

This brief is being provided to inform the Board, staff and public of the details of an agenda item that requires action from the Board. The President of the Board will provide board members, staff, and the public the opportunity to ask questions about this topic when this agenda item is announced.

Date: September 11, 2022

Originator: Cary Curtis

Purpose: LESSG (Local Emergency Services Study Group), update and recommendations for action.

Supporting Documents Included: Yes. Power Point, draft Feasibility Study from PlanWest Partners, updated GMCSO Municipal Services Review

Desired Action by the Board: Review documents presented. Be prepared to discuss the outcomes of the Feasibility Study. Provide direction and approval for GMCSO to continue to participate in the efforts of LESSG in the formation of a New Fire District.

1. **Description:** LESSG has received and reviewed the draft Feasibility Study from PlanWest Partners in support of re-organizing fire and emergency service response for the four participating agencies in Eastern Plumas County. LESSG is requesting each representative board review the draft, discuss and approve continued participation in the formation of a New Fire District in Eastern Plumas County.
2. **Reason for Recommended Board Action - (*Consider compliance, cost savings, fixing a problem*):**
LESSG wants to ensure each representative board is knowledgeable and agrees of the outcomes of the Feasibility Study, along with next steps for a ballot measure to approve the formation of a New Fire District.
3. **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*):**
There will be additional expenses needing to be covered by the four participating agencies. The original combined dollars set aside for the work underway by LESSG was for the Phase I process of an agreed upon Feasibility Study report. There are not sufficient funds remaining to cover a communications and community outreach contractor to assist with the steps necessary to bring to vote the formation of a New Fire District. LESSG is currently in the process of sourcing a contractor to assist with this second phase of the effort.
4. **Anticipated Impacts to the Customer – *Standby, Residential, Commercial*:**
The Feasibility Study outcomes point to the ability of the New Fire District to provide consistent and reliable fire and EMS services for our customers with short and long-term sustainability.
5. **Recommendation (s):**
 - a) Review documents presented – Feasibility Study, Power Point and draft MSR for GMCSO.
 - b) Approve for GMCSO to continue in the process of bringing to vote, the formation of a New Fire District in Eastern Plumas County.