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**Date:** June 14, 2021

**Originator:** Rich McLaughlin

**Agenda Topic Title**: **GMCSD 2021 Rate Study Update**

**Purpose of Brief:** To provide the Board on the status of the proposed Water and Sewer Rate Study, and the results of the meeting with Hansford Consulting of Truckee, CA.

**Supporting Documents Included:** NO

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

At the 27 May Meeting the Board had selected Hansford Consulting as the primary choice to conduct GMCSD rate study and authorized a delegation consisting of President Curtis, Vice President Seney, and GM McLaughlin to meet with Hansford Consulting to negotiate a combined proposal addressing the proposed Water and Sewer rate study, System Development Charge study, Associated Service Rates study, and Strategic Planning. Above members including Office Administrator Bradley, visited with Catherine Hansford and her associate in Truckee on Tuesday 8 June. Parties addressed GMCSD needs, requirements, alternatives, and cost savings of combining efforts into one contract. In a productive two-hour meeting, Catherine Hansford has agreed to provide the District with a revised and combined proposal which is expected to meet District requirements at an affordable price.

1. **Anticipated Impacts to the District -** (*Consider financial impact, change in procedures, customer, and staff communication*):

A suitable proposal will allow the Board to meet and vote on approving a contract with Hansford Consulting to complete said studies.

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

A rate adjustment will likely result in a rate increase for all District rate paying customers. The purpose of a rate study is to protect customer interests while at the same time ensuring that the District has revenues capable of supporting its operational and maintenance needs; as well as to ensure infrastructure keeps pace with the growing community to protect property values.

1. **Next Steps for this Topic:**

Receive and review the expected proposal from Hansford Consulting; present the GMCSD Board with the results of that review, make an appropriate recommendation to either accept or counter said proposal, and if acceptable vote to contract with Hansford Consulting and enter a formal contract for services.