



## **BOARD MEETING AGENDA SUBMITTAL**

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**TO:** GCSO Board of Directors

**FROM:** Peter Kampa, General Manager

**DATE:** December 30, 2024

**SUBJECT:** Agenda Item 6A: Adoption of a Resolution Authorizing District Staff to Apply for a Grant to Sonora Area Foundation for Groveland CERT Basic Training Course

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### **RECOMMENDED ACTION**

Staff recommends the following action:

*I move to adopt Resolution 41-2024 authorizing District Staff to Apply for a Grant to Sonora Area Foundation for FEMA Certified "CERT Basic Training Course".*

### **BACKGROUND**

GCSO CERT Volunteers would like District staff to submit a grant application to the Sonora Area Foundation to help with funding a FEMA-certified Basic Training course in early 2025. These funds will be specifically used to cover the cost of instructors, enabling Groveland CERT to train 25 new volunteers to support first responders and enhance community preparedness in South Tuolumne County. This training will double Groveland CERT's volunteer capacity, addressing the growing demand for emergency preparedness in South Tuolumne County. By training 25 additional volunteers, this program will empower participants to:

- Assist first responders during critical incidents.
- Serve as neighborhood leaders during emergencies, improving overall community safety.

In addition to benefiting the Groveland/Big Oak Flat area, this training is open to residents countywide, broadening its impact.

A Resolution of Governing Board or copy of Board minutes indicating approval for grant submission,

### **FINANCIAL IMPACT:**

GCERT has secured commitments for substantial in-kind contributions:

- First Light Resorts: Estimated value of \$7,240 for instructor accommodations, venue and meals.

- Tuolumne County OES: Training materials and backpacks valued at \$3,000.

These contributions reduce overall project costs and demonstrate strong community backing.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

1. Sonora Area Foundation Grant Letter
2. Resolution 41-2024

# CERT Groveland/Big Oak Flat/Moccasin

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## Grant Proposal to the Sonora Area Foundation: Enhancing Community Preparedness through CERT Training

The Groveland Area Community Emergency Response Team (GCERT) respectfully requests \$12,000 from the Sonora Area Foundation to fund a FEMA-certified Basic Training course in early 2025. These funds will be specifically used to cover the cost of instructors, enabling GCERT to train 25 new volunteers to support first responders and enhance community preparedness in South Tuolumne County.

### About GCERT: A Trusted Community Partner

GCERT, established in 2019, is sponsored by the Groveland Community Services District (GCSD) and operates under its Groveland Fire Department. Our mission is to build community resilience by training volunteers to assist during emergencies such as wildfires, floods, earthquakes, and evacuations.

Since our inception, GCERT has maintained 14 active members and has delivered critical services, including:

- Traffic control during community events and emergencies in partnership with CHP.
- Firefighter rehabilitation support during incidents and prescribed burns with Calfire.

The integrity of our organization is evident through our partnerships with local agencies such as Calfire, USFS, and the Tuolumne County Office of Emergency Services (OES). GCERT has garnered significant community support, with First Light Resorts and TC-OES committed to providing in-kind resources for this project.

### The Need for Funding and Its Impact

This training will double GCERT's volunteer capacity, addressing the growing demand for emergency preparedness in South Tuolumne County. By training 25 additional volunteers, this program will empower participants to:

- Assist first responders during critical incidents.
- Serve as neighborhood leaders during emergencies, improving overall community safety.

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### Plan of Action

The FEMA Basic CERT course is a 20-hour program delivered over one weekend:

1. **Friday Evening:** Course introduction and initial modules.
2. **Saturday & Sunday:** Full-day hands-on training sessions.

### Resources and Management:

- **Instructor Fees:** \$12,000 (grant-funded).
- **In-Kind Contributions:**

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- **First Light Resorts:** Lodging for instructor, meals for instructors and students, and venue.
- **TC-OES:** Supervision, workbooks, and CERT backpacks.
- **Project Management:** GCERT leadership will coordinate logistics, supported by GCSO and TC-OES.

The training will take place in early 2025, ensuring readiness before the summer wildfire season.

## Leveraged Support

GCERT has secured commitments for substantial in-kind contributions:

- **First Light Resorts:** Estimated value of \$7,240 for instructor accommodations, venue and meals.
- **Tuolumne County OES:** Training materials and backpacks valued at \$3,000.

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## Sustaining the Program

GCERT will sustain its training efforts through ongoing support from GCSO, local partnerships, and volunteer contributions. Trained volunteers commit to supporting future recruitment and mentoring new members, ensuring the long-term growth of GCERT's impact.

## Evaluation and Reporting

GCERT will evaluate the success of this project by tracking:

- The number of participants who complete the training.
- Volunteer deployment during emergencies and community events.
- Feedback from trainees and partner agencies.

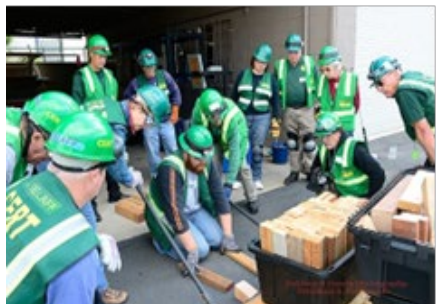
These outcomes will be documented in a detailed report to the Sonora Area Foundation, ensuring transparency and accountability.

## Conclusion

Your support will enable GCERT to build a safer, more prepared community. With the Sonora Area Foundation's investment, GCERT can expand its volunteer base and enhance its capacity to respond to emergencies, improving the quality of life for residents of South Tuolumne County.

Thank you for considering our request.

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**RESOLUTION 41-2024**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE GROVELAND  
COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT APPROVING STAFF TO  
AUTHORIZING DISTRICT STAFF TO APPLY FOR A GRANT TO SONORA  
AREA FOUNDATION FOR GROVELAND CERT BASIC TRAINING  
COURSE**

**WHEREAS**, the Groveland Community Services District (herein referred to as District) is a local government agency formed and operating in accordance with Section §61000 et seq. of the California Government Code; and

**WHEREAS**, the Groveland Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) is sponsored by the Groveland Community Services District (GCSD) and operates under its Groveland Fire Department; and

**WHEREAS**, Groveland CERT's mission is to build community resilience by training volunteers to assist during emergencies such as wildfires, floods, earthquakes, and evacuations; and

**Whereas**, Groveland Area Community Emergency Response Team (GCERT) respectfully requests \$12,000 from the Sonora Area Foundation to fund a FEMA-Certified Basic Training Course; and

**WHEREAS**, Sonora Area Foundation requires a Board Governing Resolution to submit an application for the grant.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE GROVELAND COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT DOES HEREBY** Approve Resolution 41-2024, Authorizing District Staff to Apply for a Grant to Sonora Area Foundation for FEMA Certified "CERT Basic Training Course".

**WHEREFORE**, this Resolution is passed and adopted by the Board of Directors of the Groveland Community Services District on December 30, 2024, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

APPROVE:

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Nancy Mora, President - Board of Directors

ATTEST:

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Rachel Pearlman, Board Secretary

**CERTIFICATE OF SECRETARY**

I, Rachel Pearlman, the duly appointed and acting Secretary of the Board of Directors of the Groveland Community Services District, do hereby declare that the foregoing Resolution was duly passed and adopted at a Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Groveland Community Services District, duly called and held on December 30, 2024.

DATED: \_\_\_\_\_