



## **BOARD MEETING AGENDA SUBMITTAL**

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**TO:** GCS D Board of Directors

**FROM:** Peter Kampa, General Manager

**DATE:** July 9, 2024

**SUBJECT:** Agenda Item 7A: Adoption of a Resolution Authorizing the General Manager to Submit a Planning Application to the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) as part of the Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) to Explore the Feasibility of Connecting Existing Residential Septic Lots to the District's Sewer Collection System

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### **RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

*I move to adopt resolution 17-2024 authorizing the General Manager to submit an application to the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) as part of the Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) Planning Application.*

### **BACKGROUND:**

Groveland CSD owns and operates a wastewater treatment plant and a sewer collection system. A large number of existing residential lots in Pine Mountain Lake rely on septic systems. The presence of septic systems in close proximity to the Pine Mountain Lake, a source of drinking water supply for the District, poses a hazard and a potential source of future contamination. Also, there has been increasing incidents of failed septic systems and requests to connect to the GCS D sewer. Connection of individual lots to the public sewer has proven to be cost prohibitive for the customer, where connection of a number of lots in a defined area allows the cost to be feasible.

The State Water Resources Control Board Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) offers Planning Grants of up to \$500,000 to qualified water systems for eligible planning costs. GCS D would like to apply for a CWSRF Planning Grant to further evaluate the improvements needed and their costs for connecting existing residential lots to the sewer collection system. This study would build on a prior initial feasibility study, providing more precise infrastructure locations based on topographical surveys, property boundaries, etc. The study will determine the improvements that will be required at the WWTP to handle those additional connections, and conduct a capacity/condition assessment of the sewer collection system.

The CWSRF Planning Grant application requires the adoption of an Authorizing Resolution by the applicant's governing body. If adopted, GCS D staff will prepare and submit the planning application to the SWRCB.

The SWRCB is taking between 12 and 15 months to process the planning grant applications. Planning grants are not competitive grants. They are awarded on a first come first serve basis. The SWRCB has indicated that there are still funds available to conduct this Planning Study.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

1. Resolution 17-2024

## **RESOLUTION NO. 17-2024**

### **A RESOLUTION OF THE GROVELAND COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS AUTHORIZING THE GENERAL MANAGER TO SUBMIT A PLANNING APPLICATION TO THE STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD (SWRCB) AS PART OF THE CLEAN WATER STATE REVOLVING FUND (CWSRF) TO EXPLORE THE FEASIBILITY OF CONNECTING EXISTING RESIDENTIAL SEPTIC LOTS TO THE DISTRICT'S SEWER COLLECTION SYSTEM**

**WHEREAS**, the Groveland Community Services District (District) has the authority to construct, operate and maintain its sanitary sewer collection system, including its wastewater treatment plant (WWTP) and;

**WHEREAS**, some of the District's developments still rely on individual septic tanks and;

**WHEREAS**, individual septic tanks are a source of groundwater contamination when failed, improperly constructed or operated and;

**WHEREAS**, the number of failing septic systems in the District is increasing as are individual requests for connection to the system; and

**WHEREAS**, the District needs to evaluate what components of its sanitary sewer collection system and WWTP need to be improved to accommodate connection of properties who abandon their septic system; and

**WHEREAS**, the State Water Resources Control Board offers planning and design grants to disadvantaged communities to prepare preliminary engineering, environmental and other miscellaneous documentation required to submit a Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) Construction Application.

**WHEREAS**, the District desires to complete an engineering evaluation of the conversion of septic to public sewer and seeks grant funds to reduce cost impact to ratepayers.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Board of Directors of the Groveland Community Services District, California does as follows:

**Section 1.** The District Manager (the "Authorized Representative") or designee is hereby authorized and directed to sign and file, for and on behalf of the Entity, a Financial Assistance Application for a financing agreement from the State Water Resources Control Board for the completion of an engineering evaluation of the feasibility of connection of those properties currently served by private septic systems (the "Project").

**Section 2.** This Authorized Representative, or his/her designee, is designated to provide the assurances, certifications, and commitments required for the financial assistance application, including executing a financial assistance agreement from the State Water Resources Control Board and any amendments or changes thereto.

**Section 3.** The Authorized Representative, or his/her designee, is designated to represent the Entity in carrying out the Entity's responsibilities under the financing agreement, including

certifying disbursement requests on behalf of the Entity and compliance with applicable state and federal laws.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the Board of Directors of the Groveland Community Services District at a regular meeting held on the 9<sup>th</sup> day of July 2024, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

APPROVED:

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Nancy Mora, Board President

ATTEST:

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Rachel Pearlman, Board Secretary

#### **CERTIFICATE OF SECRETARY**

I, Rachel Pearlman, the duly appointed and acting Secretary of the Board of Directors of the Groveland Community Services District, do hereby declare that the foregoing Resolution was duly passed and adopted at a Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Groveland Community Services District, duly called and held on July 9, 2024.

DATED: 7/9/2024