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Date: May 11, 2022

Originator: Cary Curtis

Fire Protection Committee Members: Cary Curtis, Rene St. Pierre, Rich McLaughlin, Bill Robinson

Purpose: Annual Review of Performance against Contract for Eastern Plumas Rural Fire Protection District

Supporting Documents Included: Yes. The final 2021 Annual Report of Eastern Plumas Rural Fire Protection District Performance Against Contract with comments from EPRFPD and GMCSO.

Desired Action by the Board: Review progress made by committee on direction by the board during the January 21, 2022, board meeting, provide direction.

1. **Description:**

At the January 21, 2022, GMCSO board meeting, the Fire Protection Committee received next step direction from the board after review and discussion of the Eastern Plumas Rural Fire Protection District 2021 Annual Performance Review. At the January 21st meeting, the board gave the following direction to address the annual report findings -

1. Investigate alternative fire and emergency services available through other providers
2. Formally notify EPRFPD board of directors of actions by GMCSO Board and transmit this report to EPRFPD Board of Directors
3. Report back to GMCSO board no later than March 18, 2022 with report and recommendations.

Committee Progress:

The Fire Protection Committee met with Jeanne Graham, board Chair of EPRFPD on **February 21, 2022**, and shared the annual review of performance report and findings. The committee requested Jeanne Graham respond to the findings in a report back to the Committee. Ms. Graham agreed to respond and plans to share the report and her response with the EPRFPD board at their next scheduled meeting on March 21, 2022. It was also shared with Ms. Graham that the GMCSO board gave direction to their Fire Protection Committee to open discussions with Graeagle Fire and Beckwourth Fire.

Feb. 18, 2022, the Committee met with representatives from Graeagle Fire and Beckwourth Fire to inquire of their interest in receiving a Request for Proposal for fire and emergency services to GMCSO and the Nakoma Community. Both agencies expressed interest and are open to receiving a formal request from GMCSO.

May 2, 2022 – Committee members Cary Curtis and Rich McLaughlin met with EPRFPD board chair, Jeanne Graham to review EPRFPD comments and responses by GMCSO made to the EPRFPD annual

performance review document. The meeting was congenial, with GMCSO representatives reiterating direction from GMCSO board to move forward with request for services proposal from Beckwourth Fire and Graeagle Fire. The two RFP's are in draft form and will be sent to the two respective fire district board of directors.

Reason for Recommended Board Action - (Consider compliance, cost savings, fixing a problem):

The deficiencies identified in the report are troubling for GMCSO. The board unanimously agreed findings in the report point to an erosion of EPRFPD service against contracted obligations. It is the responsibility of the board to address the findings and agree upon solutions to correct.

2. Anticipated Impacts to the District (negative and/or positive) - (Consider financial impact, change in procedures, customer and staff communication and effect if recommendations are not adopted):

Fire and emergency services are critical to the customers we serve. Ensuring the District is managing to expectations as contracted for is paramount. This report identifies specific issues that have impacted the district and customers we serve. It is the board's responsibility to mitigate the findings and find ways to solve for issues. This is an ongoing process and, if these critical service levels are not being met, it is the responsibility of the board to identify other avenues of service. Impacts will be determined by direction from the board.

3. Anticipated Impacts to the Customer – Standby, Residential, Commercial:

Managing to expectations of services contracted for creates a positive impact for the customer when those expectations are met.

4. Recommendation (s):

There are no recommendations presented at this time. Work is underway to pursue these next steps:

- a) Prepare Request for Proposals for Graeagle Fire and Beckwourth Fire.
- b) Package a fire study report and Request for Proposals for board review with options for either continuing service with EPRFPD or exiting the CSD's existing contract and selecting either Graeagle or Beckwourth Fire for fire and emergency response to the community.

Estimated Timeline:

Task	Timing	Comments
Follow up with EPRFPD	3/22/2022	Complete. Attended EPRFPD meeting on Mar. 21 and provided comment and input to EPRFPD board questions and responses.
Modify EPRFPD performance report with EPRFPD responses as needed	3/25/2022	Complete. Met with EPRFPD on May 2, 2022
Prep and deliver Requests for Proposals to Graeagle and Beckwourth	5/25/22	Directed by GMCSO board on 1/21/22

AGENDA ITEM # K-1**GMCSO AGENDA TOPIC – BOARD REVIEW AND ACTION****2021 Annual Review and Report of Contracted Fire and Emergency Services from Eastern Plumas
Rural Fire Protection District**

Package a fire study report with Requests for Proposals for review/decision by GMCSO board	6/15/22	
Present Fire Study Report to GMCSO board	By 6/30/22	
Implement direction from the board	7/1/22	