



MEMO

To: GRTA Board of Directors

From: Executive Director Stogner

Date: May 23, 2022

Subject: **Agenda Item F.3** - Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Approval of Utility Corridor Easement Scotia Community Services District

The Town of Scotia in Humboldt County has been in the process of replacing older infrastructure that runs under GRTA trackway, including a sewer line, drain line, power supply line and new water line. Previously placed existing lines were installed by a predecessor in interest private company and are in need of repair and replacement as the Town of Scotia takes responsibility for same going forward.

The Scotia Community Services Department (SCSD) would like the GRTA to grant easement corridors that support the above-cited subsurface infrastructure. These lines are currently in place and the utilities have existed in the same approximate locations for decades. The Town of Scotia has provided a draft agreement, which staff recommends that the Board direct staff and counsel to negotiate with the SCSD, to include sufficient terms to protect the interest of GRTA and its real property interest.

Upon reaching terms with SCSD that meet the needs of SCSD while protecting GRTA interests, staff and counsel will return to the Board with a final agreement for Board signature.

Staff Recommendation:

Direct staff to negotiate utility infrastructure easement for the SCSD, subject to final review and approval by Board of Directors.