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SUBJECT: Agenda Item 4.A4 - 12/17/2009 Board Meeting
District General Manager Report

Fire Station Slab, Driveway, and Drain Repair

Plans for the repair of the Fire Station asphalt driveway, concrete slab, and failed drain line have been received from the District's engineer. Staff has been working to implement these projects, and thought has been given to the implications of doing each project individually. Clearly the driveway repair can be handled separate from the replacement of the concrete slab. The drain line repair project, however, is at least partially tied to the replacement of the slab. The project plans, in their current state, do not include provisions for a basic treatment device that would allow the capture and proper disposal of soapy wash water and oil/fuel drips or spills. Once the proper device is sized and specified, the drain line can be repaired or replaced. This work should be done prior to the slab being replaced.

Cabrillo Lighting

In the hopes of producing additional options to assist with the proper funding of the Cabrillo Lighting District, PG&E was contacted and the subject of converting to the latest LED street lighting technology was discussed. The poles and lights in the Cabrillo District are owned by PG&E, and PG&E does not currently offer LED's as part of their street lighting services. They are, however, studying various options to determine feasibility and to develop a rate structure that would allow for use of this state-of-the-art technology. A company in southern California produces high-quality LED street lights that could directly replace the light heads used throughout Cabrillo. These lights offer several distinct advantages over High-Pressure Sodium (HPS) lights. LED's are more expensive, but are longer lasting, as they have no filament to burn out. They use about half the electricity of HPS, and they produce less heat. LED's produce less light pollution, as the light produced is more directional, as opposed to scattered and reflected light. LED street lights also produce a whiter looking light than the HPS lights. In fact, the So. Cal. company mentioned above makes a product that delivers a special light considered to be "turtle friendly" for use near beaches in Florida where turtles lay their eggs. LED technology is advancing rapidly, and it is clearly emerging as a "green" technology.

Board Reorganization

This is a reminder that the Board will be reorganizing (appointing a new President/Vice-President) in January. This would also be a good time to commit to Director Office Hours. New committee appointments will take place soon after that. Members of the public interested in serving on any of the District's advisory committees can pick up an application at the District office. Applications will also be made available at the January board meeting. The Board will need to set a deadline for applicants wishing to submit committee applications.

Settling In

Being new to this position, I have had the opportunity to meet several members of the public and I have attended meetings of all the District's advisory committees. I have had the particular pleasure of working closely with the Water Rates Subcommittee as we developed the new water rate structure. It is very encouraging to know that there is not only a wealth of expertise available in the community, but a spirit and willingness to volunteer and get involved in the political processes at work here. I am already feeling right at home as the District's General Manager, and I believe we are heading in a very positive direction.