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**Date: Feb.18,2021**

**Agenda Item #: PC Firewise MOA**

**Originator:** Kathy Kogge

**Purpose**: Opportunity for Firewise Communities to opt into administrative and financial services in the event of donations that could be tax deductible.

**Supporting Documents Included: Yes / No**

**Desired Action by the Board:**  Phase 1, review the MOA for discussion if/how GM Firewise would benefit from additional financial support.

1. **Description: Plumas Corporation shall provide administrative and financial services for individual sites and shared Firewise donations received, in compliance with all applicable local, state and federals laws on behalf of Firewise Community. For this service automatically deducted at the time of expenditure, they will assess a fee for administrative services equal to 10% of the expenditure.**

1. **Reason for Recommended Board Action -** (*Consider compliance, cost savings, fixing a problem*): Opting in or out can be done at any time. Potential financial support through donations made that would be tax deductible. Additional source of money outside of GMCSD budget might be attractive to entities through tax deductible donations of money.

1. **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*):

Use of shared donations bring extra money to Firewise, no additional office staff time required. Communication needs to be determined. If not adopted, status quo i.e. Firewise money through CSD budget.

1. **Anticipated Impacts to the Customer –** *Standby, Residential, Commercial***:** potential expansion of Firewise activities both on HFT programs, Forest Management. Creation of safer WUI?
2. **Recommendation (s): There is no penalty to signing up, but for phase one, explore how this program might be beneficial to our GM CSD program without using GMCSD budgets.**