

Dear Cemetery Board of Trustees and Managers,

I am writing to provide an update from the July 2025 Golden State Risk Management Authority (GSRMA) Governing Board Meeting on behalf of your elected Cemetery District representative.

During the meeting, the Board took action to approve the 5/31/25 financials and the revised 25/26 budget.

Five new members were approved, including the Coalinga-Huron Cemetery District. I am pleased to welcome another great Cemetery District to our family.

I am pleased to let you know the board voted to rescind the Notice of Cancellation for Tulare CD. Tulare CD has faced challenges, causing several board members to resign. GSRMA is optimistic about Tulare CD's future now that the Tulare County Supervisors have temporarily assumed roles on their board. We are hopeful they will stabilize and improve the district's operations.

Another important action was increasing the Loss Prevention Subsidy Fund (LPSF) budget from \$25,000 to \$50,000. This fund helps districts offset costs for trainings and conferences. Last year, thirteen Cemetery Districts each received up to \$1,000. The entire \$25,000 was rewarded; therefore, I strongly advocated for the increase so more districts can benefit in the coming year. The LPSF application process is simple and is most commonly used to support attendance at PCA, CAPC, and GSRMA conferences.

Member Engagement: GSRMA staff conducted 117 member visits from April 25 to June 26, 2025, including 46 visits to Cemetery Districts, a testament to their commitment to serving our members.

Upcoming Event: The GSRMA 19th Annual Training Conference will be held October 19–20, 2025 at Casino Corning, CA. Click here for details and registration: <https://www.eventbrite.com>. I hope to see many of you there!

On a personal note, as I prepare for the harvest of almonds and walnuts, a farmer friend recently asked me, "Rick, how are the Dog Days of summer treating you?" It made me curious as to the meaning of this expression. Below is what the Farmer's Almanac says about Dog Days and a link to their article explaining the origin. According to the Farmers' Almanac, the "Dog Days" of summer run from July 3 to August 11, the hottest, most stifling part

of the season. While some think the term refers to days “not fit for a dog,” or even that the heat drives dogs mad, its true origin is celestial. It relates to the rising of Sirius, the “Dog Star,” in the night sky. Read the full article here: <https://www.farmersalmanac.com>

Stay safe, enjoy the rest of your summer, and never hesitate to reach out to me with any questions or concerns.

Warmest regards,

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