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Date: May 9, 2022

Originator: Cary Curtis

Agenda Topic Title: CSDA Transparency Challenge

Purpose of Brief: Provide update on work in progress for the Transparency Challenge

Supporting Documents Included: No

Agenda Topic Brief or Update:

The Transparency Challenge requirements include the adoption of a Reserve Policy that is being presented today to the board for their review and possible action. This is the final policy required for the Challenge. The vast majority of the Challenge is tied to ensuring specific documents and policies are posted in accordance with the Challenge requirements. This will require our Administrative Manager to schedule time to bring our website within the requirements. Additionally, there is an overall initiative to review our website and potentially make significant changes to its layout and format.

Moving the Transparency Challenge forward is dependent on these two needs – 1) Updating our current website format and 2) availability of the administrative manager to post the required documents and ensure our website is compliant with the Challenge. With many GMCS D competing priorities currently underway, the Transparency Challenge will be revisited Aug/Sept. 2022 and a timeline developed to meet the deadline.

The CSD has until late 2023 to complete the Challenge and submit to CSDA for validation of meeting the requirements of being a recognized transparent special district.

– Next Steps May 9, 2022:

- Adoption of the Reserve Policy
- Re-format of our website
- Post all required documents
- Complete outreach review of website
- Submit checklist to CSDA for validation

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

The Challenge would serve as a confirmation and commitment of transparency in the district.

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

Will build additional customer confidence that the district operates in a transparent manner.

3. **Next Steps for this Topic:** Monitor the revamping of the GMCSO website, then work with Administrative Manager to post documents and ensure access to those documents meet the requirements of the Challenge.