

TO: GCS D Board of Directors

FROM: Peter Kampa, General Manager

DATE: April 12, 2022

SUBJECT: Agenda Item 3Aii. General Managers Report

Overview

Highlights for the period of March 8, 2022 to April 12, 2022 include the following with additional detail attached:

- Attached is the March 2022 Twain Harte Area CERT newsletter that includes a training update from Groveland Area CERT Program Manager Bob Asquith, starting on page 8. Bob and the Groveland CERT team are very much appreciated for their efforts.
- Groveland Fire Department staff prepared and submitted an application to the CALFIRE Rural Fire Capacity Grant cover half of the \$13,304 cost of the purchase of replacement handheld radios.
- An application for Hazard Mitigation Funds through CalOES will be submitted on April 8, 2022 for fuels reduction work on the 37 acres recently acquired by GCS D adjacent to the park and fire department. This project will create a shaded fuel break and allow for better fire protection of the downtown corridor.
- Included in this report is a map of the fire fuel breaks completed and planned on GCS D property. Thanks go out to Groveland Fire Department's Travis Chunn and Luis Melchor for their assistance in the map and this important work.
- Substantial Completion of the Clearwell Project construction contract will issued last week with all critical items completed and only minor repair/punchlist items remaining. No more liquidated damages are accruing to the contractor. On March 21, 2022 we received the Clearwell Rehabilitation project funding agreement, which was extended to March 23, 2023. We are still negotiating with the contractor and the state to be able to spend the remaining contingency and contract dollars and resolve contractor claims.
- Completed the Recreational Trails Program grant application for the Hetchy Railroad Trail Project through the California State Parks. This application was submitted on April 7, 2022 and Jennifer Flores will provide an overview of the project in her report.
- Met with the Tuolumne County Transportation Council Executive Director and received tentative approval that they would fund the cost of grant application preparation for the Hetchy Railroad Trail Project, Phases 1 and 2
- Attended the CSDA Legislative Committee meeting of April 1, 2022 which covered hundreds of state legislative bills that will affect special districts and GCS D. The committee discussed and took positions/modified positions on these bills.

Governor Newsome's Drought Executive Order

The first three months of this year were the driest in recorded California history. This drought has resulted in a number of state actions including an executive order by the Governor directing the State Water Board to adopt emergency regulations requiring water providers to implement Stage 2 of their Water Shortage Contingency Plan. Attached to this report are:

- Governor's Drought Executive Order of March 28, 2022
- Information from the State Water Board interpreting the Governor's EO
- [Click here](#) for a link to pages of actions GCSO will need to take, as listed in its adopted UWMP and Water Shortage Contingency Plan, when the State Board implements its emergency drought regulations as directed in the Governor's EO

GCSO and SFPUC do not expect an actual shortage of water supply this year. Any water conservation requirements would be implemented as a requirement of the state through SFPUC, not due to shortages. This information is being provided simply to keep the Board informed on potential future conservation requirements. The GCSO Board will be asked to take action prior to the issuance of any formal water conservation requirements.

GCSO Drought Resiliency Project

GCSO was awarded over \$8.5 million to secure the water future of the communities we serve. The letter received from the state is attached, and staff is planning next steps in implementation with our engineering and operations team. This will be the single largest and most important project implemented by the District in decades. As part of this project, our team is working on evaluation the potential for consolidation of our water plants into a single location, capable of treating water from multiple sources including Hetch Hetchy and PML. More information will be provided in a near future update.

Hetch Hetchy Railroad Trail Project

Staff and our legal team continue to work through evaluation of the potential acquisition of the Hetch Hetchy Railroad parcels for the purpose of sewer easement control, and future trails and emergency egress. In addition, we are finalizing the Phase 1 Trail alignment from the Groveland Resilience Center to Mary Laveroni Park, beginning the environmental review and starting preliminary design. As discussed, a state grant application has been prepared and we are planning another through the Caltrans Active Transportation program with the cooperation of the county transportation council. Staff has also met with county administration and its parks manager to identify opportunities to coordinate and partner on park and trail improvements.

County Board of Supervisors Priorities

District management and the county fire chief have been intimately involved with the county developing fire and emergency services goals and priorities for the county Board of Supervisors. Attached are the priorities presented and discussed by the Supervisors at meetings in March 2022. Also attached are two different documents; one expressing the District's desire for the County to conduct thorough planning for fire services countywide and outlining the recommended process, and the second providing a flow chart showing the relationship between the recommended actions. The county will be again considering their priorities at a near future Board meeting. GCSO's goal in this is for the District and county to plan cooperatively together for the future of fire services in the region.

Yonder Hospitality Project Development Conditions (GCSD) and Other County Development

Attached are several documents received and responded to this past month. GCSD spent significant time with the county and project developers in advance of and during county planning commission approval of the Yonder Hospitality Project on Hwy 120. As part of informing the developer and county on the GCSD requirement for the project, we have developed the attached letter detailing the GCSD conditions to be met to allow for project development, should the project proceed.

- Yonder Hospitality (Lodging) project conditions they must meet to receive service from GCSD
- Conditional use permit response from GCSD for the additional employee housing at Rush Creek Lodge
- Conditional use permit response from GCSD for the proposed storage units on Hwy 120 at Deer Flat Road.



MONTHLY UPDATE

March 2022

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NOTES FROM THE PROGRAM MANAGER

by Carol Hallett



March signifies the beginning of spring but it is a month that also keeps you on your toes. Is it time to put away the winter sweaters and bring out the flip-flops or will it snow again?

This month has also been a busy month for our CERT members. We have done lots of drills, exercises, training, planning, preparing for our upcoming training class and responded to a few deployment requests. So our THA-CERT staff has been in action mode all month. You will read all about it in this month's newsletter.

The old wives' tale in the motherlode is that winter is not over until it snows on the dogwood bloom. I use this as my trigger to look forward to spring. As I sit here and look out the window, the dogwood is still dormant, so we might have a few more storms.



(Above) Ben Wagner prepping for UAV flight at Mono Way fire.

SPRING INTO SAFETY...

by John Buckingham, THA-CERT Safety Officer



- 1) Check your smoke alarms and change the batteries. Critical for fire safety.
- 2) Clean and replace your furnace filter.
- 3) Clean the dust covers on your carbon monoxide monitor and change the batteries. You cannot detect carbon monoxide levels in your home without sensors.
- 4) Clean around your dryer and washing machines and their ducts and dampers to prevent lint build up, which is a fire danger
- 5) Time to review emergency escape plans with your household, fire season is upon us.

VEHICLE MAINTENANCE

by By Mike Mandell, THA-CERT Team Leader

This month, the big news, is all the electrical work we are doing on the Firefighter Rehab Vehicle. As luck would have it, one of our potential CERT members, Vince Carini, is an experienced International truck guru, and has been volunteering his time to help us get our Firefighter Rehab Vehicle in tip-top shape.



During our deployment on the Mono Way fire (a nighttime deployment) we realized that there were several issues with that vehicle. The seat had an air leak, the shifter did not light up, and the headlights were really dim, to name a few.

We asked Vince if he would take a look and he jumped in his car and headed right over. Randie Revilla and Vince spent countless hours going through the vehicle's electrical system, getting schematics from Horton (maker of the box on the vehicle) and ordering parts. This truck is going to work like a champ when Vince is done.

The monthly inspections on all or vehicles are ongoing and, thankfully, no other major issues have arisen. Ron Kessler and I did the inspections this month and ensured that all the fluids were topped off, tire pressure checked and windshields cleaned.

We are good to go!

DEPLOYMENTS

by Mike Mandell, THA-CERT Team Leader

Three of our units were requested to deploy to two different incidents this month.

The first was a request from THCSO for our traffic control unit to provide traffic control at Twain Harte Drive and Mono Drive during a pipe replacement project.

Mike Mandell, John Buckingham, and Wes Jordan provided traffic control from roughly 0800 to 1345 hours. Mike reported no problems or mishaps and said they were thanked at the time for their assistance. Program Manager, Carol Hallett, also reported that she received a letter from CSO offering further thanks.

The second request was for both our Firefighter Rehab and UAV Units to deploy to a large fire on Mono Way in Sonora. As luck would have it, Mike Mandell heard the call on the scanner and so had a little bit of a head start getting us ready. Carol coordinated getting both units started and between the time she received the call from Chief Gamez to the time the Firefighter Rehab Unit arrived at the scene at 2129 hours, less than 30 minutes had elapsed. That's an amazing response time! Great job everyone!



(Above) Journey Church on Mono Way

Carol Hallett was Team Lead and Driver, Mike Mandell worked as Check In/Check Out and Communications, and Randie Revilla was in charge of Vitals and Rehab.

Ben Wagner from the UAV Unit arrived about 30 minutes after that. See the article on page 4 for more details about that.



(Above) FF Rehab Area Mono Way fire

The Firefighter Rehab Unit was on scene until 0119 hours the following morning and ran approximately 18 Firefighters through the rehab process during that time. They were provided with Hero wipes, water, Gatorade, snacks, and a comfortable place to rest.

As always, both these deployments provided learning opportunities for both individual crew members, as well as our CERT Team in general. For the most part, everything ran smoothly, thanks to the efforts of our dedicated volunteers.

UAV DEPLOYMENT

by Michelle Wagner, THA-CERT UAV Unit Leader

On March 19th, our UAV Unit was requested to assist at the church fire on Mono Way in Sonora.



(Above) Chief Gamez and Ben Mono Way fire

Thankfully, one of our pilots, Ben Wagner, had just finished his day on Ski Patrol at Dodge Ridge and was able to respond from there. He was joined at the scene by Carol Hallett, who acted as his Visual Observer for the operation.

As usual, Ben kept a cool head and overcome a few technical glitches and some significant impediments to flying, i.e., a lot of overhead wires and many tall trees, not to mention the smoke and the darkness.

There were also significant distractions as many firefighters that weren't currently on assignment surrounded him to watch what he was doing. He managed to avoid distraction and did his job.

Ben was able to provide thermal imaging of a raging fire that the firefighters were having trouble locating because it was burning between the roof sheathing and the shingles.

With the information he provided, the firefighters were able to cut out the hotspot and put the fire out. They were able to complete a task that would likely have taken them several hours in about 20 minutes, thus reducing firefighter fatigue and potential injury, not to mention personnel and reconstruction costs.

Our UAV program continues to evolve as we look at other ways to be of service. As we do so, it's great to know we have a solid foundation of willing and capable people to help out when they're needed!



(Above) Chief Gamez, Ben, Carol, and Firefighters at Mono Way fire

FIREFIGHTER REHAB DRILLS & SKILLS

by Carol Hallett, THA-CERT Program Manager

There is a lot going on with Firefighter Rehab this month!

We take our job seriously and that means a lot of work but the staff and crew do it with pride and amazing attention to detail.

We mentioned last month that we now have rotating crews...here are the details. At this time, we have 7 crews with 3 people on each crew. Each crew is on call for one week (24/7) which means that theoretically they would only be on call every 7 weeks.



(Above) Crew B: Matt, Lise, Luz



(Above) Crew A: Karen

The staff wrote up job descriptions during our trip to Groveland for training last month. I drove and we called out the jobs off the top of our heads while Lise Lemonnier took notes (luckily she does not get car sick). We had radios so that all the cars in the caravan could chime in. It was a great idea but I drive too fast and so the radios were out of range. Therefore it was just the people in my car that were able to contribute...did I mention that this team never stops working?!

During this first phase we decided that we should have a drill for each crew during their week on call. This would allow folks to shake the dust off and get up to speed with the official job descriptions and duties.

We managed to drill with 4 of the crews this month and will continue until we've gotten to everyone.



(Above) Bob checking in "Mr. Turtle"

FIREFIGHTER REHAB DRILLS & SKILLS, cont'd

In addition to all of that, Mike Mandell completed Driver Training with 6 of our crew members: Bob Schreiner, Matt Kain, Randie Revilla, Ron Kessler, Wes Jordan, and Carol Hallett.



(Above) Driver Training

Mike has done an amazing job setting up a standard driving course that covers essential skills such as hill driving and turns. He is in the process of creating a classroom training including a written test. All this will ensure everyone is trained to the same high standards and will be able to perform to the standard of excellence we've come to expect from all of our CERT units.

Everyone performed fantastically and seemed to have fun doing it. It is amazing to see the cohesiveness of these crews even if they have never worked together before. It shows that everyone knows their jobs and is willing to jump in.

I am proud of each and every person!



That's a fail, huh?

BADGES? BAADGES??...

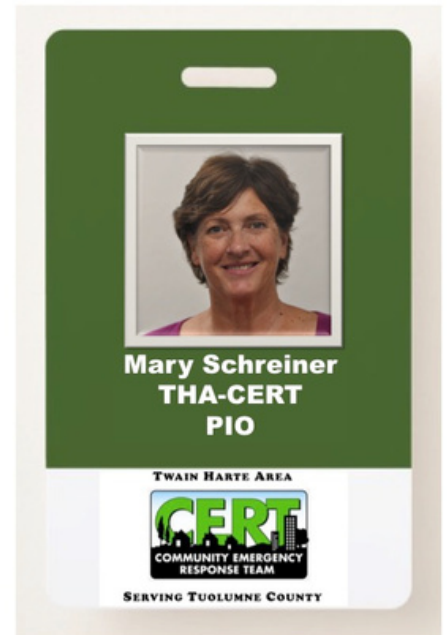
by John Buckingham, THA-CERT Safety Officer

Over the next few months, you will notice some changes in our volunteer badges as we work to take our already stellar group to the next level. CERT volunteers have always been issued badges to identify them as individuals who have completed the Basic Training Course.

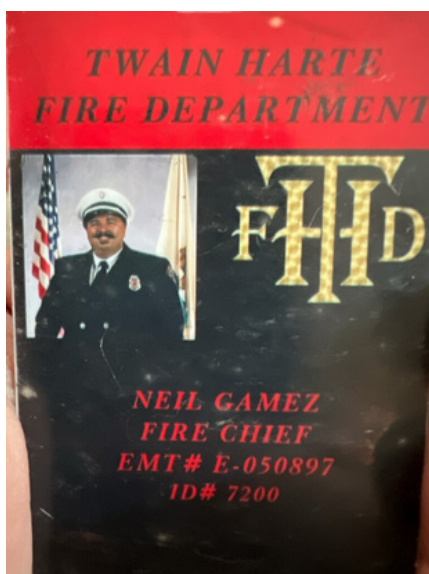
Now, we will have a new style of badge to further identify those who have gone through an additional level of screening, required for certain types of deployments, i.e. working with children, elderly, or on any premises that requires it.

This process will be carried out in phases, starting with the Executive Staff, followed by the Fire Fighter Rehab crews, and Traffic Control crews. The additional screening requires fingerprinting, which will be run through the CA State and Federal database for a very basic criminal records check.

Everyone so far has been very responsive and half of our above listed members have already been through the process! Please note, participation in this process is NOT REQUIRED to remain as a volunteer; however, deployment to certain areas or certain tasks may be limited, as many of the activities and areas we are deployed DO require this extra level of screening.



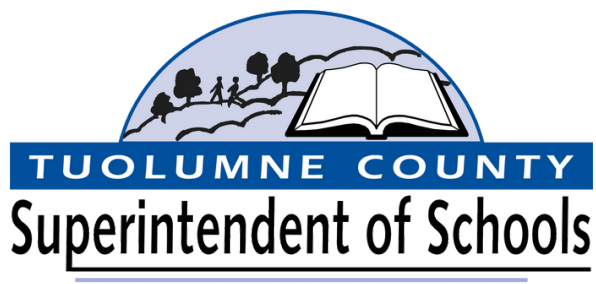
(Above) Sample ID Badge



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The opportunity to do this has been provided by grant monies from the Tuolumne County Health Department and the generosity of school Superintendent Kathy Parker, who is allowing us to do this through the school. A big thank you to both!

Be on the lookout for the new badges, and an email from John Buckingham that outlines the procedure.



GROVELAND AREA CERT FEBRUARY TRAINING

by Bob Asquith, GCERT Program Manager

Groveland Area CERT hosted a training on February 26th covering Unit 1 (Disaster Preparedness) and Unit 2 (Cert Organization, ICS) of the Basic Training. There were twenty-eight people in attendance, 12 of whom traveled up from THA-CERT. The remainder included Groveland Area CERT members, as well as representatives from GCSD Fire and Cal Fire.



(Above) February training in Groveland

We had three great guest trainers for the day.

Bob Asquith, Groveland Area CERT Program Manager, started the day by discussing Disaster Preparedness. He also talked about the organizational chart for Groveland Area CERT, which included several positions being newly filled by Groveland residents.

CERT Member, Pat Polen, who has more than 30 years teaching at College of Marin and UC Davis and working behind the scenes (literally) of the San Francisco Opera, talked with the group about Disaster Planning.

Another GCERT Member, Walt Ehmann, covered the history and structure of ICS. Walt has the unique distinction of having participated in the development of today's Incident Command Structure. He has a background of 25 years in Fire Management positions with the USFS including working as a Battalion Chief and Wildland Fire Arson Investigator and 18 years in Law Enforcement with USFS including working as a Patrol Captain in charge of Enforcement on the 1.4 million acres of the Stanislaus National Forest.

These trainings are great for new-comers and experienced members alike. There instructors were engaging and knowledgeable, capturing our attention throughout the morning. There are always new things to be learned and new relationships to be garnered. And this training was no exception.

RED CROSS CROSS-TRAINING

by Carol Hallett, THA-CERT Program Manager



As part of our preparedness for fire season, we were invited to participate in Red Cross Training to help us understand how we can all work closer in the event we are required to open an evacuation center. We have had many opportunities to work together in the past, this training provided a better understanding of the Red Cross rules and regulations.

We had a group of THA-CERT members join the virtual training class for Red Cross Shelter Training & Fundamentals taught by Debbie Calcote, Disaster Program Manager for American Red Cross in Tuolumne County. The class was roughly 3 hours a day for 3 days. The training was extremely well done, interactive, and paced to allow questions.

By the end, we all understood a bit more about each other and how we can better work in concert to help our communities.

HOW I SPENT MY SPRING VACATION

by Eric Marvel, THA-CERT Founding Member

I couldn't afford to travel to Miami Beach from Colorado this Spring so I accepted a very generous offer to head home to Twain Harte. When THA-CERT Program Manager Carol Hallett called me one freezing windy day in February to invite me to reprise my Disaster Medicine presentation, I was on board immediately.



(Above) March training with Eric Marvel

I haven't flown in a while and the whole mask-thing was a bit of a nuisance but I happily winged away to my original hometown of Sacramento and was met by my dearest friend (complete with her newly shortened locks). The winding drive along highway 49 provided many opportunities for nostalgic reflection of past decades. Carol indulged me with a stop at Mike's for pizza and beer (an all-time favorite) and we arrived at our beloved Twain Harte.

Fellow founding member Susan and I have been away from this wonderful community for three-years now and I was flooded with more nostalgia and emotion as we drove into our village. Such fond memories of our 16-years on Cedar Pines Ave and all of our friends and neighbors... 'Colorful Colorado' certainly has its charms, but we really miss Twain Harte. At the same time we are truly happy to live with our family in Colorado and the joy that is our 2 ½-year old Grandson, Hartford.

Saturday, March 26th was my day to engage in one of my favorite activities – listening to myself talk about CERT Disaster Medical Operations. The Word of Life Fellowship in Mi-Wuk provided a beautiful hall where we could spend the day of training (complete with technical support from Bob Kirk) and Jerry Day and Gary from Access Tuolumne captured the whole shebang on video for posterity. Lise Lemonnier (in true form) shuttled all of the necessary supplies and equipment for the day along with plenty of goodies and beverages.

So, for four hours and ten minutes the intrepid participants of the program listened, absorbed Power Point slides and practiced hands-on skills to help them refresh and learn the basic skills necessary for a CERT Disaster Medicine deployment. We discussed everything from controlling life-threatening bleeding to digging latrines after a major disaster – from opening the airway and treating shock to removing exam gloves covered with shaving cream without getting the Gillette Foamy all over our hands. We bandaged, we splinted and head-to-toe assessed with enthusiasm and enjoyment.

HOW I SPENT MY SPRING VACATION, *cont'd*

Speaking for myself, I had the most fun I've had in some time. And I believe our participants had a good day as well. I was so pleased that these wonderful folks participated so completely in the day and asked questions and shared their own considerable wisdom on the topic.

It's so rewarding (more than I can adequately articulate) to continue to be a small part of the amazing organization that is Twain Harte Area CERT! The people who formed, grew and maintain this valuable community resource are truly incredible. And, as anyone reading this knows, much of the credit for making THA-CERT what it is today goes to our beloved Program Manager. I'm so grateful for all she has done for this community and for inviting me to travel from the Centennial State back to our wonderful village and engage in one of my favorite activities – listening to myself talk about CERT Disaster Medicine.



Note from Carol Hallett, THA-CERT Program Manager

I would like to acknowledge the contributions from the team:

Dawn Cronin, Training Leader, for locating and securing our amazing venue.

Lise Lemonnier, Planning Section Chief, for organizing, transporting, and orchestrating the set-up of all the training materials and supplies, as well as securing all the food and beverages for our buffet. Lise took our snacks to next level! And topped it all off with fresh flowers!!

Bob Kirk for being our audio/visual coordinator for the day. Bob worked closely with Access Tuolumne and Eric to make sure the day ran smoothly.

I would also like to thank the Word of Life Church, especially Pastor Foley, for allowing us to use the Fellowship Hall, which was both amazing and perfect in every way.

I would like to extend a very special and heartfelt thanks to Eric Marvel, Founding Member THA-CERT, for providing this outstanding training. Eric brings with him a vast background in medicine as a retired RN and Paramedic. He also is a retired USAF Master Sergeant, Tuolumne County SAR, and past Interim Director of EMS at Columbia College. In addition to his extensive background, Eric is an engaging and dynamic speaker that kept us all engaged and entertained for the entire 4 hours. This experience has been a great reminder that even though we may move away, we always remain part of this CERT family.

NEIGHBORHOOD RADIO WATCH

by Rich Combs, THA-CERT Member



Fire Safety is on the top of everyone's mind. To help address this, in December Alan Thompson gave a ZOOM presentation, attended by many CERT members, which covered the massive communication failures that occurred during the Paradise Fire in 2018. The message was well received, but the common response was "What can WE DO to address the problem?" So in March Alan gave a follow-up presentation titled Radio-For the Rest of Us. He outlined a system of cheap, easy to use two-way radios, fielded in small local groups, to provide information flow in the event that the media that we rely on daily - cell phones, internet, and land lines, were to fail, as they did in Paradise, including 911 service.

These local groups of a few dozen residences known as a Neighborhood Radio Watch, would be linked to a broader level of longer-range radios, which ultimately are linked to the County Sheriff and Tuolumne Office of Emergency Services. With a two-way flow of information, the Sheriff can pass on status updates, even if the normal communication channels are disrupted.

This is much along the lines of the CERT mission, providing localized self-help assistance to the community in coordination with government agencies. In fact CERT is already using the simple FRS, Family Radio Service radios which could be used at the first level of the program. There is no test or fee to use these radios costing about \$20. More powerful radios, known as General Mobile Radio Service radios, could also be used for broader coverage, and require a one-time \$35 fee to operate which covers a user's extended family. TCARES, Tuolumne's local amateur radio group, has volunteered to provide novice users with training and practice in the use of the radios, and teach the etiquette of communicating using "directed nets" They will also provide the infrastructure for the second layer of communication, and interface with the County Sheriff and OES.

There are many details to be worked out, but we will follow the successful implementation of this plan in El Dorado County, see <https://www.facebook.com/groups/NeighborhoodRadioWatch>.

CERT and TCARES will be working to publicize the Neighborhood Radio Watch Program, establish contacts in local communities, and work with Tuolumne County officials. If you are interested in forming a local radio group, contact Rich Combs, richsfpd@gmail.com. For information about TCARES contact Ned at ned@sudduth.org or go to <https://tcares.net/>

Lots to do, but a great opportunity for CERT members to provide for our community!

WHERE DOES THE TIME GO?

by Lise Lemonnier, THA-CERT Planning Officer

The hours worked by THA-CERT volunteers in the month of March are as follows:

Administration = 214 hours
Training = 233 hours
Deployments = 31.5 hours
Total March = 478.5 hours



JOIN THE THCS D BOARD MEETING

Join the Twain Harte Community Services District (THCS D) board meeting. This is our community and this is a way to learn what is happening in it and around it!

When: Wednesday, April 13, 2022
Starts promptly at 0900

Go to <https://www.twainhartecsd.com/board-meetings> for more information.

WHAT'S NEXT?

April

Events

TUOLUMNE COUNTY ART WEEK
<https://www.visittuolumne.com/eventdetail/1423/tuolumne-county-art-week>
SUN, APR 10 – SAT, APR 16

“Who Let the Dog’s Out?” Parade – Twain Harte
<https://www.twainhartecc.com/events/who-let-the-dogs-out-parade>
Sun, Apr 24 11:00 – 3:00

National Parks Fee-Free Day
Sat, Apr 16 All Day
Yosemite National Park

Railtown
1897’s Wildflower Train Rides
Sat & Sun, Apr 9 – Apr 17
Jamestown

Holidays

Easter Sunday
Sun, Apr 17

Victorian Easter Celebration
Sun, Apr 17 11:00 – 3:00
Columbia State Historic Park

Training

CERT Training – Groveland
Disaster Physiology
Fire Suppression
Sat, Apr 30 9:00

THCS D Brd Mtg
<https://www.twainhartecsd.com/board-meetings>
Wed, Apr 13 9:00



BAIRDS ROAD
0.11 acres

GCSD Infrastructure Fuel Reduction
20-FP-TCU-0105



BIG CREEK 1 & 2
4.49 acres

GCSD Infrastructure Fuel Reduction
20-FP-TCU-0105



VERNAL DR.
0.74 acres

GCSD Infrastructure Fuel Reduction
20-FP-TCU-0105



EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

EXECUTIVE ORDER N-7-22

WHEREAS on April 12, 2021, May 10, 2021, July 8, 2021, and October 19, 2021, I proclaimed states of emergency that continue today and exist across all the counties of California, due to extreme and expanding drought conditions; and

WHEREAS climate change continues to intensify the impacts of droughts on our communities, environment, and economy, and California is in a third consecutive year of dry conditions, resulting in continuing drought in all parts of the State; and

WHEREAS the 21st century to date has been characterized by record warmth and predominantly dry conditions, and the 2021 meteorological summer in California and the rest of the western United States was the hottest on record; and

WHEREAS since my October 19, 2021 Proclamation, early rains in October and December 2021 gave way to the driest January and February in recorded history for the watersheds that provide much of California's water supply; and

WHEREAS the ongoing drought will have significant, immediate impacts on communities with vulnerable water supplies, farms that rely on irrigation to grow food and fiber, and fish and wildlife that rely on stream flows and cool water; and

WHEREAS the two largest reservoirs of the Central Valley Project, which supplies water to farms and communities in the Central Valley and the Santa Clara Valley and provides critical cold-water habitat for salmon and other anadromous fish, have water storage levels that are approximately 1.1 million acre-feet below last year's low levels on this date; and

WHEREAS the record-breaking dry period in January and February and the absence of significant rains in March have required the Department of Water Resources to reduce anticipated deliveries from the State Water Project to 5 percent of requested supplies; and

WHEREAS delivery of water by bottle or truck is necessary to protect human safety and public health in those places where water supplies are disrupted; and

WHEREAS groundwater use accounts for 41 percent of the State's total water supply on an average annual basis but as much as 58 percent in a critically dry year, and approximately 85 percent of public water systems rely on groundwater as their primary supply; and

WHEREAS coordination between local entities that approve permits for new groundwater wells and local groundwater sustainability agencies is important to achieving sustainable levels of groundwater in critically overdrafted basins; and

WHEREAS the duration of the drought, especially following a multiyear drought that abated only five years ago, underscores the need for California to redouble near-, medium-, and long-term efforts to adapt its water management and delivery systems to a changing climate, shifting precipitation patterns, and water scarcity; and

WHEREAS the most consequential, immediate action Californians can take to extend available supplies is to voluntarily reduce their water use by 15 percent from their 2020 levels by implementing the commonsense measures identified in operative paragraph 1 of Executive Order N-10-21 (July 8, 2021); and

WHEREAS to protect public health and safety, it is critical the State take certain immediate actions without undue delay to prepare for and mitigate the effects of the drought conditions, and under Government Code section 8571, I find that strict compliance with various statutes and regulations specified in this Proclamation would prevent, hinder, or delay the mitigation of the effects of the drought conditions.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GAVIN NEWSOM, Governor of the State of California, in accordance with the authority vested in me by the State Constitution and statutes, including the California Emergency Services Act, and in particular, Government Code sections 8567, 8571, and 8627, do hereby issue the following Order to become effective immediately:

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

1. The orders and provisions contained in my April 21, 2021, May 10, 2021, July 8, 2021, and October 19, 2021 Proclamations remain in full force and effect, except as modified by those Proclamations and herein. State agencies shall continue to implement all directions from those Proclamations and accelerate implementation where feasible.
2. To help the State achieve its conservation goals and ensure sufficient water for essential indoor and outdoor use, I call on all Californians to strive to limit summertime water use and to use water more efficiently indoors and out. The statewide Save Our Water conservation campaign at SaveOurWater.com provides simple ways for Californians to reduce water use in their everyday lives. Furthermore, I encourage Californians to understand and track the amount of water they use and measure their progress toward their conservation goals.
3. By May 25, 2022, the State Water Resources Control Board (Water Board) shall consider adopting emergency regulations that include all of the following:
 - a. A requirement that each urban water supplier, as defined in section 10617 of the Water Code, shall submit to the Department of Water Resources a preliminary annual water supply and demand assessment consistent with section 10632.1 of the Water Code no later than June 1, 2022, and submit a final annual water

supply and demand assessment to the Department of Water Resources no later than the deadline set by section 10632.1 of the Water Code;

- b. A requirement that each urban water supplier that has submitted a water shortage contingency plan to the Department of Water Resources implement, at a minimum, the shortage response actions adopted under section 10632 of the Water Code for a shortage level of up to twenty percent (Level 2), by a date to be set by the Water Board; and
- c. A requirement that each urban water supplier that has not submitted a water shortage contingency plan to the Department of Water Resources implement, at a minimum, shortage response actions established by the Water Board, which shall take into consideration model actions that the Department of Water Resources shall develop for urban water supplier water shortage contingency planning for Level 2, by a date to be set by the Water Board.

To further conserve water and improve drought resiliency if the drought lasts beyond this year, I encourage urban water suppliers to conserve more than required by the emergency regulations described in this paragraph and to voluntarily activate more stringent local requirements based on a shortage level of up to thirty percent (Level 3).

- 4. To promote water conservation, the Department of Water Resources shall consult with leaders in the commercial, industrial, and institutional sectors to develop strategies for improving water conservation, including direct technical assistance, financial assistance, and other approaches. By May 25, 2022, the Water Board shall consider adopting emergency regulations defining "non-functional turf" (that is, a definition of turf that is ornamental and not otherwise used for human recreation purposes such as school fields, sports fields, and parks) and banning irrigation of non-functional turf in the commercial, industrial, and institutional sectors except as it may be required to ensure the health of trees and other perennial non-turf plantings.
- 5. In order to maximize the efficient use of water and to preserve water supplies critical to human health and safety and the environment, Public Resources Code, Division 13 (commencing with section 21000) and regulations adopted pursuant to that Division are hereby suspended, with respect to the directives in paragraphs 3 and 4 of this Order and any other projects and activities for the purpose of water conservation to the extent necessary to address the impacts of the drought, and any permits necessary to carry out such projects or activities. Entities that desire to conduct activities under this suspension, other than the directives in paragraphs 3 and 4 of this Order, shall first request that the Secretary of the Natural Resources Agency make a determination that the proposed activities are eligible to be conducted under this suspension. The Secretary shall use sound discretion in applying this Executive Order to ensure that the suspension serves the purpose of accelerating conservation projects that are necessary to address impacts of the drought, while at the same time

protecting public health and the environment. The entities implementing these directives or conducting activities under this suspension shall maintain on their websites a list of all activities or approvals for which these provisions are suspended.

6. To support voluntary approaches to improve fish habitat that would require change petitions under Water Code section 1707 and either Water Code sections 1425 through 1432 or Water Code sections 1725 through 1732, and where the primary purpose is to improve conditions for fish, the Water Board shall expeditiously consider petitions that add a fish and wildlife beneficial use or point of diversion and place of storage to improve conditions for anadromous fish. California Code of Regulations, title 23, section 1064, subdivisions (a)(1)(A)(i)-(ii) are suspended with respect to any petition that is subject to this paragraph.
7. To facilitate the hauling of water for domestic use by local communities and domestic water users threatened with the loss of water supply or degraded water quality resulting from drought, any ordinance, regulation, prohibition, policy, or requirement of any kind adopted by a public agency that prohibits the hauling of water out of the water's basin of origin or a public agency's jurisdiction is hereby suspended. The suspension authorized pursuant to this paragraph shall be limited to the hauling of water by truck or bottle to be used for human consumption, cooking, or sanitation in communities or residences threatened with the loss of affordable safe drinking water. Nothing in this paragraph limits any public health or safety requirement to ensure the safety of hauled water.
8. The Water Board shall expand inspections to determine whether illegal diversions or wasteful or unreasonable use of water are occurring and bring enforcement actions against illegal diverters and those engaging in the wasteful and unreasonable use of water. When access is not granted by a property owner, the Water Board may obtain an inspection warrant pursuant to the procedures set forth in Title 13 (commencing with section 1822.50) of Part 3 of the Code of Civil Procedure for the purposes of conducting an inspection pursuant to this directive.
9. To protect health, safety, and the environment during this drought emergency, a county, city, or other public agency shall not:
 - a. Approve a permit for a new groundwater well or for alteration of an existing well in a basin subject to the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act and classified as medium- or high-priority without first obtaining written verification from a Groundwater Sustainability Agency managing the basin or area of the basin where the well is proposed to be located that groundwater extraction by the proposed well would not be inconsistent with any sustainable groundwater management program established in any applicable Groundwater Sustainability Plan adopted by that Groundwater Sustainability

Agency and would not decrease the likelihood of achieving a sustainability goal for the basin covered by such a plan; or

- b. Issue a permit for a new groundwater well or for alteration of an existing well without first determining that extraction of groundwater from the proposed well is (1) not likely to interfere with the production and functioning of existing nearby wells, and (2) not likely to cause subsidence that would adversely impact or damage nearby infrastructure.

This paragraph shall not apply to permits for wells that will provide less than two acre-feet per year of groundwater for individual domestic users, or that will exclusively provide groundwater to public water supply systems as defined in section 116275 of the Health and Safety Code.

10. To address household or small community drinking water shortages dependent upon groundwater wells that have failed due to drought conditions, the Department of Water Resources shall work with other state agencies to investigate expedited regulatory pathways to modify, repair, or reconstruct failed household or small community or public supply wells, while recognizing the need to ensure the sustainability of such wells as provided for in paragraph 9.
11. State agencies shall collaborate with tribes and federal, regional, and local agencies on actions related to promoting groundwater recharge and increasing storage.
12. To help advance groundwater recharge projects, and to demonstrate the feasibility of projects that can use available high water flows to recharge local groundwater while minimizing flood risks, the Water Board and Regional Water Quality Control Boards shall prioritize water right permits, water quality certifications, waste discharge requirements, and conditional waivers of waste discharge requirements to accelerate approvals for projects that enhance the ability of a local or state agency to capture high precipitation events for local storage or recharge, consistent with water right priorities and protections for fish and wildlife. For the purposes of carrying out this paragraph, Division 13 (commencing with section 21000) of the Public Resources Code and regulations adopted pursuant to that Division, and Chapter 3 (commencing with section 85225) of Part 3 of Division 35 of the Water Code and regulations adopted pursuant thereto are hereby suspended to the extent necessary to address the impacts of the drought. This suspension applies to (a) any actions taken by state agencies, (b) any actions taken by local agencies where the state agency with primary responsibility for the implementation of the directives concurs that local action is required, and (c) permits necessary to carry out actions under (a) or (b). The entities implementing these directives shall maintain on their websites a list of all activities or approvals for which these provisions are suspended.
13. With respect to recharge projects under either Flood-Managed Aquifer Recharge or the Department of Water Resources Sustainable

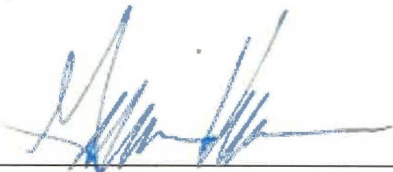
Groundwater Management Grant Program occurring on open and working lands to replenish and store water in groundwater basins that will help mitigate groundwater conditions impacted by drought, for any (a) actions taken by state agencies, (b) actions taken by a local agency where the Department of Water Resources concurs that local action is required, and (c) permits necessary to carry out actions under (a) or (b), Public Resources Code, Division 13 (commencing with section 21000) and regulations adopted pursuant to that Division are hereby suspended to the extent necessary to address the impacts of the drought. The entities implementing these directives shall maintain on their websites a list of all activities or approvals for which these provisions are suspended.

14. To increase resilience of state water supplies during prolonged drought conditions, the Department of Water Resources shall prepare for the potential creation and implementation of a multi-year transfer program pilot project for the purpose of acquiring water from willing partners and storing and conveying water to areas of need.
15. By April 15, 2022, state agencies shall submit to the Department of Finance for my consideration proposals to mitigate the worsening effects of severe drought, including emergency assistance to communities and households and others facing water shortages as a result of the drought, facilitation of groundwater recharge and wastewater recycling, improvements in water use efficiency, protection of fish and wildlife, mitigation of drought-related economic or water-supply disruption, and other potential investments to support short- and long-term drought response.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that as soon as hereafter possible, this Order be filed in the Office of the Secretary of State and that widespread publicity and notice be given of this Order.

This Order is not intended to, and does not, create any rights or benefits, substantive or procedural, enforceable at law or in equity, against the State of California, its agencies, departments, entities, officers, employees, or any other person.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 28th day of March 2022.



GAVIN NEWSOM
Governor of California

ATTEST:

SHIRLEY N. WEBER, PH.D.
Secretary of State

As Western Drought Worsens, Governor Newsom Moves to Bolster Regional Conservation Efforts

Published: Mar 28, 2022

Executive order calls on local water suppliers to activate drought contingency plans

Governor orders Water Board to consider ban on watering of decorative grass around commercial, industrial and institutional buildings

SACRAMENTO – Following the driest first three months of a year in the state’s recorded history, Governor Gavin Newsom today took steps to drive water conservation at the local level, calling on local water suppliers to move to Level 2 of their Water Shortage Contingency Plans, which require locally-appropriate actions that will conserve water across all sectors, and directing the State Water Resources Control Board to consider a ban on the watering of decorative grass at businesses and institutions.

In an executive order signed today, the Governor ordered the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) to evaluate the adoption of regulations banning irrigation of “non-functional” turf (or grass), such as decorative grass adjacent to large industrial and commercial buildings. The ban would not include residential lawns or grass used for recreation, such as school fields, sports fields and parks. The Department of Water Resources estimates this ban alone will result in potential water savings of several hundred thousand acre-feet. An acre-foot of water serves the needs of approximately three households for a year.

“While we have made historic investments to protect our communities, economy and ecosystems from the worsening drought across the West, it is clear we need to do more,” said Governor Newsom. “Today, I am calling on local water agencies to implement more aggressive water conservation measures, including having the Water Board evaluate a ban on watering ornamental grass on commercial properties, which will drive water use savings at this critical time. Amid climate-driven extremes in weather, we must all continue to do our part and make water conservation a way of life.”

A copy of the executive order can be found [here](#).

As the drought persists into a third year and conditions worsen amidst dry, hot weather, today’s order called on the SWRCB to consider requiring urban water suppliers to activate, at a minimum, Level 2 of their customized Water Shortage Contingency Plans. These plans, required by state law, are developed by local water agencies to navigate drought and each plan is customized based on an agency’s unique infrastructure and management. Triggering Level 2 of these plans involves implementing water conservation actions to prepare for a water shortage level of up to 20 percent. For example, in many communities, this would mean reducing the number of days that residents can water outdoors, among other measures.

To further conserve water and strengthen drought resiliency in this critically dry year, the Governor is encouraging suppliers, where appropriate, to consider going above and beyond the Level 2 of their water shortage contingency plans, activating more ambitious measures. The Governor has also ordered state agencies to submit funding proposals to support the state’s short- and long-term drought response, including emergency assistance to communities and households facing drought-related water shortages, facilitating groundwater recharge and wastewater recycling, improvements in water use efficiency, protecting fish and wildlife, and minimizing drought-related economic disruption.

Today’s executive order includes several other provisions that will protect all water users:

- **Ensuring Vulnerable Communities Have Drinking Water**
 - Cuts red tape so communities that need access to emergency hauled or bottled water can get it immediately
- **Safeguarding Groundwater Supplies**
 - Requires local permitting authorities to coordinate with Groundwater Sustainability Agencies to ensure new proposed wells do not compromise existing wells or infrastructure, as 85 percent of public water systems rely heavily on groundwater during drought
 - Streamlines permitting for groundwater recharge projects that help to refill aquifers when rains come
- **Protecting Vulnerable Fish And Wildlife**
 - Expedites state agency approvals for necessary actions to protect fish and wildlife where drought conditions threaten their health and survival
- **Preventing Illegal Water Diversions**
 - Directs the Water Board to expand site inspections in order to determine whether illegal diversions are occurring

The Governor’s California Comeback Plan invests \$5.2 billion over three years to support the immediate drought response and build water resilience, including funding to secure and expand water supplies; bolster drought contingency planning and multi-benefit land repurposing projects; support drinking water and wastewater infrastructure, with a focus on small and disadvantaged communities; advance Sustainable Groundwater Management Act implementation to improve water supply security and quality; and support wildlife and habitat restoration efforts, among other nature-based solutions.

Earlier this month, Governor Newsom advanced an additional \$22.5 million to bolster the state's drought response. Of this funding, \$8.25 million will be used to increase educational and outreach efforts, including through the Save Our Water campaign, which is providing Californians with water-saving tips via social media and other digital advertising. The Governor's California Blueprint proposal includes \$750 million in additional drought funding, \$250 million of which was set aside as a drought reserve to be allocated in the spring, based on conditions and need.

More information on the state's response to the drought and informational resources available to the public are available at <https://drought.ca.gov/>.

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March 23, 2022

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Award Notification for Phase 2 Urban and Multibenefit Drought Relief Grant Program

Dear Peter Kampa:

Congratulations! We are pleased to inform you that the following projects, filed by Groveland Community Services District, has been awarded **\$8,570,000** by the Department of Water Resources (DWR) for the Urban and Multibenefit Drought Relief Grant Program:

- **\$8,545,000** was awarded to the Groveland CSD - Drought Emergency Relief Project
- **\$25,000** was awarded for Grant Administration

Costs incurred after March 18, 2022 (DWR approval date of the awards) will be eligible for grant reimbursement. This award is conditioned upon the execution of a Grant Agreement between DWR and your agency. Please see the [Agreement Template](#) for your reference.

Your timely attention is directed to the following requirements:

Within 14 calendar days of the date of this award letter:

Award Acceptance - Please submit a letter or e-mail signed by the authorized representative (agreement signatory) confirming your agency as the Grantee to accept the grant award in the amount of \$8,570,000. This letter/e-mail should also confirm the proper billing address for your organization (where reimbursement checks will be sent).

Electronic Signatures - DWR uses DocuSign to process signatures electronically to expedite all grant-related documents requiring a signature. In order for DWR to send documents to you via DocuSign, we need your permission and consent. If you consent to the use of DocuSign, please send DWR a letter on official letterhead signed by the authorized representative, consenting to the use of DocuSign for all transactions related to this award (see attached sample). If you prefer not to use electronic signatures, DWR can send documents for original (wet) signatures via email or mail, but this can delay the process significantly, especially during situations such as the COVID-19 public health emergency.

Following receipt of the award acceptance, DWR will provide you with a draft agreement and work with you to finalize and execute the agreement.

Your timely attention to these requirements is critical to execute the Grant Agreement; failure to do so may result in DWR revoking the grant award. Please submit the required information in the time periods specified to urbandrought@water.ca.gov. The subject line of the email should include "Groveland Community Services District ANL Items".

Please contact Ashley Gilreath at ashley.gilreath@water.ca.gov or (916) 902-6717 or Stephanie Miura at stephanie.miura@water.ca.gov or (916) 902-7508 for any questions regarding the required materials.

Again, congratulations to you on this well-deserved grant award. Our team appreciates your time and effort to respond to this grant solicitation process and we will be reaching out in coming months to get your feedback. We look forward to working with you to complete these drought relief projects to build water resilience in your communities.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Carmel K. Brown". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Carmel Brown, P.E.,
Manager, Financial Assistance Branch
Division of Regional Assistance

PRIORITY

FIRE PREVENTION AND SAFETY

#	OBJECTIVE	ACTION ITEM	WHEN	LEAD DEPARTMENT	SUPPORT DEPARTMENTS	STATUS		
						DONE	ON-TARGET	REVISED
1.2	Improve wildfire resiliency	Support formation of TCSO Fuels Crews	2023	Sheriff	Fire			
		Continue to support CERT	2022	OES	Fire			
		Pass county-wide vegetation ordinance include funding for staff and O & E	2022	OES	Fire Many others			
		Improve roadway infrastructure and clearance	2022	Public Works	County Admin OES Fire			
1.3	Stabilize funding to maintain appropriate service levels	Seek out additional sustained revenue through local, state, and federal grant opportunities	Continuous	Fire				
		Approve county wide updated GIGER Fee for new commercial and residential developments	2022	County Admin	Fire Sheriff Parks & Rec			
		Ballot measure to permanently increase funding	2023	County Admin	Fire More			



Tuolumne County Proposed Fire-Life Safety Objectives 2022

GCSO Support and Recommendations March 18, 2022



Overview and Goal:

The Groveland Community Services District (GCSO) strongly supports the County’s 2022 Goals and Actions related to fire and life safety. The purpose of the goal and actions detailed below is to provide background on GCSO’s recommended method of a three-step public process for comprehensive fire services planning, decision-making and funding plan development countywide. GCSO’s goal is for the county to implement a process that we believe will serve as the foundational pillar of long term consistent and reliable emergency services; by creating operating and financing plans grounded in existing data, acknowledging growth will occur and answering many of the public questions and concerns raised about fire and emergency services. This process is also envisioned as a means to facilitate your SMART planning, providing a measuring mechanism and hopefully a means to gain public support for a future revenue measure.

1. Standards of Coverage Evaluation:

The Standards of Coverage evaluation provides the data and graphics for informed decision-making related to fire services by entities including the Board of Supervisors, Fire Districts, CSDs, the City, LAFCO, developers and voters in a special tax election. The first step in creating a plan for optimized and efficient fire/emergency services is adopting “standards of coverage”; which establishes what we have now and what we expect and desire in the future in terms of fire/emergency response times in the protection of life and property. The Standards of Coverage Evaluation answers the following questions in both narrative and graphic format (GIS):

- a) What are the recognized standards for fire /emergency response times, what do they mean to life, property and ability to secure insurance?
- b) What do we want to achieve in Tuolumne County in terms of:
 - a. Emergency response times (determines distribution of fire stations)
 - b. Effective Response Force (factors in number of personnel, equipment and distribution needed to respond to effectively manage a structure fire or other large event)
 - c. Hazardous materials response
 - d. Technical rescue
 - e. Equipment replacement and condition (provides a consistent unit of measure)
 - f. Reliability of funding (provides a consistent unit of measure)

- c) How do our city/fire district/CSD/County Fire boundaries, response areas and response times look today? Where are we meeting a standard and where are we not?
- d) What is the 911 call volume, where are they highest, what types of calls are they, and how will land use/future growth affect calls by location?
- e) What are our highest risks for fire and life safety?
- f) Where are the areas outside of city/fire district/CSD jurisdictional boundaries and not served by County Fire? Are there areas within city/fire district/CSD jurisdictional boundaries where County Fire or other jurisdictions regularly provide “first in” coverage?
- g) Where would we need to place resources to achieve the standards we want 90% of the time?

NOTE: This GIS tool can also identify high fuels areas, existing shaded fuel breaks and other factors and risks affecting services

2. Develop Emergency Response Coordination Plan (Based on Adopted Standards):

A coordinated services plan is then developed from the data and GIS to serve as an integrated fire department master plan covering necessary facilities, equipment and staffing for all departments in the county. The coordinated services plan provides the analysis, findings and actions necessary to achieve the adopted Standards of Coverage on a long term basis while accommodating future growth and equitably appropriating service costs to current properties and future development.

- a) Based on the adopted Standards of Coverage, current and projected call volume, which stations need to be staffed full time, and which seasonally?
 - a. What type and number of apparatus, equipment and personnel needed at each?
 - b. Which locations are needed now and which are needed in the future with growth in population or call volume?
 - c. Who is the appropriate service provider for the growth related stations?
- b) Can we improve services and responses at a lower cost by adding services such as Rapid Response Vehicles/crew at appropriate locations based on call types and stations?
- c) How many fire apparatus do we need and in what locations?
- d) Based on call volume, type, location and projected growth, is there an undue strain on any department’s resources (above mutual aid) due to responses into another’s jurisdiction?
 - a. Do we need to adjust the City/fire district/CSD jurisdictional boundaries to encompass these areas?
 - b. Rather than change jurisdictional boundaries, do we establish contracts/funding between the responding department and responsible department and simply modify operational/responsibility areas?
- e) Does the Standards of Coverage evaluation identify the need for reorganization of departments (consolidation, new districts or departments, new CALFIRE stations) or the formation of a JPA?

3. Financing the Fire/Emergency Response Coordination Plan

The last step in the process is determining financially how we can fully implement the master plan and achieve the desired response standards long term. The financing plan identifies the cost of consistently providing the level of services meeting the adopted coverage standards. The plan also identifies areas of the county where accomplishing the adopted response standards may not be possible financially and acknowledging this reality publicly with a commitment to evaluate means to bring these areas up to standard in the future.

- a) **Identify the Funding** needed by fire department for both capital and operations to cover the cost of services **meeting the Standards** we adopt, as we are structured and with call volumes today.
- b) **Identify the Funding** needed by department for both capital and operations to **accommodate growth** and meet the adopted Standards.
- c) **Establish a Development Impact Fee** structure and amount in each jurisdiction based on the estimated capital cost of building and equipping new fire stations.
- d) **Establish** a perpetual funding mechanism such as **Community Facilities Districts** to cover the cost of expansion of the staffing and increased operating costs to meet the service demand of new development while maintaining our Standards of Coverage.
- e) **Secure Voter approval** of a special tax measure that supports the consistent, long term achievement of the Standards of Coverage.

How Do We Actually Know How We are Doing, Where Are The Service Demands and Gaps Located, and What We Have to do to Meet The Level of Service We Need

Establish Standards of Coverage

Adopt Desired and Acceptable Response Times and Effective Response Force

Graphically Identifies Service and Response Concentrations and Gaps

Identifies Location for Stations and Staffing Levels to Meet Standards

What is Our Countywide Fire Master Plan for Meeting Standards, and How Much Will It Cost?

Emergency Response Coordination Plan

Identifies Opportunities to Optimize Emergency Services Based on Adopted Standards, Call Types and Numbers

Identifies New Development Impact

Recommends Service Optimization Options, Contracting Among Departments, Boundary/Response Area Changes based on Coverage Standards

Establishes Recommended Budgets for Facilities, Equipment and Staffing

How Do We Build New Stations and Purchase Equipment to Expand The Services in the Future to Meet Standards With Growth

Development Impact (GIGER) Fees

Builds Stations, Purchases Apparatus and Equipment in Locations Identified in Coverage Standards and Emergency Response Coordination Plan

Coordinated with GCSD and Other Department Impact Fees

How Do We Support the Staffing and Operating Costs in the Future?

Long Term Funding

Add Objective to Adopt a Funding Mechanism to Offset Development Impact, such as a CFD

Propose a Special Tax or assessment to Provide Long Term Funding

March 16, 2022

Quincy Yaley, Director
Tuolumne County Community Development Department
2 South Green Street

Sonora, CA 95370

RE: Site Development Permit SDP20-005, Mitigated Negative Declaration for Site Development Permit SDP20-005

Dear Quincy,

We appreciate the opportunity to participate in the Planning Commission's consideration of approval of the above stated Site Development Permit. GCS D has been working closely with the project applicant through the planning process and have found them to be very cooperative and understanding of the need to offset any service or fiscal impacts created by their project. GCS D has established service approval processes and conditions in place to ensure that service and fiscal impacts are addressed in accordance with state law and GCS D policies. Our comments below are intended to ensure there is clarity and understanding of GCS D's conditions for approval of services to the project and the developers responsibilities regarding project permitting and infrastructure construction.

It is unclear whether the offsite construction of utilities will occur in Phase 1 or 2 of the project, however one proposed connection location is more closely configured to Phase 1. Therefore, all GCS D conditions below must be implemented at the appropriate time based on county processes and we rely on the County to coordinate with GCS D to ensure that our conditions are met. All of these conditions will be detailed in the Plan Check and Construction Inspection Agreement (Development Agreement) between the GCS D and project owner, and approval of the agreement and compliance with its terms is a condition of receiving services. The Development Agreement must be executed between the parties prior to commitment of service in a Will Serve letter as detailed in Condition 39, and prior to preparation of final project construction plans and specifications. All infrastructure to be dedicated to the GCS D must be designed, constructed and inspected in accordance with GCS D standards.

1. Owner will be required to secure an encroachment permit from GCS D for the construction of utility connections
2. Owner must secure a permit from the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission for connection of utilities in its right of way
3. Owner will be required to include plans and specifications for utility connections in its Caltrans Encroachment Permit (Conditions 6 and 17). A copy of the permit shall be provided to the GCS D prior to any work within the state ROW (Condition 6 and 17)
4. The General Construction Activity Stormwater Permit and stormwater pollution prevention plan identified in Conditions 11, 12, 24 and 25 must include construction activities related to onsite and offsite activities related to connection of utilities to GCS D for water and sewer service

5. Applicant shall include all activities related to construction of the onsite and offsite water and sewer connections in its Section 404 and Section 1602 Streambed Alteration Agreement applications and permits (Condition 27)
6. If the fire hydrant system is to be considered for possible future dedication to GCSD for public ownership and operation, GCSD shall approve all hydrant plans, locations and installations.

To offset the impacts of the project on services provided by GCSD, the Owner will be required to apply for service and pay connection and capacity fees in accordance with GCSD adopted fee schedules in place at the time of Water and Sewer service commencement. Fire and Park services Development Impact Fees and Community Facilities District (CFD) formation shall occur prior to issuance of the Certificate of Occupancy for the project.

7. The Development Impact Fees for Fire and Park services adopted by the GCSD and slated for consideration by the County Board of Supervisors shall be applicable to the project and paid prior to the issuance of the Certificate of Occupancy as with other County Impact fees (Condition 69). The Development Impact fees are levied for the purpose of offsetting the fiscal impact of expanding fire and park capital facilities and equipment to meet the increased demands resulting from new development.
8. A Community Facilities District (CFD) shall be formed to encompass the project site as a condition of approval of the Development Agreement between the applicant and GCSD. The CFD special tax shall be calculated and applied at a rate based on a Fiscal Impact Analysis (FIA) completed by GCSD at the applicant's expense. The purpose of the CFD is to offset the fiscal impact on fire and park services and operations resulting from the project as determined in the FIA.
9. Water and sewer service connection and capacity fees shall be paid at the time of application for the final, permanent water meter(s) and prior to the issuance of the Certificate of Occupancy.

Sincerely,



Peter Kampa
General Manager
Groveland Community Services District

cc: Jaren Nuzman, TK Consulting
GCSD Board of Directors



COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

Quincy Yaley, AICP
Director

Land Use and Natural Resources – Housing and Community Programs – Environmental Health – Building and Safety – Code Compliance

Date: **March 11, 2022**
To: Interested Stakeholder
From: Tuolumne County Community Development Department
RE: Conditional Use Permit CUP22-002
Assessor's Parcel Numbers: 068-230-008 and 068-230-009

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The Community Development Department thanks you for your participation in the land development process in Tuolumne County. We value your comments and look forward to your continued participation in our planning process. This process provides information on your requirements and concerns to the applicant early in the review process. Involvement on your part can eliminate or minimize problems that could arise later.

Applicant: Rush Creek Lodge LLC

Project: The Community Development Department (CDD) has received an application for the following:

Conditional Use Permit CUP22-002 to allow for seasonal staff tent housing on a 20.2 acre project site zone C-K (Commercial Recreation) and O (Open Space) under Title 17 of the Tuolumne County Ordinance Code.

Location: The project site is located at 34001 and 34021 State Highway 120 within the community of Groveland. Within a portion of Sections 33 and 34, Township 1 South, Range 19 East, Mount Diablo Baseline and Meridian and within Supervisorial District 4. Assessor's Parcel Numbers 068-230-008 and 068-230-009.

Access: State Highway 120

Sewage Disposal Method: Well

Water Source: On Site Wastewater Treatment System

Fire Hazard Rating: Very High fire hazard severity zone

Additional Information:

1. The project site is currently developed with the Rush Creek Lodge and associated infrastructure.
2. The project proposes twelve camping style tents to be utilized as housing for staff from approximately May through October as weather allows. A standalone trailer would provide the staff with toilet, sink, and shower facilities.

Please return your comments to the CDD by **March 23, 2022**. Comments may be emailed to Natalie Rizzi, nrizzi@co.tuolumne.ca.us Comments may also be mailed to: 2 South Green Street, Sonora, CA 95370 or brought to the Community Development Department.

Staff Contact: Natalie Rizzi
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March 21, 2022

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**RE: Stakeholder Response - Conditional Use Permit CUP22-002, Assessor's Parcel Numbers:
068-230-008 and 068-230-009**

Dear Ms. Gonzales:

Thank you for providing the stakeholder notification on the parcels listed above. The project is located outside of the Groveland Community Services District boundaries and its sphere of influence, and is also located outside of Groveland Fire Department operational area under its mutual aid agreement with Tuolumne County Fire Departments. The project will not be served from the Groveland CSD water or sewer systems, or GCSO parks due to the project location.

The project is located within the response area of the Tuolumne County Fire Department, but there are no County Fire stations located within 20 miles; the closest being the Groveland (GCSO) Fire station in Downtown Groveland and funded by property tax dollars received from taxpayers within the GCSO boundaries. Responses by Groveland Fire Department to the project location will reduce the level of service provided by GCSO to its taxpayers. The project initial study should consider impacts to fire and emergency response times and coverage capabilities of the Groveland Fire Department, as continued growth outside the GCSO boundaries is leading quickly toward the need for the construction of a new fire station and/or expansion of GCSO boundaries.

It is strongly recommended that the county establish fire service development impact fees and a Community Facilities District or other mechanism to provide funding for the certain future expansion of fire stations and personnel in Groveland and/or on the highway 120 corridor.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Peter Kampa".

Peter Kampa
General Manager

Cc: GCSO Board of Directors



COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

Quincy Yaley, AICP
Director

Land Use and Natural Resources – Housing and Community Programs – Environmental Health – Building and Safety – Code Compliance

Date: **March 11, 2022**
To: Interested Stakeholder
From: Tuolumne County Community Development Department
RE: Conditional Use Permit CUP22-002
Assessor's Parcel Numbers: 068-230-008 and 068-230-009

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The Community Development Department thanks you for your participation in the land development process in Tuolumne County. We value your comments and look forward to your continued participation in our planning process. This process provides information on your requirements and concerns to the applicant early in the review process. Involvement on your part can eliminate or minimize problems that could arise later.

Applicant: Rush Creek Lodge LLC

Project: The Community Development Department (CDD) has received an application for the following:

Conditional Use Permit CUP22-002 to allow for seasonal staff tent housing on a 20.2 acre project site zone C-K (Commercial Recreation) and O (Open Space) under Title 17 of the Tuolumne County Ordinance Code.

Location: The project site is located at 34001 and 34021 State Highway 120 within the community of Groveland. Within a portion of Sections 33 and 34, Township 1 South, Range 19 East, Mount Diablo Baseline and Meridian and within Supervisorial District 4. Assessor's Parcel Numbers 068-230-008 and 068-230-009.

Access: State Highway 120

Sewage Disposal Method: Well

Water Source: On Site Wastewater Treatment System

Fire Hazard Rating: Very High fire hazard severity zone

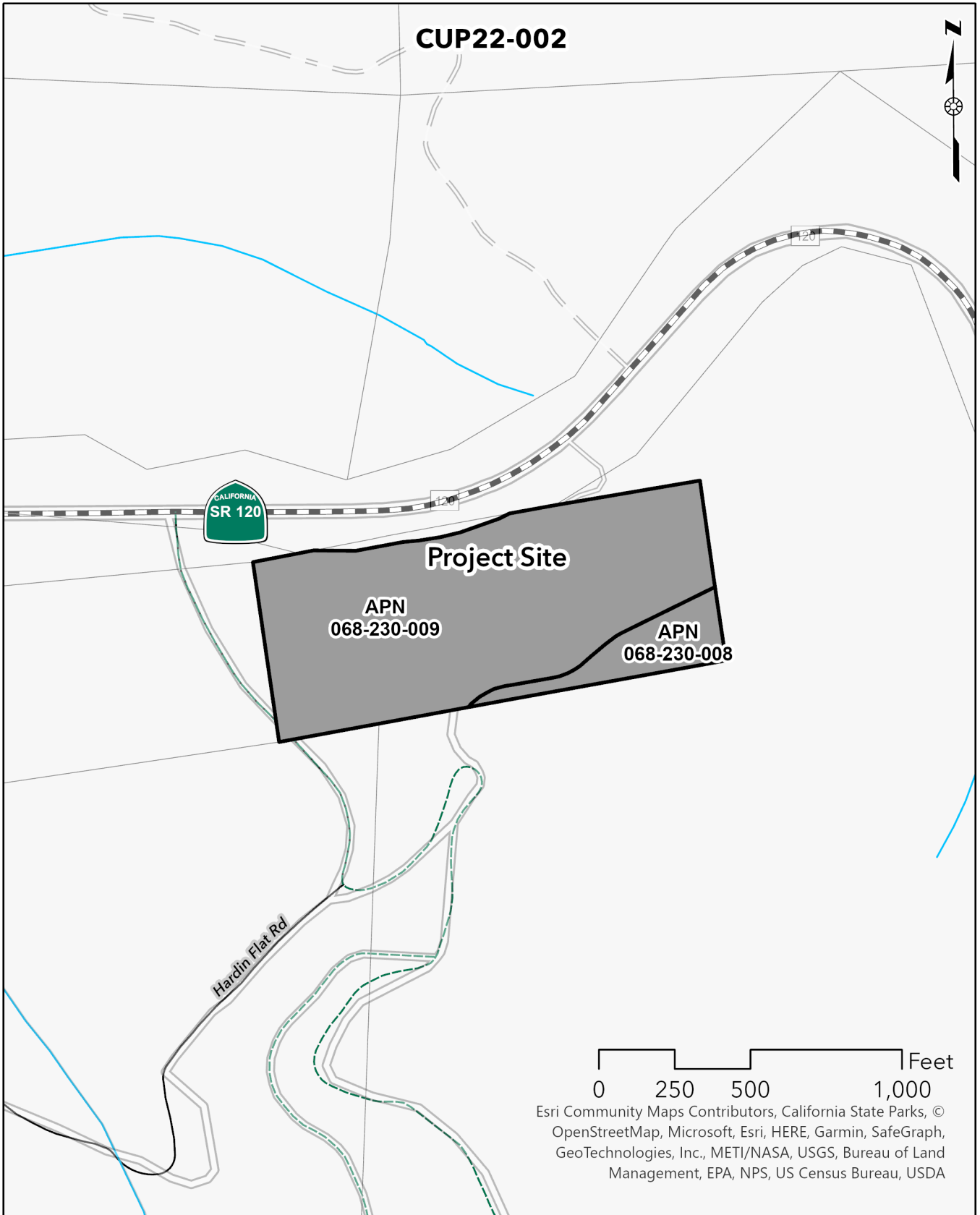
Additional Information:

1. The project site is currently developed with the Rush Creek Lodge and associated infrastructure.
2. The project proposes twelve camping style tents to be utilized as housing for staff from approximately May through October as weather allows. A standalone trailer would provide the staff with toilet, sink, and shower facilities.

Please return your comments to the CDD by **March 23, 2022**. Comments may be emailed to Natalie Rizzi, nrizzi@co.tuolumne.ca.us Comments may also be mailed to: 2 South Green Street, Sonora, CA 95370 or brought to the Community Development Department.

Staff Contact: Natalie Rizzi
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Vicinity Map



CUP22-002

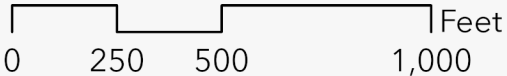


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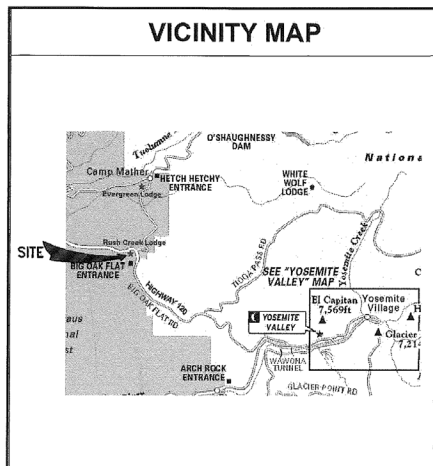
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Hardin Flat Rd



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Site Plan



SITE PLAN: RUSH CREEK LODGE STAFF SEASONAL TENT HOUSING

STAFF SEASONAL TENT HOUSING SUMMARY

Tents: Twelve single occupancy camping-style tents

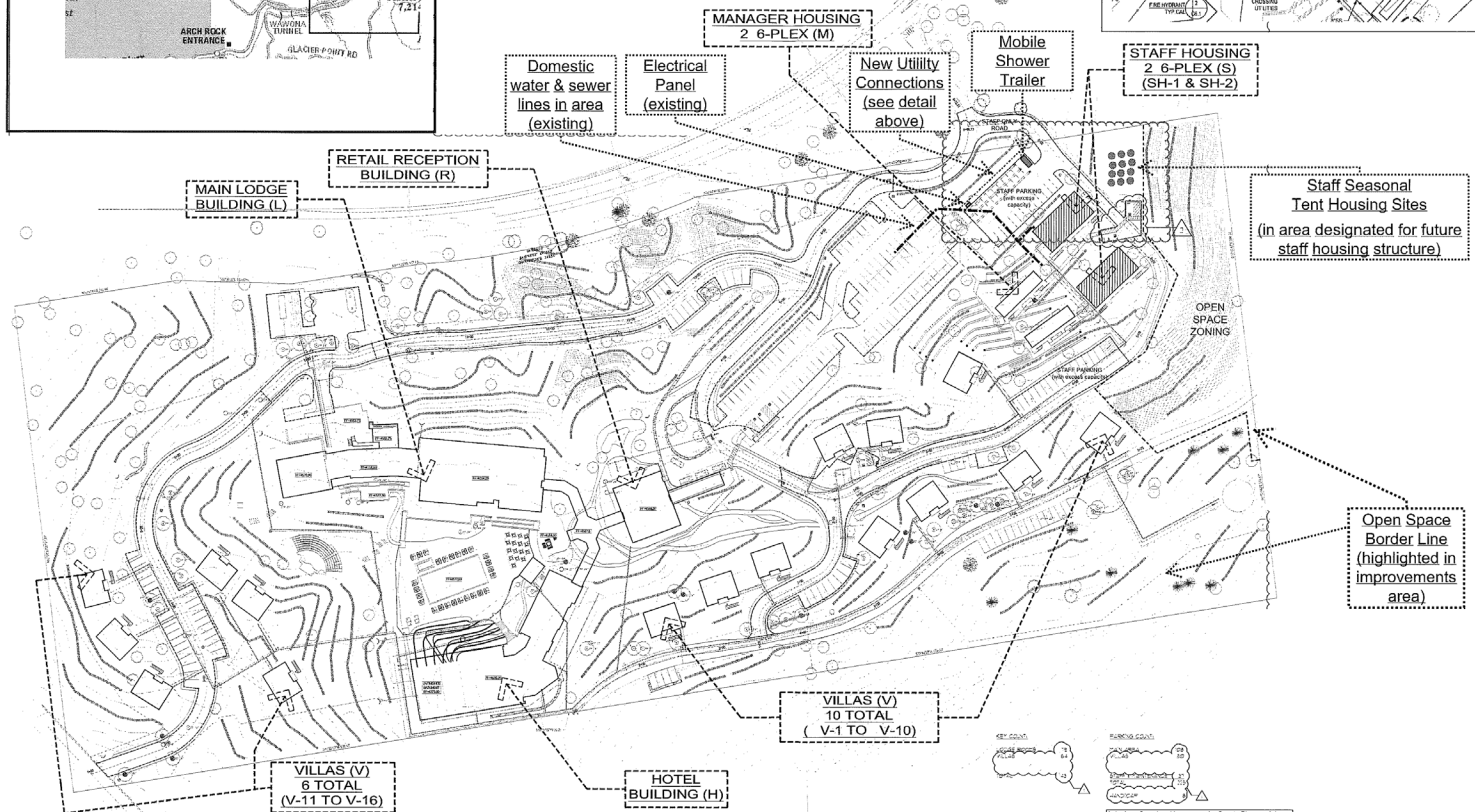
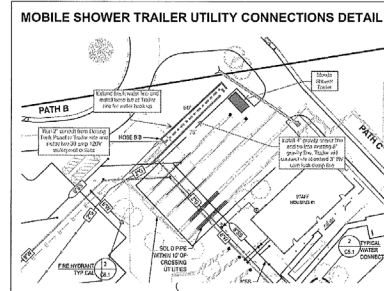
Season: Planned May to mid-October
Maximum mid-April to early November

Meals: Meals for staff living in seasonal tent housing to be provided from lodge staff canteen as currently done for all other on-site staff

Trailer: Mobile stand-alone shower trailer with toilet, sink & shower facilities (3 each) connected to existing utilities as indicated

Parking: Existing staff parking areas with excess capacity to be used as needed. Few on-site staff, particularly seasonal staff interested in on-site tent housing, have their own vehicles

Safety: No smoking or fires permitted in staff camping area
Two ABC Fire Extinguishers mounted on posts in camping area



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SIGNATURE

CONSULTANT

OWNER

REVISIONS

REV 1: March 7, 2022

PROJECT TITLE

RUSH CREEK LODGE YOSEMITE
RUSH CREEK LODGE
STAFF SEASONAL TENT HOUSING

SHEET TITLE

OVER-ALL SITE PLAN

DATE: Feb. 15, 2022
DRAWN BY: J214/LS22/AGK
JOB NO.: 131502

SHEET NO.

S-A11
2 OF 14

1 SITE PLAN
S-A11

Actual confirmed parking spaces by County Planner, Adam Peterson on 11/15/21 at 2:45, in excess of original plan.

SCALE: 1"=50'-0"



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March 21, 2022

Cheydi Gonzales, Planner
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RE: Stakeholder Response - Conditional Use Permit CUP22-001, Assessor's Parcel Number: 066-070-014

Dear Ms. Gonzales:

Thank you for providing the stakeholder notification on the parcel listed above. The project is located within the Groveland Community Services District (GCS D) boundaries and will receive water, sewer, fire and park services from GCS D. Water and sewer service to the project site will require the filing of service applications with GCS D, and if public water or sewer main extensions or improvements are required, the applicant will be required to enter into a Funding Agreement and Plan Check and Construction Inspection Agreement with GCS D.

All water and sewer infrastructure serving the project must be constructed to standards established by GCS D and the applicant must comply with GCS D policies, ordinances and regulations related to the services provided. The environmental impacts of construction work required to connect to the water and sewer systems, including fire hydrant installation must be analyzed in the CEQA evaluation and county review of the project. County approvals should require that the project permits such as county grading, Army Corps of Engineers, State Water Resources Control Board and Caltrans include the construction of GCS D water and sewer utilities to serve the project.

If applicable to the project, GCS D Fire and Park Impact Fees are to be paid at the time of building permit issuance. GCS D policies also require that commercial developments of over 7200 square feet form or annex to a Community Facilities District (CFD) for the purpose of offsetting fiscal impacts to these services. The project approval should require the formation of the CFD for fire and park services or alternative funding mechanism to offset fiscal impacts, if determined applicable to this project by the District.

Sincerely,

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Peter Kampa
General Manager

Cc: GCS D Board of Directors