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May 4, 2021

Honorable Senator Dianne Feinstein
United States Senate
331 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Honorable Senator Dianne Feinstein:

RE: Groveland Community Service District Funding Consideration Fiscal Year 2022 Non-Defense Congressionally Directed Spending Request

The Board of Supervisors supports Groveland Community Services Districts request for a FY22 Non-Defense Congressionally Directed Spending Request in the amount of \$2,992,385 to allow our rural, disadvantaged community to complete their two highest priority critical water and sewer infrastructure projects that are both fully designed, permitted and prepared for immediate construction.

Groveland/Big Oak Flat Water Distribution System Improvements

At a total cost of \$5,352,675 this project will address water system deficiencies identified in the GCSDD 2001 Water Master Plan and 2019 Downtown Groveland/Big Oak Flat Water System Improvement Plan by improving the existing water distribution system in downtown Groveland, Pine Mountain Lake and Big Oak Flat; allowing delivery of reliable water supply that meets the sanitation, drinking and firefighting water standards and customer expectations. An application to the Community Development Block Grant program in the amount of \$3,267,500 has been submitted and we are hopeful for that funding; therefore the Congressionally Directed Spending request for this project, **\$2,085,175** is intended to cover the gap between the proposed CDBG funding and the total project cost. The project will replace water lines that are too small, leak and experience frequent breaks, causing water outages. The project will also provide fire flow to portions of the system that are currently unable to meet fire demands. This is a high priority project to improve service reliability to existing customers and to provide water service to several proposed economic and residential land development projects; where the District system is inadequate to meet domestic and fireflow demands. The development projects will increase the residential and affordable housing inventory in the area, create tourist draw and result in much needed jobs in the wake of negative Covid-19 economic impacts.

Groveland/Big Oak Flat Sewer System Improvements

This project with an estimated total project cost of \$6,752,778 is scheduled for public bidding on May 5, 2021. The District received a \$5,845,568 loan/grant funding agreement in late 2020 for the project from the California State Water Resources Control Board. Due to additional sewer system defects identified in final project design, as well as significant local construction cost increases, the District now estimates a funding shortfall of \$907,210, which it seeks in this FY22 Non-Defense Congressionally Directed Spending request to complete this critical project. The purpose of this sewer improvement project is to replace or rehabilitate 50 to 80 year old deteriorated gravity sewer mains and manholes throughout Groveland, Big Oak Flat, and Pine Mountain Lake in order to reduce offensive odors, prevent blockages and sanitary sewer overflows, protect local recreational and drinking water supplies from sewage contamination and to provide adequate sewer service.

Sincerely,



Ryan Campbell, Chair
Tuolumne County Board of Supervisors

I hereby certify that according to the provisions of Government Code Section 25103, delivery of this document has been made.

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Deputy Clerk of the Board

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