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**Date:** March 1, 2021

**Originator:** Cary Curtis

**Agenda Topic Title:**

**Purpose of Brief:** Hazardous Fuel Treatment and Forest Management Concept

**Supporting Documents Included:** No

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

Updates since the Jan. 19, 2021 GMCSD board meeting most recent first –

**Feb. 23, 2021 Forest Management Concept Meeting –** With HOA/Dan Gallagher, CSD/Rich McLaughlin and Cary Curtis, Key community member Mike Callaghan and contractor Kyle Felker to collaborate further on Forest Management Concept and next steps.

Discussed the possibility of a hybrid approach between the Forest Management Concept and the current Hazardous Fuels Treatment Program. It was agreed to move forward with identification, mapping, and develop cost proposal to treat a selected Zone in the community. Following delivery of a test Zone proposal, work will begin on the process to support the test, i.e., owner notification, possible update of HFT Standards, timeline, etc. Mike Callaghan will work with Kyle Felker to develop proposal.

Discussion occurred on planning and mapping for 2021 Phase II fuels treatment project in Upper Clouds Rest Canyon and it was agreed to move forward with the goal of combining the remainder of Phase I with Phase II Hazardous Fuel Treatment work for the mastication contractor.

**Feb. 9, 2021 Fire Initiatives Meeting -** Representatives from the HOA, CSD and community subject matter experts met to discuss and begin planning for fire prevention initiatives for 2021. Topics included in the meeting:

1. Pile Burning – a large slash pile of limbs from tree removal on CSD and HOA properties was stacked and burned on Feb. 22, 2021. Planning included joint agreements, regulatory adherence, documented procedures, and community communications. The CSD has not received any owner comments related to the event.
2. Other types of forest material elimination were discussed. Buzz McCann is on point to investigate bucket shredding and griding services.
3. Pine Needle/Pinecone Pickup Service – Options including contracting out for these services were discussed. The goal is to have this service again for owners in 2021.
4. SB38 Home Hardening – New legislation requires homeowners to comply with home hardening improvements for homes build prior to 2010 and before WUI building code requirements. Also impacts Defensible Space requirements. Discussed resurrection of Defensible Space Consultations, particularly for new homeowners in the community. Kathy Kogge provided more in-depth detail and education at the Feb. 23, 2021 Firewise meeting.
5. HFT on HOA Common Areas and CSD Properties – Phase I project will be completed this spring. Effort will be made to include Phase II treatment of the Upper Clouds Rest Canyon in conjunction with completing Phase I.
6. **Anticipated Impacts to the District -** (*Consider financial impact, change in procedures, customer, and staff communication*):

No impacts identified at this time.

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

No impacts identified at this time.

1. **Next Steps for this Topic**: Updates will continue to be provided and details communicated.