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**Date:** December 1, 2020

**Originator:** Cary Curtis

**Agenda Topic Title:** Forest Management Program Concept and Hazardous Fuel Treatment – Phase I

**Purpose of Brief:** Update of initiatives

**Supporting Documents Included:** Yes

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1. **Agenda Topic Brief or Update:**

The Forest Management Program concept is a 3 stakeholder grounds maintenance program that will create a community border to border method to maintain fire fuel growth post the Hazardous Fuel Treatment Program. As reported at the Sept. 11, 2020 GMCS D board meeting, there are three significant milestones being pursued; 1) a determination by CALFIRE of the forestry requirements for implementing a ground maintenance program in the community, such as annual exception filing, and a determination by CALFIRE of the certifications required of a Program Manager; 2) Recording of the 2019 HOA CC&R ballot measures affirmed by vote of the community; 3) Opinion of HOA legal counsel that the CC&R's, including the 2019 ballot measures passed that are specific to hazardous fire fuels, support an annual managed fire fuel maintenance program.

Since the last update at the CSD board meeting on Sept. 11<sup>th</sup>, a discussion with Ivan Houser of CALFIRE Lassen/Modoc Unit confirmed that as long as timber is not sold, bartered or traded, a community grounds fuel maintenance program can go forward and there are no certification requirements needed, such as a Registered Professional Forester, to run the Program. Recordation notification of 2019 CC&R ballot measures that passed has not yet been received from the HOA as being completed. Once the 2019 CC&R ballot measures have been recorded, a meeting with the HOA legal counsel will be arranged. If there is a green light to proceed from that meeting, then the specifics of the Program will be vetted and drafted. Following a review of all stakeholders, communications will then begin to community members for their input and comments.

The HFT Phase I project has continued to evolve since the last update. We have a commitment from the HOA and the Nakoma resort to treat a total of 16 acres, including 3 Nakoma residential parcels in Clouds Rest canyon, pending availability of contractor equipment and another couple weeks of good weather. We are pending receipt of the contract from the contractor, Dan Winningham. This is a mastication project so we will see large equipment in the community when the work starts. We are hopeful that this project will be completed in December.

2. **Anticipated Impacts to the District** - (*Consider financial impact, change in procedures, customer, and staff communication*): There are no immediate impacts to the District for Forest Management or the Hazardous Fuel Treatment project.
3. **Anticipated Impacts to the Customer – Standby, Residential, Commercial**: There are no immediate impacts to customers. Communications will be sent to owners in the community once we know when the HFT project will kick off.
4. **Next Steps for this Topic**: For the Forest Management Program concept, updates on progression of milestones and outcomes of meeting with HOA legal counsel will be shared at future GMCS D and Nakoma Community HOA meetings. For the HFT project, the board and staff will be updated when more is known of the start date and a customer communication will be sent as well.