

Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

To: Office of Planning and Research
P.O. Box 3044, Room 113
Sacramento, CA 95812-3044
County Clerk
County of: Tuolumne
2 S. Green St.
Sonora, CA 95370

From: (Public Agency): Groveland CSD
18966 Ferretti Rd
Groveland, CA 95321
(Address)

Project Title: Disk Golf Course Improvements Project

Project Applicant: Groveland Community Services District

Project Location - Specific:
Groveland CSD Mary Laveroni Park, 18950 CA-120, Groveland, CA 95321

Project Location - City: Groveland Project Location - County: Tuolumne

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:
The Groveland Community Services District (CSD) proposes to install a new 18-hole disc golf course on district-owned land directly adjacent to and accessed from Mary Laveroni Park in Groveland, California. The project site has previously undergone vegetation mastication under a separate CEQA review, and no additional vegetation removal is required. The course will include 18 disc golf baskets and corresponding tee boxes. Tee pads will be installed at each hole, with the final material yet to be determined, options include concrete (either above or below grade) or rubber mats framed with wood, each measuring up to six feet wide by twelve feet long. Trash receptacles and water fountains exist within the park. No trees, brush, or other vegetation will be removed as part of this project, as the property has already been cleared through a recent shaded fuel break initiative. The project will not include the construction of new restroom facilities. Visitors will use existing restrooms located at Mary Laveroni Park. Similarly, no new parking lot will be developed, as parking will be available at the park or at the adjacent Groveland CSD office. Based on usage patterns observed at similar disc golf courses in the region, the facility is expected to increase existing park use by fewer than 10 visitors per day on average. This project is designed to enhance recreational opportunities for the community while maintaining environmental stewardship and minimizing infrastructure expansion.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Groveland Community Services District

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Groveland Community Services District

- Exempt Status: (check one):
[ ] Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268);
[ ] Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a));
[ ] Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c));
[X] Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: Class 4 (Minor Alterations to Land) & Class 11 (Accessory Structures)
[ ] Statutory Exemptions. State code number:

Reasons why project is exempt:
Under Class 4, which covers minor alterations to land, the project involves minimal ground disturbance and no removal of trees or vegetation. The site has already been cleared through a shaded fuel break under a separate CEQA document, and the only physical additions will be disc golf baskets and tee pads, which may be constructed using concrete or rubber mats with wood frames. These improvements are minor in nature and will not significantly alter the land's existing condition. Additionally, the expected daily use, fewer than 10 visitors, indicates a low-intensity recreational activity with negligible environmental impact.
The project also meets the criteria for Class 11, which exempts the construction or placement of accessory structures within existing public facilities. The disc golf course will be located adjacent to Mary Laveroni Park and will utilize existing infrastructure, including restrooms and parking areas, without requiring new buildings or utilities. The baskets and tee pads are considered small-scale recreational fixtures that complement the park's existing amenities. As such, the project enhances public recreational opportunities while remaining consistent with CEQA's Class 11 exemption for accessory structures.

Lead Agency
Contact Person: Peter Kampa Area Code/Telephone/Extension: 209-962-7161 Ext. 1024

- If filed by applicant:
1. Attach certified document of exemption finding.
2. Has a Notice of Exemption been filed by the public agency approving the project? Yes No

Signature: Date: 10/23/2025 Title: General Manager

Signed by Lead Agency Signed by Applicant

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code. Date Received for filing at OPR:
Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.



## **BOARD MEETING AGENDA SUBMITTAL**

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**TO:** GCSB Board of Directors

**FROM:** Peter Kampa, General Manager

**DATE:** October 14, 2025

**SUBJECT:** Agenda Item 6B: Discussion and Review of Preliminary Draft Plans for a Proposed Disc Golf Course Project Located on District Property

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### **RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

*Staff is seeking input and direction from the Board regarding the installation of the disc golf course.*

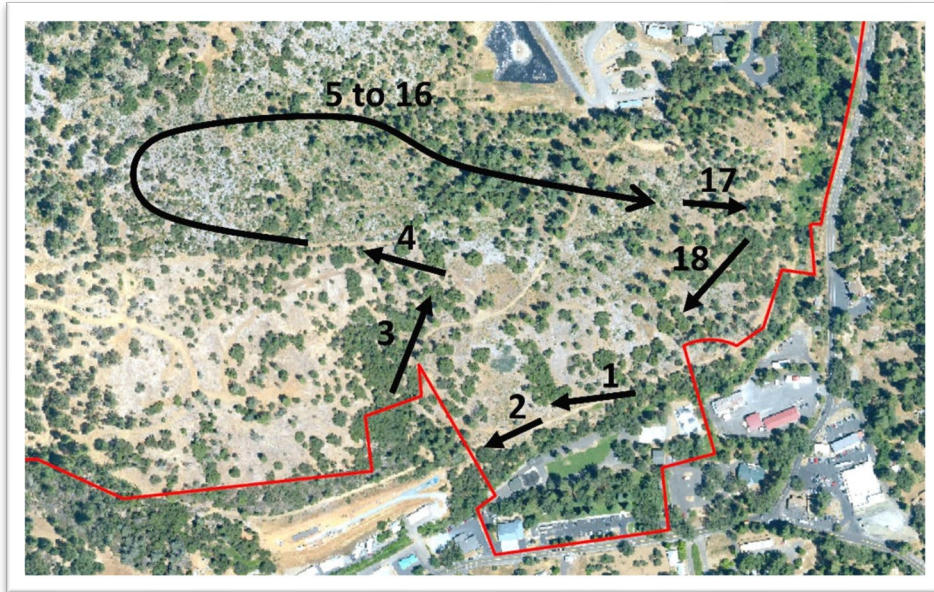
### **BACKGROUND:**

The District has established a strong and ongoing partnership with BlueZones Project Tuolumne, collaborating on several projects and community events that promote healthy lifestyles and encourage outdoor activity. BlueZones Project Tuolumne has supported several events in Groveland that have helped raise awareness and receive input on trails development. In addition, they have supported each of our park improvement project grant applications.

After successfully installing several Disc Golf courses at schools and parks in other areas of the County, the BlueZones Public Policy Coordinator approached the District to explore the possibility of installing a Disc Golf Course at one of the District's park facilities. Following this, the BlueZones Project coordinator connected District staff with the Tuolumne Disc Golf Club to conduct a course feasibility review, free of charge.

### **PROJECT PROPOSAL:**

The proposed location for the 18-basket Disc Golf Course is adjacent to the future trail above the park and extending toward the 37-acre parcel. A preliminary design mapping out the course is hyperlinked in the attachments, with a basic location hand drawing below.



### **COMMUNITY BENEFITS:**

Disc golf provides physical exercise, such as walking and core strengthening, improves mental well-being by reducing stress and promoting mindfulness, and builds social connections through a fun, community-focused activity. It is also an affordable sport, making it a highly accessible option for individuals of all ages and skill levels. Implementing a Disc Golf Course above the District park would provide multiple benefits, including:

- **Promoting health and wellness:** Encouraging physical activity and outdoor recreation for residents of all ages.
- **Enhancing community engagement:** Creating a recreational space that fosters social interaction, family activities, and organized events.
- **Supporting youth and schools:** Providing additional recreational opportunities for local students and youth programs.
- **Boosting tourism and local economy:** Attracting locals and visitors to the course for competitions, which can benefit local businesses and raise awareness of District facilities

At this time, staff is seeking input and guidance from the Board on whether to proceed with the installation of the Disc Golf Course.

### **FISCAL IMPACT:**

The Disc Golf equipment is being donated from BlueZones and the Tuolumne Golf Club is installing the course at no cost. The District may be responsible for furnishing tee pads and tee signs and would seek grant funding to do so.

### **ATTACHMENTS**

1. [Preliminary Draft Disc Golf Course Layout](#)

## GROVELAND COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT

### BOARD ACTION OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS HELD ON OCTOBER 14, 2025, AT 10:00AM AT THE GROVELAND COMMUNITY RESILIENCE CENTER CLASSROOM 18986 Ferretti Road, Groveland, CA 95321

**Directors Present:** Director Mora, Swan, Kwiatkowski, and Turney

**Directors Absent:** Director Armstong

**Staff Present:** General Manager Peter Kampa, Administrative Services Manager Jennifer Donabedian, Luis Melchor Operations Manager, Finance Officer Michelle Ronning, and Board Secretary Rachel Pearlman

**Public Present:** BlueZones Policy Coordinator, Kristi Conforti

#### **Item #6B: Discussion and Review of Preliminary Draft Plans for a Proposed Disc Golf Course Project Located on District Property**

##### **Discussion:**

Staff presented information on the District's ongoing partnership with the BlueZones Project Tuolumne and their shared efforts to promote healthy, active lifestyles through community projects and events. The BlueZones Project, in coordination with the Tuolumne Disc Golf Club, proposed the installation of an 18-basket Disc Golf Course at the District park, located near the future trail and extending toward the 37-acre parcel. The course design and layout were provided for review.

Staff highlighted the community benefits of the project, including promoting health and wellness, supporting youth recreation, enhancing community engagement, and boosting local tourism and economic activity. The Board was asked to provide input and direction regarding whether to proceed with the proposed Disc Golf Course installation.

##### **Action Taken:**

The Board by consensus gave direction to the General Manager to proceed with implementation of the Community Disc Golf Course.

##### **CERTIFICATION**

I, Rachel Pearlman, Executive Assistant / Board Secretary of the Groveland Community Services District, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct action taken at the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors held on October 14, 2025.

**Rachel Pearlman**

Board Secretary

Signature  Date: 10/23/2025