Groveland Community Services District

BOARD MEETING AGENDA SUBMITTAL

TO: **GCSD Board of Directors**

FROM: **Peter Kampa, General Manager**

DATE: **September 16, 2020**

SUBJECT: **Agenda Item 3Aii. General Manager's Report**

RECOMMENDED ACTION:
Staff recommends the following action:
No action required.

BACKGROUND:
This month has been filled with Fire Department JPA discussions, researching fire department fiscal impact consulting, assisting in park project RFP development, working on the Airport Estates annexation and continuing to push for state funding agreements, among many other topics on this agenda. Included for your information is our comment letter on the Rural Recreation and Tourism Grant program third comment period. This grant is an exact match for improvements we seek at the park and its related facilities.

ATTACHMENTS:
1. Prop 68 3rd Comment Letter

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RE: 3rd comment period, Rural Recreation and Tourism Grant

The Groveland Community Services District is in opposition to significantly increasing the grant population eligibility limits from 50,000 and 80,000. This modification appears to be in direct conflict with the intent of the Proposition 68 language, which provided a distinct and rare opportunity for very small, rural communities to develop recreational projects that support the wellness and economy of disadvantaged regions of the state; areas that otherwise would not have the financial resources to plan and implement such impactful projects.

Communities of over 50,000 in population were specifically excluded from eligibility for this grant program as they typically do not meet the definition of "rural" and have significantly more access to tax and enterprise revenue. Many communities of over 50,000 population are within cities that have access to additional significant revenue sources such as sales tax and transient occupancy tax which are better suited and intended to be reinvested in tourism supporting community improvements. Special districts such as the Groveland CSD rely only on small amounts of ad-valorem property tax dollars to support community parks. Opening the Rural Recreation and Tourism grant program to communities of over 50,000, 25 times the population of Groveland, is inconsistent with the intent of Proposition 68; a bond measure strongly supported by small special districts for its rural community focus.

Sincerely,

Peter J. Kampa
General Manager