

Dear Cemetery Board of Trustees and Managers,

I hope this message finds you well. Below is an update from your elected GSRMA Cemetery Representative, summarizing highlights from the January Board meeting.

Board Elections: Gina Taylor, School District Representative, was re-elected as President of the Board. Rick Beale, Cemetery District Representative, was re-elected as Vice President of the Board.

Member Visits and Training: Between August 22, 2025, and December 31, 2025, GSRMA conducted 106 member visits, including 43 cemetery districts. These visits included board meetings, audit and renewal meetings, and other member functions. In addition, 15 training sessions were delivered during this period, covering topics such as slips, trips and falls; first aid; winter safety; and disaster preparedness.

New Members: Board approved the California Wildlife Mitigation Program Authority (Sacramento County) and the Ballico Cortez Water District (Stanislaus County) as new members.

CAJPA Accreditation with Excellence: A special presentation was made to the Board recognizing GSRMA's continued achievement of Accreditation with Excellence by the California Association of Joint Powers Authorities (CAJPA). GSRMA has maintained this distinction since 1992, reflecting a long-standing commitment to professional and operational excellence. Congratulations to all who contribute to maintaining these high standards.

For those interested, additional information about the CAJPA Accreditation Program can be found at:

<https://www.cajpa.org/page/accreditation>

Financial Update: The GSRMA Board of Directors approved the 2024–2025 annual financial audit conducted by Baker Tilly US, LLP. The audit confirmed that GSRMA remains in a strong financial position, with adequate reserves to cover current and anticipated claims. The investment portfolio continues to be conservatively managed and well diversified, supporting long-term financial stability.

Loss Prevention Subsidy Fund (LPSF): For the 2025–2026 fiscal year, \$30,384 remains available from the \$50,000 annual allocation, which reflects a \$25,000 increase approved by the Board last year. Common uses of LPSF funds include attendance at PCA, CAPC, and GSRMA conferences. Each member may apply for up to \$1,000 in reimbursement for training, education, or conference expenses related to loss prevention.

Labor Law Posters: The 2026 Labor Law Posters have been shipped. If your organization has not yet received them, please contact GSRMA directly.

If you have any questions or would like additional information, please feel free to contact me by phone or email.

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