permits, the District requests formal inclusion as a reviewing agency under CEQA. Environmental analysis should quantify:

- Estimated annual and peak-day water demand
- Cumulative demand at ordinance buildout
- Consistency with the District's water supply reliability and conservation planning

3. Conclusion

The District supports reasonable land use flexibility while emphasizing that transient commercial lodging activity represents a materially different water demand profile than traditional single-family residential use.

Inclusion of the above mechanisms will:

- Ensure early coordination
- Protect public water system reliability and fire protection capacity
- Maintain compliance with State conservation requirements
- Provide equitable cost recovery
- Reduce future conflicts between land use approvals and water system limitations

We appreciate the opportunity to collaborate during ordinance drafting and are available to meet with County staff and County Counsel to assist in preparing clear, implementable language.

Potential Impacts of Large-Acreage “Hipcamp” Operations on Fire & Emergency Services and Recommended Mitigation Measures

Fire Service Response - Groveland Community Services District (GCSD)

February 26, 2026

I. Executive Summary

If Tuolumne County adopts a registration-only framework allowing large acreage parcels to establish “Hipcamp”-style transient lodging operations, measurable impacts to fire protection and emergency medical services are foreseeable.

Because these operations increase transient population loading in rural and wildland-urban interface (WUI) areas—often in locations with limited access, water supply, and infrastructure—they introduce:

- Increased call volume
- Increased wildfire ignition risk
- Longer incident duration
- Greater call concurrency
- Degradation of emergency response performance standards

These impacts place the County’s adopted **12-minute response standard** and Groveland Community Services District’s adopted **14-minute response standard** at risk unless mitigation, inspection, operational controls, and funding mechanisms are incorporated into the ordinance.

Although we do agree with a simplified system to avoid unpermitted operations, a registration-only model designed primarily to collect Transient Occupancy Tax (TOT) revenue does not address operational, safety, or service-level consequences.

II. General Operational Impacts

1. Increased Call Volume

Expanded transient occupancy on rural parcels will proportionally increase:

- Medical aid calls (heat illness, dehydration, falls, intoxication, cardiac/respiratory events)
- Vehicle incidents on narrow rural roads

- Smoke investigations and illegal campfire responses
- Wildland vegetation fires
- Search and rescue activations
- False alarms

Even a modest increase in calls results in:

- Higher Unit Hour Utilization (UHU)
- Reduced unit availability
- Increased mutual aid reliance
- Increased personnel fatigue and apparatus wear

2. Access and Infrastructure Constraints

Many large-acreage parcels suitable for dispersed camping present:

- Long or unimproved driveways
- Narrow roads with limited turnarounds
- Steep grades
- Locked gates without dispatch access
- Poor addressing and limited signage
- Inconsistent cellular service
- Lack of compliant water supply

These conditions increase:

- Travel time within the property
- Apparatus positioning challenges
- Safety risks to responders
- Delays in locating patients or fire starts

3. Increased Wildfire Ignition Risk

Dispersed camping increases ignition probability from:

- Campfires and charcoal use

- Smoking materials
- Vehicle exhaust over dry grass
- Portable generators
- Improper ash disposal

In WUI and SRA areas, ignition risk translates into:

- Rapid fire spread potential
- Extended on-scene commitments
- Mutual aid activation
- Elevated evacuation complexity

4. Evacuation and Accountability Challenges

Transient guests often:

- Lack familiarity with local terrain and evacuation routes
- Do not receive local emergency alerts
- Are not immediately locatable
- May be camping in dispersed, unmarked areas

This complicates:

- Rapid evacuation during wildfire
- Law enforcement coordination
- Incident accountability

5. Water Supply Limitations

Remote parcels frequently lack:

- Hydrants
- Drafting points
- Compatible water tank fittings
- All-weather access for tenders

This increases the likelihood of defensive operations and prolonged resource commitments.

III. Impacts on Adopted 911 Response Time Standards

Adopted Standards

- **Tuolumne County:** 12-minute response standard
- **Groveland CSD:** 14-minute response standard

1. Travel Time Inflation

Remote parcel characteristics can significantly extend:

- Dispatch-to-arrival intervals
- Final access travel time
- Patient contact time

Even if a unit reaches the main roadway within standard, internal property travel may push total response beyond 12 or 14 minutes.

Repeated occurrences degrade overall system performance metrics.

2. Call Concurrency and Coverage Gaps

The most significant system impact is simultaneous incident demand.

Example:

- TCFD Engine committed to remote campsite EMS call (60–90 minute total commitment).
- Second emergency occurs in-district.
- Closest available unit responding from another area.
- Additional 4–8+ minutes travel time incurred.

Under these conditions, maintaining compliance with:

- The County's 12-minute standard, and
- GCSD's 14-minute standard

becomes statistically improbable without additional staffing or relocated resources.

3. Wildfire Commitments and Extended Duration Incidents

Initial attack wildfires frequently require:

- Multi-hour commitments
- Water tender support
- Strike team augmentation

While resources are committed, response performance district-wide degrades, increasing the probability of exceeding adopted standards.

4. Statistical Degradation of Performance Reporting

Even a limited number of extended-response incidents can:

- Increase average response time
- Increase 90th percentile response time
- Reduce percentage of calls meeting standard

Because performance compliance is measured system-wide, dispersed outliers materially impact reported metrics.

IV. Financial and Service-Level Implications

Without mitigation, foreseeable consequences include:

1. Degradation of compliance with adopted response standards.
2. Increased mutual aid reliance for baseline coverage.
3. Unfunded staffing and apparatus strain.
4. Increased training, prevention, and inspection workload.
5. Increased responder risk in remote environments.

A registration-only framework that captures TOT revenue does not inherently offset these impacts.

V. Recommended Mitigation Mechanisms

To prevent degradation of public safety services, the County should adopt the following:

A. Permit-With-Standards Program (Not Registration-Only)

Require an annual operating permit with enforceable conditions, including:

- Maximum occupancy limits per parcel

- Site density caps
- Seasonal restrictions during high fire danger
- Authority to suspend or revoke permits

B. Mandatory Fire & Life Safety Inspections

Require inspection prior to operation and periodically thereafter, verifying:

- Fire extinguishers and suppression tools
- Vegetation management compliance
- Posted emergency information
- Campfire compliance measures
- Clear access routes

C. Access and Addressing Requirements

Require:

- Verified GIS site location for each campsite cluster
- Reflective, visible addressing signage
- Approved turnaround areas
- All-weather access roads
- Knox-style access or dispatch-accessible gate codes
- Posted evacuation route maps

D. Water Supply Standards

Depending on hazard severity:

- On-site water tank requirements with compatible fittings, or
- Demonstrated accessible drafting/hydrant proximity

E. Responsible Party Requirement

Require:

- 24/7 reachable local contact
- Defined response-time requirement for host or manager

- Enforcement penalties for non-compliance

F. Platform Compliance Requirements

Require platforms to:

- Display valid permit numbers
- Remove unpermitted listings
- Cooperate with enforcement

G. Fire/EMS Impact Fee and Dedicated Funding

Establish:

1. Program fee (inspection, enforcement, administration)
2. Public safety mitigation fee per site or per site-night

OR

Dedicate a defined portion of TOT revenue specifically to fire/EMS service-level maintenance.

H. Response Time Monitoring and Reporting

Require:

- Annual reporting of campsite-related incident volume
- Tracking of response performance impacts
- Ordinance review triggers if measurable degradation of response standards occurs

I. Suspension Authority

Include authority to:

- Pause new permits during extreme fire conditions
- Reduce occupancy during high-risk periods
- Suspend operations for repeated violations

VI. Conclusion

Allowing large-acreage transient camping without operational safeguards will foreseeably:

- Increase call volume,

- Increase wildfire ignition risk,
- Extend incident durations,
- Increase call concurrency,
- And degrade compliance with the County's 12-minute and GCSD's 14-minute response standards.

If adopted, the program must include enforceable safety standards, inspection authority, access requirements, and dedicated funding mechanisms sufficient to prevent degradation of public safety performance and to avoid creating an unfunded mandate on local fire protection providers.



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Member: Director Ringen

MEETING REPORT REGIONAL SEWER ADVISORY COMMITTEE THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2026 10:00 A.M.

A meeting of the Regional Sewer Advisory Committee was held at the office of Tuolumne Utilities District, 18885 Nugget Blvd., Sonora, California, at 10:00 a.m. The following were in attendance:

Tom Trott	Twain Harte Community Services District
Lewis Giambruno	Twain Harte Community Services District
Judy Selby	Jamestown Sanitary District
Lisa McClintock	Jamestown Sanitary District
Nick Rivera	Jamestown Sanitary District
Robert Dittler	Jamestown Sanitary District
Pete Kampa	Groveland Community Services District
Janice Kwiatkowski	Groveland Community Services District
John Ferriani	Tuolumne City Sanitary District
Jeff Colley	Tuolumne City Sanitary District
Eric Hall	Tuolumne Utilities District
Melissa McMullen	Tuolumne Utilities District
Jeff Hollis	Tuolumne Utilities District
Ron Ringen	Tuolumne Utilities District

Self-introductions started the meeting.

1. Twain Harte Community Services District Update of Activities

Staff reported the initiation of a sewer relining project, including approximately 900 feet of full sewer line replacement in the Cresta/Oak View area. The project is intended to address significant inflow and infiltration (I&I) issues and ongoing root intrusion concerns.

2. Jamestown Sanitary District Update of Activities

Staff reported completion of a collection system condition assessment. Based on the findings, construction bids were issued for replacement of approximately 1,945 feet of sewer main. In addition, a cured-in-place pipe (CIPP) lining project totaling approximately 9,800 feet is currently out to bid.

3. Groveland Community Services District Update of Activities

Staff reported completion of a three-year collection system rehabilitation project funded through the State Water Resources Control Board, consisting of approximately 75% grant funding and 25% loan funding. Project improvements included approximately 8,000 feet of sewer lining and replacement, manhole replacement and additions, and manhole lining to mitigate hydrogen sulfide corrosion.

4. Tuolumne City Sanitary District Update of Activities

Staff reported completion of multi-year capital improvement projects, including collection system upgrades, wastewater treatment plant improvements, and SCADA upgrades. All projects were completed utilizing 100% grant funding, which concluded on December 31.

5. Tuolumne Utilities District Update of Activities

Staff reported ongoing work related to installation of a new service panel in the Twain Harte area and continued efforts to address grease-related I&I issues within the collection system. Staff also reported that the District is awaiting state permits associated with the regional wastewater treatment plant.

Meeting Summary:

The Regional Wastewater Coordination Meeting provided an opportunity for participating districts to share updates on ongoing and completed wastewater infrastructure projects, with a common focus on collection system rehabilitation and inflow and infiltration reduction. Districts discussed the importance of grant funding, rate studies, and long-term capital planning to support aging infrastructure. Participants identified ongoing challenges with county development coordination, annexation, and tax-sharing, and expressed interest in improved collaboration and cooperative purchasing opportunities. The group agreed to continue meeting on a semi-annual basis to maintain regional coordination and information sharing.