



## **BOARD MEETING AGENDA SUBMITTAL**

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**TO:** GCSB Board of Directors

**FROM:** Peter Kampa, General Manager

**DATE:** September 10, 2024

**SUBJECT:** **Agenda Item 6C: Adoption of a Resolution Authorizing the Submission of a Cybersecurity Application through the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) and the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) for the Replacement of the District's Radios and Programable Logical Control Systems**

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### **RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

Staff recommends the following action:

*I move to adopt Resolution 26-2024 Authorizing the Submission of a Cybersecurity Application through the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) and the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) for the Replacement of the District's Programable Logical Control Systems.*

### **BACKGROUND:**

As cyber threats become increasingly sophisticated, special districts face growing challenges remaining cybersecure. The State and Local Cybersecurity Grant Program (SLCGP) is a federal initiative designed to help state, local, tribal, and territorial governments enhance their cybersecurity capabilities, mitigate risks, and build more resilient systems. The State and Local Cybersecurity Grant Program is part of a larger federal effort to improve cybersecurity across the United States. Managed by the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) and the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA), the program provides funding to state and local governments to strengthen their cybersecurity posture. The goal is to help them reduce vulnerabilities, respond to incidents more effectively, and build the necessary capacity to protect critical infrastructure and public services.

The State of California has released \$19 million in State and Local Cybersecurity Grant Program (SLCGP) funding that local governments may apply for by Friday, September 27.

This is the first time California has provided funds for the SLCGP. The funds provided are for the SLCGP FY22 and FY23 grant funding years. Grant funds can cover up to \$250,000 in costs from December 1, 2024, through December 31, 2026. There is no match for this grant if awarded.

The District's current SCADA Radios do not meet security requirements needed for password protected and encrypted transmission of data and the District needs to replace older Programmable Logical Controllers (PLC) in our SCADA network that do not meet security requirements for password protection and encryption of open traffic. If awarded the \$250,000 will be used to offset the cost to replace these District assets.

Staff recommends the authorization for the support to submit a Cybersecurity Application through the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) and the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) for the Replacement of the District's Programmable Logical Control Systems.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

1. Resolution 26-2024

## RESOLUTION 26-2024

### **A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE GROVELAND COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF A CYBERSECURITY APPLICATION THROUGH THE DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY (DHS) AND THE CYBERSECURITY AND INFRASTRUCTURE SECURITY AGENCY (CISA) FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF THE DISTRICT'S RADIO'S AND PROGRAMABLE LOGICAL CONTROL SYSTEMS**

**WHEREAS**, the Groveland Community Services District (herein referred to as District) is a local government agency formed and operating in accordance with Section §61000 et seq. of the California Government Code; and

**WHEREAS**, the State and Local Cybersecurity Grant Program (SLCGP) is a federal initiative designed to help state, local, tribal, and territorial governments enhance their cybersecurity capabilities, mitigate risks, and build more resilient systems; and

**WHEREAS**, managed by the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) and the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA), the program provides funding to state and local governments to strengthen their cybersecurity posture; and

**WHEREAS**, grant funds can cover up to \$250,000 in costs from December 1, 2024, through December 31, 2026. There is no match for this grant if awarded; and

**WHEREAS**, the District's current SCADA Radios do not meet security requirements needed for password protected and encrypted transmission of data and the District needs to replace older Programable Logical Controllers (PLC) in our SCADA network that do not meet security requirements for password protection and encryption of open traffic. If awarded the \$250,000 will be used to offset the cost to replace these District assets.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE GROVELAND COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT DOES** hereby Adopt Resolution 26-2024 Authorizing the Submission of a Cybersecurity Application through the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) and the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) for the Replacement of the District's Radio's and Programable Logical Control Systems.

**WHEREFORE**, this Resolution is passed and adopted by the Board of Directors of the Groveland Community Services District on September 10, 2024, by the following vote:

AYES:

ABSENT:

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

APPROVE:

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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 September 10, 2024.

DATED: \_\_\_\_\_