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**Meeting Type:** Planning Committee/Board of Directors  
**Title:** Information Technology Updates  
**From:** Bret Uppendahl, Finance Director  
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**Meeting Date:** June 30, 2026

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**TYPE OF ITEM:**                      Approve              X              Review and Comment

**RECOMMENDATION:** Review and comment on the initiatives and projects in the Information Technology Department

**SUMMARY:** The Information Technology (IT) Department has been undertaking a major effort towards modernizing the District's software and IT infrastructure. In addition to moving major enterprise software applications toward cloud-based platforms, the IT Department is working to upgrade network, fiber, wireless internet, servers and controls systems across various District sites.

**DISCUSSION:** As the District moves toward a more mobile and cloud-based environment, there are significant upgrades required for both software and hardware components. From common applications such as Microsoft and Adobe to more specialized enterprise systems like SAP (ERP) and ESRI (GIS), the underlying modernization effort requires collaboration and participation from all of the District's divisions. In order to support the new software requirements, the IT Department is also working to upgrade physical infrastructure including fiber, networks, servers and wireless drops at multiple locations. In addition to upgrades at the Administration Building and Corp Yard in Corte Madera, the IT team is working to upgrade infrastructure at the Treatment Plants, Sky Oaks Ranger Station and the remote data center.

Improving efficiencies is also a high priority for the IT Department. Staff are working to review and consolidate the District's technology expenditures, including negotiating for government discounts, restructuring contracts to reflect enterprise rates and utilizing piggy-back provisions of other public agency contracts. These administrative efforts not only generate savings for the District, but they also create more efficient internal processes where IT staff can help all District divisions identify the appropriate software and can support the procurement process.

The IT Department is preparing for major projects in the upcoming fiscal year, and department staff are working to finalize a workplan for the upcoming two-year budget (FY 2027-28 & FY 2028-29). Staff will provide updates on major projects and will provide a preview of necessary infrastructure upgrades that are planned over the coming years.

**ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW:** Not Applicable.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** None.

**ATTACHMENT(S):** None.