

TO: GCSB Board of Directors

FROM: Peter Kampa, General Manager

DATE: August 10, 2021

SUBJECT: Agenda Item 6A: Review of the District's Requests for Funding Under the American Rescue Plan Relief Funds Available to Tuolumne County and Formulation of a Final Request/Recommendation for the Board of Supervisors

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Staff seeks Board direction on its desired priorities for funding by Tuolumne County under its allocation from the American Rescue Plan Relief Funds.

BACKGROUND:

On July 14, 2021 an article in the Sonora Union Democrat stated that the County of Tuolumne was to receive \$10.6 million from the American rescue plan relief funds from the federal government for the purpose of offsetting community impacts related to the COVID-19 pandemic. Although we knew by following this issue through the legislature that the county was going to receive these funds and that the district would not be eligible for funds on its own, we received from the county no formal notification or request for projects or needs. The County Board meeting at which requests for funding were to be heard was scheduled for June 22, 2021, leaving no time to address our Board for input and very little time for a short GCSB staff to put together a well planned request.

All funding received by the county must be spent by Dec. 31, 2024, and can only be used for the following purposes:

- responding to the COVID-19 public health emergency or its negative economic impacts, including assistance to households, small businesses, and nonprofits;
- providing general governmental services by replacing lost revenue;
- providing premium pay to individuals performing essential work during the public health emergency;
- and expanding water, sewer, or broadband infrastructure.

Attached to this item are the requests prepared by GCSB staff based on our priority infrastructure needs and the intent of the funding. In addition members of the board and the district general manager also received calls from the County Sheriff seeking support for funding for additional law enforcement officers and increased salaries for his officers,

so that they could improve services in the Groveland area.

At the Board of Supervisors meeting of August 3rd, the Board of Supervisors gave direction to the county staff, and a formal vote on the matter will come at their August 13 meeting. The board collectively agreed they are interested in allocating \$1 million to the Tuolumne County Fire Department for equipment needs, \$500,000 for local non-profits and \$500,000 for a local economic development RAD Card program. Money is also likely to go towards code enforcement/cleanup, a space needs study for county buildings, a capital improvement plan, IT related upgrades and employee workplace improvements. In all, it would cost around \$3 million. The list is still subject to change.

GCSD staff seeks input from our board on your formal position on priorities for this funding if any.

ATTACHMENTS:

- GCSD Project Funding Requests

Groveland
Community
Services
District



Groveland Community Services District- Project Submissions for American Rescue Plan Relief Funds



GROVELAND COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT

PROJECT No. 1 – WATER DISTRIBUTION IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT

1. Project description and benefit to community

The project consists of increasing the capacity of the existing potable water distribution system supply line between Groveland and Big Oak Flat to support fire flow and maximum day demands.

2. Location

The water distribution system improvements projects will be located within both Groveland and Big Oak flat. The District has easements in place that allow for pipeline improvements. Therefore, no land acquisition or encroachment permits will be required.

3. Total Project Cost

The following table contains a summary of the total project costs:

Item Description	Cost
Groveland to Big Oak flat	
8" Potable Water Pipeline	\$966,030
Big Oak flat	
8" Potable Water Pipeline	\$429,520
Subtotal	\$1,395,550
Contingency	\$139,555
Surveying, Design, Engineering and Environmental	\$209,333
Total Project Cost	\$1,744,438

If funding is limited, the District will accept partial funding for either the Groveland to Big Oak Flat or Big Oak Flat Improvements.

4. Current project status / level of design (concept/site selection, preliminary scoping, %complete, ready to bid, etc.)

The engineering design has been completed for the construction of the proposed water distribution system improvements. District needs to complete environmental documentation to proceed with the construction of the Project.

5. Estimated time needed to complete project

It is estimated that the project will take one (1) year to construct.

6. Estimated number of residents directly benefitting

All residents within the District, Groveland and Big Oak Flat directly, will benefit from this project. The construction of these projects is driven by the serve fire warnings and drought conditions that are currently affecting the State of California, as well as growing maximum day

demands. If grant funded, the District will be able to maintain lower water rates, ensure fire protection throughout the community and have sufficient capacity to meet maximum day demands.

7. Potential obstacles / delays (permits, property acquisition, site selection, coordination with other utilities / agencies, etc.)

This project has been reviewed and approved by all the regulatory agencies with jurisdiction over the project. No obstacles or delays are expected.

GROVELAND COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT

PROJECT No. 2 – REPLACEMENT AND RELOCATION OF POTABLE WATER STORAGE TANK 4 PROJECT

1. Project description and benefit to community

The project consists of constructing a new 500,000 gallon potable water storage tank in Pine Mountain Lake to replace Tank 4. This new storage tank will improve water pressures at Unit 12, eliminate the need of a booster pump station and hydropneumatics tanks and be able to serve the proposed Long Gulch Development area.

2. Location

The water storage tank improvements projects will be located within the northeast region of Pine Mountain Lake. The District will need to procure high elevation land, to allow the future water distribution system to flow by gravity, within the area to build the proposed storage tank improvements.

3. Total Project Cost

The following table contains a summary of the total project costs:

Item Description	Cost
Pine Mountain Lake	
500,000 Gallon Storage Tank	\$600,000
Water Main extension	\$260,000
Land Acquisition	\$200,000
Subtotal	\$1,060,000
Contingency	\$106,000
Surveying, Design, Engineering and Environmental	\$210,000
Total Project Cost	\$1,376,000

If funding is limited, the District will accept partial funding for any of the above referenced Improvements.

4. Current project status / level of design (concept/site selection, preliminary scoping, %complete, ready to bid, etc.)

The Groveland CSD will need to develop a feasibility analysis to evaluate the optimal location of the proposed water infrastructure. Furthermore, once the location has been determined, the District will need to develop complete plans and specifications for the proposed project, as well as environmental documentation to proceed with construction.

5. Estimated time needed to complete project

It is estimated that the project will take 3 months to complete the feasibility analysis, 6 months to complete the design, 2 months to complete the environmental documents and another year to construct.

6. Estimated number of residents directly benefitting

All residents within Groveland CSD will benefit from this project. Pine Mountain Lake and the expansion area will be directly benefitted as they will be supplied potable water, but the District as a whole will benefit as their monthly bill would be reduced due to the increased service area. The construction of these projects is driven by the drought conditions that are currently affecting the State of California, Groveland CSD planned expansion and growing maximum day demands. If grant funded, the District will be able to maintain lower water rates and provide potable water to regions of the district that are otherwise unattainable.

7. Potential obstacles / delays (permits, property acquisition, site selection, coordination with other utilities / agencies, etc.)

This project has been reviewed and approved by all the regulatory agencies with jurisdiction over the project. No obstacles or delays are expected.

GROVELAND COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT

PROJECT No. 3 – BIG OAK FLAT WATER STORAGE TANK IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT

1. Project description and benefit to community

The project consists of increasing the capacity of the Groveland CSD water system by constructing a new 500,000 gallon potable water storage tank in Big Oak Flat. This new storage tank will reduce dead end pipes, allow Groveland CSD to meet fire flow demands and system wide maximum day demands.

2. Location

The water storage tank improvements projects will be located within the most southwest region of Big Oak Flat. The District will need to procure land within the area to build the proposed storage tank improvements.

3. Total Project Cost

The following table contains a summary of the total project costs:

Item Description	Cost
Big Oak flat	
500,000 Gallon Storage Tank	\$600,000
Miscellaneous Site Improvements	\$150,000
Land Acquisition	\$200,000
Subtotal	\$950,000
Contingency	\$95,000
Surveying, Design, Engineering and Environmental	\$142,500
Total Project Cost	\$1,187,500

If funding is limited, the District will accept partial funding for any of the above referenced Improvements.

4. Current project status / level of design (concept/site selection, preliminary scoping, %complete, ready to bid, etc.)

The Groveland CSD will need to develop a feasibility analysis to evaluate the optimal location of the proposed water infrastructure. Furthermore, once the location has been determined, the District will need to develop complete plans and specifications for the proposed project, as well as environmental documentation to proceed with construction.

5. Estimated time needed to complete project

It is estimated that the project will take 3 months to complete the feasibility analysis, 6 months to complete the design, 2 months to complete the environmental documents and another year to construct.

6. Estimated number of residents directly benefitting

All residents within Groveland CSD will benefit from this project as they will be capable of meeting the fire flow demands for the District. The construction of these projects is driven by the severe fire warnings and drought conditions that are currently affecting the State of California and growing maximum day demands. If grant funded, the District will be able to maintain lower water rates, ensure fire protection throughout the community and have sufficient capacity to meet maximum day demands.

7. Potential obstacles / delays (permits, property acquisition, site selection, coordination with other utilities / agencies, etc.)

This project has been reviewed and approved by all the regulatory agencies with jurisdiction over the project. No obstacles or delays are expected.