

**TO:** GCS D Board of Directors

**FROM:** Peter Kampa, General Manager

**DATE:** August 10, 2021

**SUBJECT:** Agenda Item 3Aii. General Managers Report

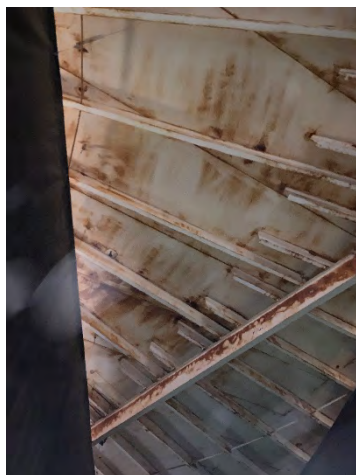
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### Overview

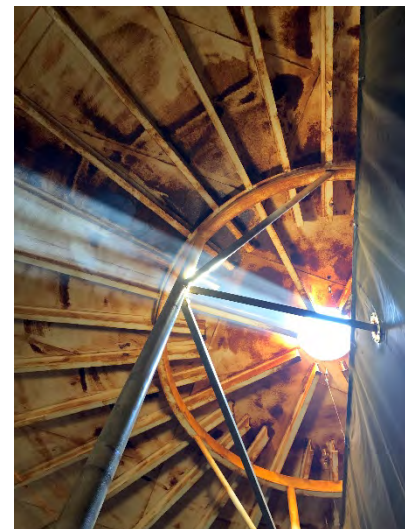
For the month of July 2021, we are pleased to report continued progress on major infrastructure projects and planning processes. This report will provide a highlight of the most noteworthy items and as always, please contact me if you do not see information you desire.

### Big Creek and Second Garrotte Clearwell Project

The Big Creek water plant has been in operation for the past 7 weeks and producing great water; and the Butler Way Booster Pump is operational except for the new



sound enclosure, which will be delivered in mid-August and installed this month...hopefully. Every schedule we have received from this contractor has been incorrect or invalid in only a few days following receipt. As you can see in the attached 8/3/2021 agenda, the contractor is 29 working days late for project completion: placing them in a situation of paying \$1000 per day in liquidated



damages. The Second Garrotte Clearwell has been partially sandblasted on the interior, and an engineering inspection is being conducted on 8/4/2021 to determine the amount of structural steel repairs/replacements necessary. Once the repairs have been completed, the interior will be sandblasted again in repair areas, tank exterior coating completed, then the interior coating will begin following completion of the final sandblast.

### Groveland/Big Oak Flat Sewer Collection Upgrades

With all required documentation submitted to the State Water Board, we expect approval to proceed with construction of the "Base Bid" items within four months. The base bid work is located primarily in Groveland and Big Oak Flat proper, outside of Pine Mountain Lake. Meanwhile, our environmental subconsultant will spend the next month or two updating our 2018 CEQA document to include the

construction work in PML, as identified in the “bid additive” items. It could be several months to receive approval from the state to proceed with the bid additive work. Since this is happening in two phases, the following estimated schedule will apply:

1. FBA (budget approval) Application Submission to the state – 7/27/2021
  - a. Phase 1 - Base Bid
  - b. Phase 2 - Bid Additive
2. Environmental documentation revisions started for bid additive items – 7/27/2021
3. Draft Environmental Documents ready – 8/27/2021
  - a. Documents must be circulated for a time frame of our choosing (assumes 2 weeks) – 9/10/2021
4. Environmental state and federal review completed – 11/10/2021
5. FBA Approval for Base Bid – 11/27/2021
6. Notice to Proceed for Base Bid Items – 11/29/2021
7. FBA Approval for Bid Additive – 3/10/2022
8. Notice to Proceed for Bid Additive Items – 3/14/2022

As you will remember, we had a brief discussion at our July meeting regarding a number of unauthorized encroachments we have identified on the sewer easements primarily directly surrounding the lake in PML. Property owners who have built improvements in the easement, many on top of the sewer lines, will be required to remove any improvements in advance of construction in that area. We had planned to have a discussion at the Board’s July workshop, however we were unable to inspect the properties, identify the easements, document encroachments, or complete the internal procedure to be implemented to avoid construction delays and additional cost. When we are further along with our investigation, we will reschedule the workshop to provide more detail. Thankfully, the project bids came in within budget and we have contingency funds available.

## LAFCO Activities

District staff has been working closely with the County Community Development Department (CDD) and LAFCO in the update of the District’s Municipal Service Review (MSR), which was last completed in 2013. The MSR update process has now spanned 18 months and staff has spent dozens of hours providing information to the LAFCO MSR consultant, answering questions and researching the results of matters which were still outstanding in 2013, such as Notices of Violation and Enforcement Orders from the State Water Board. District records on these matters were in many cases incomplete, and we wanted to accurately reflect the progress of the district over the past 5+ years. Several areas of focus in July 2021:

- Review of draft Groveland CSD Municipal Service Review 2021 – provided in this agenda packet for discussion on the agenda. A LAFCO meeting is scheduled for August 9, 2021 to take initial input on the GCSO MSR, and I as well as President Kwiatkowski plan to attend. A verbal update will be provided on the LAFCO meeting.
- We received clarification of who specifically are the special district representatives serving as LAFCO commissioners – When Commissioner Ron Kopf from TUD was not reelected to their Board, there was a delay in the county making a formal announcement of who TUD had chose for Kopf’s replacement; who has now been determined to be Ron Ringen.

- Evaluation of formation, financial condition and service review documents for the Groveland Lighting District. Consolidation of this special district with GCSD has been recommended for over a decade for increased efficiency, accountability and potential enhanced local services. This item has been placed on this meeting agenda for separate consideration and direction by the GCSD Board.
- Training regarding LAFCO role in fire and emergency services planning – Included in this agenda packet is a flyer for a specialized training being provide by CALAFCO, the state association for LAFCOs, covering the important role each LAFCO plays in planning for the future impacts on local fire services caused by development, increased fire danger, changing state standards and regulations, etc. I will be attending and will brief the board in September following the four weekly training sessions.

### Highway 120 Lodging Project Environmental Documents

Included with this agenda packet is a copy of the Stakeholder notice from the County regarding the availability of the [CEQA Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration](#) (IS/MND) for the Highway 120 Lodging project, a copy of which is available for download at the link above. Staff has worked closely with the County and developer in preparation of the IS/MND, and we are in the process of reviewing the document and will have comments to be submitted by the August 12 comment deadline. As you will remember from prior discussions, the project developer is required to design and construct connections to our water and sewer systems meeting GCSD standards, as well as to pay water and sewer connection and capacity fees to offset demand impacts on our system. Our engineer has determined that our Lift Station 16 and wastewater treatment plant have adequate capacity to serve the development. In addition, the development will pay Impact fees for both Park and Fire Services at the time of building permit issuance, and be required to annex into the newly formed CFD to offset financial impacts to park and fire service operations.

### Broadband Expansion

With the vigorous assistance of County Supervisor Kathleen Haff, conversations have once again started with Internet Service Provider (ISP) Cal.net. Prior discussions with Cal.net resulted in a potential arrangement where they provide internet service to our sites and facilities in exchange for leasing District property. This item is on the 8/10/21 agenda for additional discussion and has become a higher priority due to the continued unreliability of solid service in Groveland and the fact that Cal.net has received approval from the CPUC to start construction of towers as soon as permits are issued. Two to three District locations have been chosen and could proceed to construction quickly.

### Emergency Sirens

Immediately following the recent Groveland Resilience Center Groundbreaking ceremony, I was approached by county Supervisor Kirk with a request for GCSD to partner with the non-profit Tuolumne Safe for the installation of community alert sirens to be used by law enforcement in major emergencies. The District's part in this is to provide suitable property locations for the siren and power where available. Money has been raised locally and by Tuolumne Safe to purchase the sirens.

## Request by Gallo for Lease of Pall 2 G Trailer

On August 3, 2021 we were contacted by representatives of Gallo, Inc requesting the potential lease of our currently unused Pall water treatment trailer, located at the Second Garrote WTP. This trailer was purchased under emergency conditions over 6 years ago when SFPUC was going to switch to water supply from Cherry Lake, and the state required a filtration system be installed at the site to adequately treat the surface water to standards. The trailer was purchased and installed to the system, and the SFPUC plans soon changed and the Pall trailer was used only for testing and a short period; and has sat on the site unused and serving as parts inventory for the other Pall plant.

Gallo has a grape growing and winemaking operation on the Russian River in California, where the water supply for the transient labor and operations has tested poorly and will not meet state standards. Gallo has ordered a Pall trailer of their own, but the lead and delivery time for the plant far exceeds their immediate needs; and they would like to lease our Pall trailer for a period of several months. Staff is currently working through a number of details to determine the requirements to make such a lease, and would do so only with significant identified public benefit and no impact on GCSO operations. Once the details are worked out, this equipment could possibly serve as a significant revenue producer for the Water operations.

## Other Items

### County Engagement on GIGER Fee Updates

County administration has reached out to GCSO, the Farm Bureau, building industry and county departments to participate in the process of update of the County's "Growth in Government" or GIGER fees. During an initial meeting held in July, the workgroup reviewed and commented on the draft updated [Impact Fee Report](#). Like GCSO impact fees for fire and park, the county impact fees would also be collected for each new unit constructed, and used to fund the cost of expansion of capital equipment and facilities to serve the new development.

### Generator Replacement Project

For the past six months, Luis Melchor has been working with the District Engineer to review each site where backup power generators will be replaced using the IRWMP, USDA and State's Power Resiliency funds, and place orders for the appropriate equipment. The schedule for delivery of the generators funded by state funds is as follows (Ordered on June 16, 2021, so schedule runs from that date except where ship dates listed):

1. Second Garrote ( no sound enclosure or fuel tank needed) – 14 Weeks plus approx. 1 week transit
2. Highlands (with sound enclosure and fuel tank) – 24 Weeks plus approx. 1 week transit
3. LS 2 (with sound enclosure and fuel tank) – Ships 2/7/2022. 1 week transit
4. LS 7 (with sound enclosure and fuel tank) – Ship 2/2/2022. 1 week transit
5. LS 8 (with sound enclosure and fuel tank) – 32 Weeks plus approx. 1 week transit
6. LS 9 (with sound enclosure and fuel tank) – 32 Weeks plus approx. 1 week transit
7. LS 13 (with sound enclosure and fuel tank) – Ship 1/24/2022 . 1 week transit

The Generators for Big Creek WTP and the Administrative Office were recently ordered and we await a delivery date

**GROVELAND COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT  
BIG CREEK AND SECOND GARROTTE CLEARWELLS REHABILITATION  
PROJECT  
CONSTRUCTION PROGRESS MEETING**

August 3, 2021 @ 8:30 AM

AGENDA

- I. INTRODUCTIONS
- II. CONSTRUCTION PROGRESS SNAPSHOT
  - a. Total Project Cost (Contractor) \$3,118,200.00
  - b. Total Project Cost (Total Project) \$3,954,200.00
  - c. Budget Spent to Date (Contractor) \$1,763,986.31
  - d. Budget Spent to Date (Total Project) \$2,089,063.81
  - e. Total Project Contingency \$361,000.00
  - f. Contingency Used to Date \$96,663.50 (+\$5,948.50 Pending CCO)
  - g. Percentage Funding Used to Date (Contractor) 56.57%
  - h. Percentage Funding Used to Date (Total Project) 52.83%
  - i. Percent Contingency Used to Date 26.8% (28.42%)
  - j. Days for Completion 135 Working Days
  - k. Elapsed Days 164 Working Days
  - l. Remaining Days -29 Working Days
- III. CONSTRUCTION SITE REPORTS
  - a. Progress to Date
  - b. Contractor (1-MONTH LOOK AHEAD)
- IV. CHANGE ORDERS
  - a. Fully Executed
    - i. Change Order No. 1 – Additional Structural Repairs in Big Creek Clearwell (\$33,217.80 and 8 Additional Working Days)
    - ii. Change Order No. 2 – Relocation of ARV to Adjacent Wye Fitting at Butler Way Pump Station (No Cost and 2 Additional Working Days)
    - iii. Change Order No. 3 – Installation of Insulation in Both the Big Creek and Second Garrotte New Electrical Cabinets (\$953.00 and No Working Days)
    - iv. Change Order No. 4 – Inspection Sand Blast (Time & Material) (\$46,457.90 and 4 Additional Working Days)

- v. Change Order No. 5 – Addition of Inlet ARV at Butler Way Pump Station (\$2,116.00 and 1 Working Day)
    - vi. Change Order No. 6 – Upgrade of Pressure Transmitter at Butler Way Pump Station (\$3,832.50 and 0 Working Day)
  - b. Received
    - i. Pending Change Order No. 10 – Oil Removal from Big Creek Clearwell Baffles (Negotiating)
    - ii. Pending Change Order No. 13 – Additional Work at Butler Way (\$2,813.00 and 2 Working Days)
    - iii. Pending Change Order No. 14 – Oil in Second Garrotte Clearwell (\$22,000 and 4 Working Days)
  - c. Requested
    - i. Pending Change Order No. 12 – Addition of Communications Between Butler Way Pump Station and Tank 1
  - d. Denied
    - i. Pending Change Order No. 1 – Oil in Tank (\$48,539.00 and 14 additional Working Days)
    - ii. Pending Change Order No. 6 – Lid Pin Holes Repairs (\$14,200 and 2 additional Working Days)
- V. SUBMITTAL REVIEW
  - a. Approved Submittals
    - i. Submittal No. 1 – 38
  - b. Remaining Submittals
    - i. None
- VI. REVIEW RFI LOG
  - a. Responded RFI's
    - i. RFI No. 1 – 31, 33 - 35
  - b. Pending RFI's
    - i. None
- VII. Claims
  - a. Claim No. 1 – Oil in the Tank
    - i. Responded
  - b. Claim No. 2 – Additional Expenses Incurred for Big Creek Clearwell Coating
    - i. Responded

- c. Claim No. 3 – Relocation of ARV at Butler Way Pump Station
  - i. Claim Removed
- d. Claim No. 4 – Mill Scale in Big Creek Clearwell and Chlorine Contact Tank
  - i. Responded

VIII. PAYMENT REQUESTS

- a. Processed
  - i. Disbursement Request No. 1 (\$331,640.00)
    - 1. Received.
  - ii. Disbursement Request No. 2 (\$298,997.00)
    - 1. Received.
  - iii. Disbursement Request No. 3 (\$673,932.00)
    - 1. Received.
  - iv. Disbursement Request No. 4 (\$510,681.00)
    - 1. Received.
  - v. Disbursement Request No. 5
    - 1. Submitted 7/6/2021
  - vi. Disbursement Request No. 6
    - 1. Submitted 7/28/2021

IX. PROJECT SCHEDULE

- i. Second Garrotte
  - 1. Structural steel internal inspection 8/4/21
- ii. Butler Way
  - 1. Sound enclosure estimated delivery delayed to middle of August

X. CONCERNS

XI. ADJOURN



## Join Us for a Very Special Virtual Series Fire & EMS Service Basics, Challenges and LAFCo's Role & Responsibility



### ABOUT THIS SERIES

California wildfires burned 4.2 million acres in 2020 and 1.3 million acres in 2017. In 1964, it took four days for a wildfire to travel from Calistoga in Napa County to Santa Rosa in Sonoma County. In 2017, it took only four hours for a wildfire to travel that same route. Local and state firefighting resources have been stretched beyond imagination. Wildland firefighting is only one of the many functions of an all-risk agency. With the majority of the state in a declared drought emergency as of early May, it is sure to be another record-setting year for wildfires. So, what are LAFCo's role and responsibilities in terms of overseeing these complex services? How can we create Municipal Service Reviews with information and determinations that have meaning and create value both short-and-long-term? What should we be looking at and considering that we aren't?

This very special 4-part series will take a deep dive into Fire and EMS services and LAFCo's role and responsibility in understanding, studying, and making determinations regarding these complex services. Each session builds on the prior one, concluding the series with a session that explores several case studies highlighting urban, suburban and rural fire service providers.

### SESSION ONE

*Understanding the basics of service models, preparing for the Municipal Service Review and evaluating community needs*

**DATE:** Monday, August 9, 2021

**TIME:** 1:30 – 4:00 p.m.

**Presenters:** Mark Bramfitt, Executive Officer, Sonoma LAFCo; Kurt Latipow, Retired Fire Chief and Consultant; Dawn Longoria, Staff Analyst II, Napa LAFCo

### SESSION TWO

*Evaluating current staffing, training, facilities, operations, equipment, anticipated growth and service needs projections, and finances*

**DATE:** Monday, August 16, 2021

**TIME:** 1:30 – 4:00 p.m.

**Presenters:** Richard Berkson, Principal, Berkson & Associates; Mark Bramfitt, Executive Officer, Sonoma LAFCo; Kurt Latipow, Retired Fire Chief and Consultant; Dawn Longoria, Staff Analyst II, Napa LAFCo

### SESSION THREE

*Evaluating governance, DUCs, shared services opportunities, updating the Sphere of Influence and contracts*

**DATE:** Monday, August 23, 2021

**TIME:** 1:30 – 4:00 p.m.

**Presenters:** Mark Bramfitt, Executive Officer, Sonoma LAFCo; Kurt Latipow, Retired Fire Chief and Consultant; Dawn Longoria, Staff Analyst II, Napa LAFCo

### SESSION FOUR

*So, you've done a great Municipal Service Review, now what? A look at rural, suburban and urban case studies*

**DATE:** Thursday, August 26, 2021

**TIME:** 1:30 – 3:30 p.m.

**Presenters:** Tom Cooley, Commissioner, Plumas LAFCo; Mike McMurry, Retired Fire Chief and Past President, Fire Districts Association of California; Holly Whatley, Shareholder, Colantuono, Highsmith & Whatley, PC

*Sessions 1-3 are approved for 2.5 & Session 4 is approved for 2 AICP CM credits*

### REGISTRATION INFORMATION

**NO REGISTRATION FEE IS REQUIRED FOR ANY OF THE SESSIONS FOR MEMBERS OF CALAFCO. THIS SERIES IS DESIGNED ONLY FOR THE MEMBERS OF CALAFCO.**

One registration covers sessions 1 thru 3 and a second registration covers session 4 – all at no cost to CALAFCO members. Registrations are online only.

Registration must be received **July 23, 2021 for all sessions. No late registrations will be accepted.**

Click here to register for sessions 1 thru 3:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/fire-ems-service-basics-challenges-and-lafcos-role-responsibility-tickets-156597093121>

Click here to register for session 4:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/fire-ems-service-basics-challenges-and-lafcos-role-responsibility-tickets-156600366913>

Once you register on Eventbrite you will receive the Zoom Registration link with your confirmation email. You will then need to use that Zoom Registration link prior to the session to get the Webinar link to join that session. **DO NOT WAIT UNTIL THE LAST MINUTE TO DO THIS STEP.**

You can also find this information on the CALAFCO website at [www.calafco.org](http://www.calafco.org).

For additional information or questions, please contact CALAFCO University lead Martha Poyatos at [mpoyatos@smcgov.org](mailto:mpoyatos@smcgov.org) or CALAFCO Administrator Jeni Tickler at [jtickler@calafco.org](mailto:jtickler@calafco.org).

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### Series Summary

Fire and Emergency Medical Services (EMS) are highly complex municipal services. There are various types of providers (all-paid, all-volunteer, hybrid) governed by a broad set of regulations and standards. Services provided in rural areas are vastly different than services provided in dense urban areas. And yet, LAFCoS are responsible for reviewing these services across the state.

With wildfires steadily increasing in size and intensity each year, creating effective and efficient fire services has become more important than ever before. California wildfires burned 4.2 million acres in 2020 and 1.3 million acres in 2017. In 1964, it took four days for a wildfire to travel from Calistoga in Napa County to Santa Rosa in Sonoma County. In 2017, it took only four hours for a wildfire to travel that same route. These are some of the results of climate change. Local and state firefighting resources have been stretched beyond imagination. Yet, wildland firefighting is only one of the many functions of these agencies.

We've created this very unique four-part series on Fire & EMS services. Sessions 1 through 3 use factors for consideration in Municipal Service Reviews outlined in the Act as the basis for our discussions. Session 4 will focus on case studies of fire service reorganizations with examples covering urban, suburban and rural areas of the state. Each session is planned to be interactive and a special short data-gathering survey will be sent to all registrants prior to the first session.

Join our expert panels of Executive Officers, retired Fire Chief (now consultant), Legal Counsel and Commissioners for this very unique four-part series, offered at no cost to members of CALAFCO. Each session builds on the prior session, so you are encouraged to attend all of them.

### Series Schedule

#### **Session One Monday, August 9, 2021 1:30 – 4:00 p.m.**

- What constitutes fire and EMS services and agency type
- Standards that apply to fire and EMS services
- The MSR: Getting the information you need
- Evaluation of community needs

#### **Session Two Monday, August 16, 2021 1:30 – 4:00 p.m.**

- Evaluation of current staffing, training, facilities, operations, equipment
- Growth and projected need for services
- Financial ability to provide services

#### **Session Three Monday, August 23, 2021 1:30 – 4:00 p.m.**

- Evaluating governance
- Opportunities for shared services
- Service to Disadvantaged Unincorporated Communities (DUCs)
- Sphere of Influence evaluation and amendments
- LAFCo evaluation of contracts for service (per CKH 56134)

#### **Session Four Thursday, August 26, 2021 1:30 – 3:30 p.m.**

- Case studies and examples of reorganizations in rural, suburban and urban areas
- What do you do when MSR determinations don't call for LAFCo action

### Who Should Attend?

This session is for LAFCo staff and commissioners and CALAFCO Associate members.



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## NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY AND INTENT TO ADOPT MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION

The County of Tuolumne intends to consider adoption of a Mitigated Negative Declaration in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) for the following proposal:

PROJECT  
PROPONENT: Preserve Partners

PROJECT  
DESCRIPTION: Site Development Permit SDP20-005 to allow the development of a hospitality site, which would consist of a visitor-serving development with guest suite accommodations, lodge, market and bar, pool and pool house, soaking tubs, and an events space. The project site consists of 10 parcels totaling 36.33± acres zoned C-1 (General Commercial) under Title 17 of the Tuolumne County Ordinance Code.

LOCATION: The project site is located along State Route 120, southwest of the intersection of State Route 120 and Memorial Drive, in the community of Big Oak Flat. Within a portion of Section 29, Township 1 South, Range 16 East, Mount Diablo Baseline and Meridian and within Supervisorial District 4. Assessor's Parcel Numbers 066-140-013, -014, -015, -016, -017, -018, -019, -022, -031, and -032.

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The Mitigated Negative Declaration and all documents referenced in the Mitigated Negative Declaration for the proposal described above may be viewed on the County's website at:

<https://www.tuolumnecounty.ca.gov/821/Environmental-Review-Documents> and may be obtained during regular business hours, Monday through Thursday, 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m., at the following address:

Tuolumne County Community Development Department  
A.N. Francisco Building, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor  
48 Yaney Avenue  
Sonora, CA 95370

**PUBLIC REVIEW PERIOD: Begins: July 13, 2021 Ends: August 12, 2021**

In accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), a Mitigated Negative Declaration has been prepared for the proposal described above. A Mitigated Negative Declaration is a statement that briefly describes the environmental setting, identifies potential impacts on the environment associated with the proposed project and addresses measures to reduce or mitigate those potential impacts. The Mitigated Negative Declaration for the project described above has determined that the project will not have a significant effect on the environment and, therefore, an Environmental Impact Report is not required for the project. The project site is not identified on any list enumerated under section 65962.5 of the Government Code.

Anyone interested in this matter is invited to comment on the Mitigated Negative Declaration in writing. Please submit written comments to the email address listed above, to the Community Development Department at the physical address referenced above, or by mail to:

Tuolumne County Community Development Department  
2 S. Green Street  
Sonora, CA 95370

Court challenges to decisions on the above proposal may be limited to issues raised during this public review period.

The proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration, along with any comments regarding it, will be considered by the Tuolumne County Board of Supervisors in conjunction with a decision on the proposed project at a public meeting. Notice of the date, time, and location of the public meeting will be provided at a future date.

  
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7-12-21  
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