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**Date:** December 6, 2022

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**Agenda Topic Title:** Local Emergency Services Study Group/LESSG

**Purpose of Brief:** To open board discussion on potential GMCSO asset transfers to the newly formed fire district when a successful ballot measure occurs Nov. 2023 forming the new fire department in Eastern Plumas County

**Supporting Documents Included:** Yes. A Formation Schedule of Events and Tasks and a Communication Schedule for targeted public outreach

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1. **Agenda Topic Brief or Update:**

By January 18, 2023, Plumas LAFCo will release a Notice of Intent to Adopt Resolution of Application.

By Feb. 8, 2023, each of the four participating agencies will need to adopt “substantially similar” resolutions, which will include identification of all asset transfers to the new fire agency from each of the four participating agencies.

The GMCSO Board must discuss in earnest the fire protection assets it will commit to the new fire district. Assets can include equipment, infrastructure, and financial funding.

Once GMCSO adopts the “substantially similar” resolution, the asset transfers described in that resolution become final and irrevocable if the ballot measure to establish a new regional fire district in Eastern Plumas County is successful.

**Asset Transfer Possibilities for Board Consideration:**

The new Fire District will not begin to receive revenue from County Tax Sharing until July 1, 2024. This is the anticipated date the new fire district will open its doors for services. Prior to that date, GMCSO will continue to contract for services from Beckwourth Fire. There will be expenses the new fire district board will need to cover to organize the new department, including funding of fees associated with the formation of the new district, facilities, administrative expenses, branding of the new district, and possible equipment purchases to ensure the new fire district is ready to serve on July 1, 2024.

Today, the GMCSO must determine their approach to identifying their asset allocation and begin in earnest thinking of what assets will be transferred.

To this end, these are possible assets held by GMCSO for the purposes of fire and EMS services that should be considered by the board for transfer to the new fire district. This is not an inclusive list and other suggestions are welcome -

Asset Transfer of –

- QAV with slider
- Proposed new fire facility constructed by GMCSO and parcels on which it sits
- Fire reserves dedicated to building a new fire facility, (in the event GMCSO does not construct the facility within a set period)
- \$30,000 currently held in GMCSO reserves for annexation
- 6-12 months of GMCSO fire contract expense, approximately, \$60,000 annually
- Extend the full effect of the GMCSO Special Fire Tax for one year post July 1, 2023 and dedicate approximately 50% of collected funds to the new fire district.

Other ideas???

2. **Anticipated Impacts to the District - (Consider financial impact, change in procedures, customer, and staff communication):** After investing \$36,000 to the LESSG effort, it is the responsibility the GMCSO board to seriously consider and determine how GMCSO will support the successful implementation of the new fire district. Long term benefits to the community and the district far outweigh the immediate impact to the
3. **Anticipated Impacts to the Customer – Standby, Residential, Commercial:**  
To ensure success of the newly formed fire district, the GMCSO board of directors must determine the best course forward to support that effort. This could include socializing a financial contribution across all parcel owners within the sphere of GMCSO jurisdiction.
4. **Next Steps for this Topic:**  
Board to discuss options today and come to an agreement of asset transfers at their January 2023 meeting.