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**RE: 4-28-26 BOS Agenda Item #19, File #26-0723 Mosquito Fire Settlement**

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As I previously stated, we have fought for years to improve our community, but are understanding of the harsh realities of Budget. We now have an unprecedented opportunity to make life altering changes in the conditions under which we live in Volcanoville. I've added two items to the list of potential projects I've repeated below.

Regarding item #7:

I don't know the logistics of undergrounding electrical services or if it's even possible to partner with PG&E to accomplish it, but we can find out. Perhaps a 50/50 sharing of the cost can be worked out.

Regarding item #8:

As I stated to you in a previous letter, I am in complete support of funding a shared service agreement for our fire departments. I think it's a necessary step to provide the best fire protection we can for all Divide residents.

Don't think I am simply asking for you to give us these funds and then sit back and watch it happen. My work history is in construction project management and I am prepared to donate any time needed to perform tasks related

to getting these projects done. I will do whatever work I am legally allowed to do in the planning, process, and coordinating of the items on the list below.

In addition, I will volunteer to serve on any and all ad hoc committees needed to gather information and develop feasibility studies for the work ahead.

I am passionate about our safety and security and have demonstrated my commitment to the community through my many volunteer activities including, STARs, Georgetown Cert, Georgetown Firewise Council, Volcanoville Firewise Council, and a decade long tenure on the Bear State Property Owners Association BOD.

In partnership with the El Dorado National Forest, I am independently working on developing a helipad in Volcanoville that will be used for both air evac and firefighting aircraft. This will be completed regardless of your decision concerning the Mosquito funding.

In conclusion, let me mention your actions in regard to the Grizzly Flats residents. I was at the meeting where you voted to help fund and support the residents there and was overcome with emotion as were many in the room including the members of the Board. Only one resident in Volcanoville has succeeded in building a new home in Volcanoville. His family is still struggling with his lawsuit against PG&E. Most others have simply decided to move away because of the heartbreak associated with losing their home or the economic reality of rebuilding. It is too late for them. The forest will regrow, some homes may be rebuilt, and some properties will be sold and redeveloped, but Volcanoville will never be the same. Our biggest blessing is that we had not one life lost in this terrible tragedy.

Give us our best chance to survive. Help us avoid losing lives or homes in the first place. I humbly ask you to vote yes to allocate the Mosquito Fire Settlement funds to the area affected by the fire.

Volcanoville.

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Bret Preble-Parliamentarian, BSPOA  
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Georgetown, Ca. 95634  
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Project List:

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2. Widening the road where feasible to improve safety and emergency access.
3. Clearing and improving drainages, particularly in areas where no work has been done for many years.
4. Exploring and advancing the development of a secondary ingress/egress route.
5. Developing a helicopter landing area in Donaldson Park (discussions with the national Forest Service are currently underway.)
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