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**Date:** September 27, 2021

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**Agenda Topic Title**:  **Local Emergency Services Group (LESSG) - Update**

**Purpose of Brief:**  Update of LESSG

**Supporting Documents Included: No**

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

The Fire Study Group last met on July 27, 2021. Updates since the GMCSD brief on July 19 include:

1. Two responses from the request for proposal for a feasibility study have been received. A smaller committee was assigned the task of reviewing the proposals and vetting the two consulting firms. At the Group’s next meeting on September 28th, it is anticipated that the group will select one of the two consulting firms and at that time the sealed bid envelope will be opened revealing the cost of the study. Depending on pricing, additional negotiations may be required to bring the cost in line with available funds. It is anticipated that the feasibility study will take 6-8 weeks to complete.
2. On September 20th, the board of Eastern Plumas Rural Fire agreed to cautiously continue in the effort. The EP Fire board had robust discussions about the study group and has received 5 letters of opposition that were presented during the meeting. Previously, their board received 3 letters of support.
3. Depending on the results of the feasibility study and if the results are favorable in the formation of a new fire district, the group will look to place it on the Nov. 2022 ballot.
4. **Anticipated Impacts to the District -** (*Consider financial impact, change in procedures, customer, and staff communication*):

None at this time

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

Once a communications plan is developed, customers and owners will be invited to hear more about the efforts of the Fire Study Group. Forums and town hall meetings are being discussed.

1. **Next Steps for this Topic**:
2. Report of the consulting firm selected for the feasibility study and the cost
3. Development of a communications plan