

State of the District

Six years of progress through long term Board direction

Reliable service today with responsible planning for the future



The Board changed how GCSD plans

A disciplined shift from annual reaction to long term stewardship

Earlier operating reality

Limited revenue was largely consumed keeping aging systems operating and responding when infrastructure failed.

The cost pattern

Failure
Emergency response
Repair
Repeat

Board direction since 2018

Plan over the useful life of each system. Invest before failure. Use data and outside funding to improve reliability and make costs more predictable.

The operating model

Plan
Prioritize
Fund
Deliver and maintain

Policy direction for every investment

The same questions guide water, wastewater, fire, parks and administration

Reliable service

Will this improve public safety, reduce failures, downtime or service interruptions?

Predictable cost

Will this lower operating expense, extend asset life or prevent emergency spending?

Emergency readiness

Will the community continue receiving essential service during outages, drought, wildfire or equipment failure?

Public accountability

Can the Board and public see the need, funding source, expected result and long term obligation?



Organizational capability came before construction

Grant success followed years of planning, engineering and staff development



The grants were earned through readiness

Board investment in planning and people positioned GCSD to act when opportunities appeared.

\$32 million invested in community infrastructure

\$29 million came from state and federal grants

\$32M

Total completed or advanced infrastructure investment

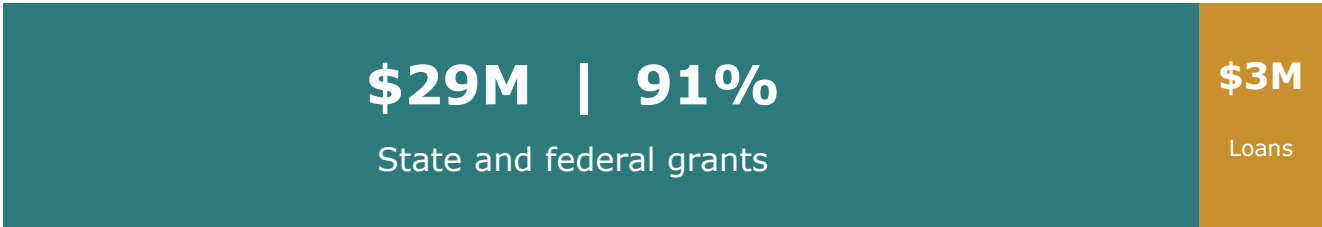
\$29M

State and federal grants brought into the community

\$3M

Low interest loans used to complete the program

HOW THE \$32 MILLION PROGRAM WAS FUNDED



Each \$1 in low-interest borrowing supported nearly \$10 in grant-funded investment.

Local dollars funded the planning and professional capacity that leveraged much larger outside investment.

Water service under emergency conditions

The Board acted on a documented single source vulnerability

1995

Department of Water Resources report identified the risk of relying only on Hetch Hetchy water.

2022

GCSD secured \$8.57 million in state grant funding for a fully redundant emergency water supply.

2026

The District completed the emergency water supply system in early 2026.



Result

Full demand capability during extreme drought, major system failure or wildfire

Planned water investment protects existing service

Two major grants corrected long standing vulnerabilities

\$3M

Big Oak Flat Waterline

Fire flow where it was missing

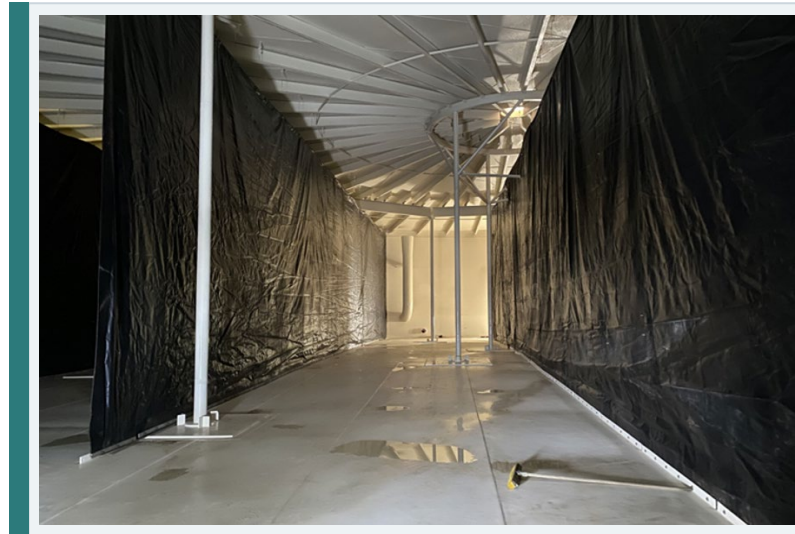
A failing main along Highway 120 became a reliable waterline with hydrants and adequate firefighting capacity.

\$3.9M

Water treatment tank rehabilitation

Fifty more years of useful life

Rehabilitation preserved critical treatment capacity and avoided the cost and disruption of premature replacement.



Reliable operations when systems are stressed

Planned infrastructure and the right equipment reduce downtime and emergency

\$5.8 million sewer rehabilitation

Restored system capacity, extended its life and reduced recurring maintenance demands.

\$635,000 backup generator program

State grant funding replaced most generators at water and sewer pump stations so essential pumping continues during power outages.

Vacuum truck and service fleet

Modern equipment reduces staff labor, outside contracting and infrastructure downtime while saving tens of thousands of dollars annually.



Fire protection improved across systems

Water, staffing partnerships and fuels work produced a measurable community result

Water system

Reliable fire flow and more hydrants

Fire service

County funded staffed engine at Station 78 plus equipment upgrades

Fuels reduction

More than 250 acres treated on District property

ISO rating

4/4X

improved to

3/3X

The stronger rating may positively affect homeowners insurance costs. Each insurer determines the actual impact.



Efficiency lowers ongoing operating costs

Technology and preventive replacement improve daily performance

Variable frequency drives

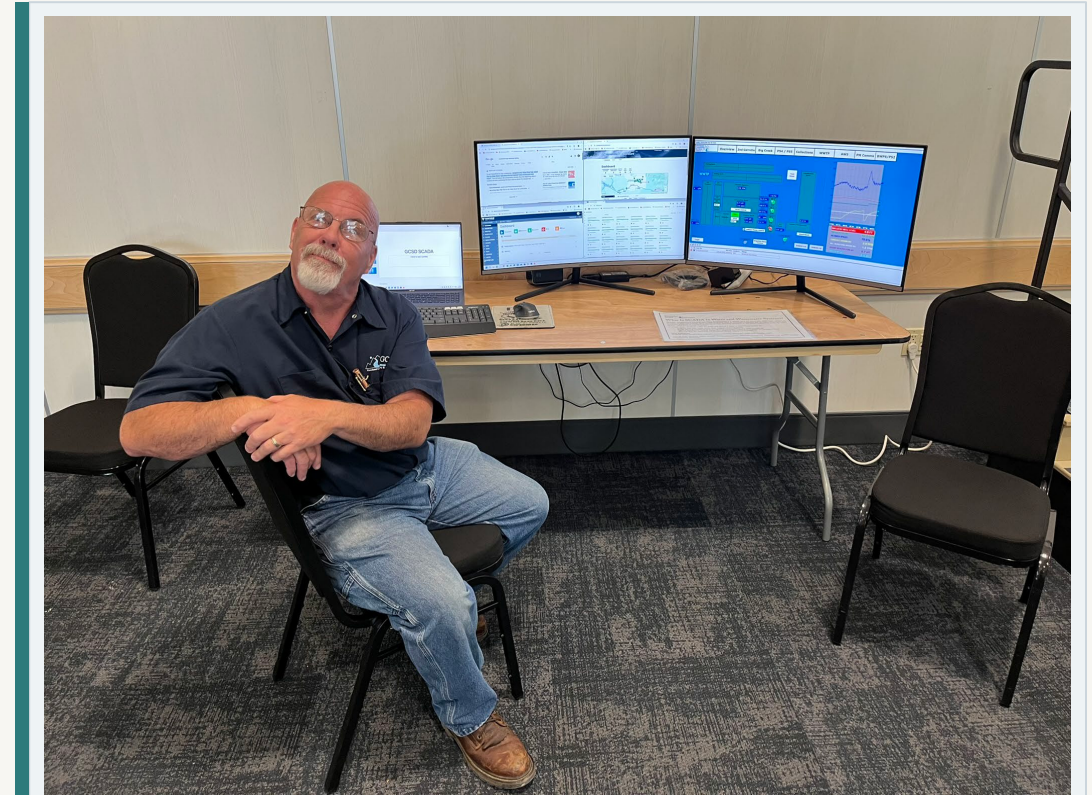
A \$100,000 energy grant supports smarter pump operation, lower electricity use and less wear at both water treatment plants.

SCADA and modern controls

Better information allows employees to adjust operations before a condition becomes a failure.

Planned equipment replacement

Vehicles, generators and operating equipment now support faster response with fewer outside contracts.



Public result

More predictable cost and fewer service disruptions

Regional partnerships produced local results

Relationships became funding, infrastructure and service capacity



Tuolumne County

County engine at Station 78 and cooperation on the Big Oak Flat Waterline.

Neighboring special districts

Joint regional work strengthened grant applications and infrastructure coordination.

Regional planning agencies

Transportation, water management and trail partnerships brought new resources into the community.

State and federal partners

\$29 million in grants converted prepared plans into completed public assets.

Transparency supports informed decisions

The public can see finances, projects, meetings and service information



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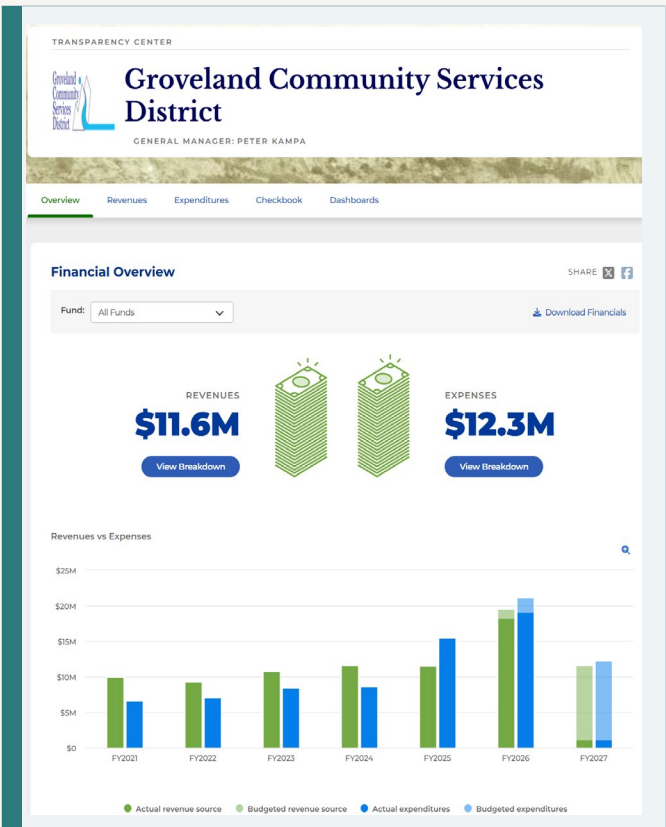
Public financial information

Budgets, revenues and expenditures
in an accessible public portal

Web and social

District information

Timely project, service and meeting
updates across the channels
residents use



The screenshot shows the Groveland Community Services District website. At the top, it states: 'Providing environmentally sound, economic, and compliant services that meet our customer's needs for water and wastewater treatment, fire protection, and park facilities in the unincorporated township of Groveland, California.' Below this is a photo of the district's building. To the right of the photo, contact information is listed: 18966 Ferretti Road, Groveland, CA 95321; (209) 962-7161; info@gcsd.org. Office hours are Monday-Thursday: 9:00 am - 4:30 pm, and Friday: 9:00 am - 4:00 pm. The mailing address is P.O. Box 350, Groveland, CA 95321-0350. After-hours emergencies are handled by Motherlode Answering Service at (209) 533-7992. The Groveland Fire Department is located at 18930 Highway 120, Groveland, CA 95321, with phone (209) 962-7891. The website also features a grid of service categories: Existing Customer, New Customer, New Development and Building, Applications & Forms, Request for Public Records, and FAQ, each with a 'Read more --' link.

**Accountability improves when information is timely,
understandable and easy to find.**

People turned policy into public results

Board direction and professional staff performance are inseparable



District of Distinction

Platinum

16

of approximately 2,000
independent special districts
have achieved Platinum

44

hold any District of
Distinction designation

**Recognition for governance,
transparency, financial management,
training and professional service**

What the public receives

Reliable service

Systems designed to keep operating during drought, outages, equipment failure and wildfire

Lower risk

More fire flow, treated fuels, backup power and planned replacement before failure

More predictable cost

Efficient technology, longer asset life and fewer emergency repairs

Outside investment

\$29 million in state and federal grants supporting local public assets



The Board's direction continues

Maintain dependable service

Use data to prioritize replacement

Prepare before emergencies occur

Pursue outside funding and strong partnerships

Reliable service today
Responsible planning for the future



Board and public discussion

Questions and direction