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**Supporting Documents Included:** No

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1. **COVID-19 Update**

The District is implementing a new COVID-19 Prevention Program (CPP) in accordance with recently adopted emergency California Occupational Safety and Health Standards Board temporary standards on COVID-19 prevention in the workplace. In line with the CPP, I have released a face mask directive requiring increased use of face masks in conducting District business.

1. **GMCSD Rate Study Update**

The CSD has not conducted a rate study since 2006 and has not levied a rate increase in over 10 years. Cost of living increases in salary, electrical, and cost of supplies, coupled with needed repairs/replacement/maintenance to aging infrastructure have stressed the District’s operating budget to the point we need to assess operating fees.

Mr. Chris Fisher, Willdan Associates, has provided an initial proposal to conduct a comprehensive rate study and financial plan for the District. We will distribute the proposal to the board and plan on discussion at our February board meeting.

1. **Lot 42 – Well 37 Claim**

SDRMA has settled the claim with Lot 42 owners. All actions now complete.

1. **Hazardous Fuel Treatment (HFT)**

While we were finally able to kick off the 2020-2021 HFT project in Clouds Rest Canyon, weather finally caught up with us and operations had to be suspended until later in the spring. The plan calls for completing HFT work on 10 acres of Common Areas O and Q in the Blazing Star and Clouds Rest canyon complex, as well as 3 Nakoma owned lot totaling approximately 6.5 acres. Before rain and snow brought operations to a standstill, Dan Winnigham’s crew completed work on the east side of the natural creek running down Clouds Rest canyon including the Nakoma lots and approximately 3 acres of common area. The work is very evident on the inside of the Clouds Rest horseshoe curve heading up to Eagles Nest. Winningham will return in the spring when the land dries out allowing access to the west side of the stream. CSD crews will assist in clearing the HOA Blazing Star and Clouds Rest trails of masticating debris when weather conditions permit.

1. **CSD Office**

The CSD has assumed the lease of the old HOA office adjacent at a discounted rate. That office is now being used as the fire office (moved from the conference room).