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The Gold Mountain Community Services District (GMCSD) is interested in engaging professional consultation services to conduct a rate study of our water and sewer fees, as well as our system development (connection) fees. Gold Mountain is located in Plumas County, just west of the incorporated City of Portola, approximately 45 miles north of Truckee, CA. With an annual water and sewer operating budget of just over \$500k, the District has a part-time General Manager, a full-time Office Administrator, three full-time Operators, and a part time Fire Manager.

Formed in 1996 in conjunction with the approval of the Gold Mountain master planned golf course community, the District provides water and sewer connections to the planned 401 residential lots, and to the Nakoma Golf resort consisting of a Club house, Recreation Center, a 40-room hotel, a complex of partially developed time share units, and related facilities. Including combined residential and commercial, we currently support 94 connections. Our rate structure consists of user fees (for connected customers) and non-user fees for undeveloped lots. We track water usage and bill annually for consumption in accordance with a tiered rate structure. The CSD has different rate classes for residential and commercial customers.

The District has three producing deep aquifer wells for domestic water, two (2) 140,000-gallon storage tanks, and seven lift stations to deliver water through 9 pressure zones at different elevations throughout the District. The District operates a Septic Tank Effluent Pumping (STEP) system for wastewater collection delivering wastewater to common leachfields totaling approximately 6 acres.

Major challenges for the district include aging infrastructure, increased cost of electricity, and the need for additional water and wastewater infrastructure to support community buildout. As the slow rate of current construction, the District's emphasis is on getting existing infrastructure in a state of good repair. Our last rate study was completed in 2006 with the last rate increase in 2011.

The District is currently fortunate to have an active and engaged Board of Directors interested in getting the District to a sound financial position. GMCSD is open to discussions or proposals for consultant services. Please let me know if you are interested in working with us to move this study forward.

Thank you, I look forward to hearing from you.

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Gold Mountain CSD
General Manager