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**TO:** LOCSD Board of Directors

**FROM:** Dan Gilmore, General Manager

**SUBJECT:** **Agenda Item 5J – 02/04/2010 Special Board Meeting**  
Purchase of drainage pump to replace pump damaged in the last storm.

**DISCUSSION**

During the heavy rains last month, an electrical breaker was damaged leading to damage to the drainage pump it was intended to protect. Staff evaluated whether the motor could be repaired, and it was determined that it would be better to replace the pump and motor.

Pumps and motors often come as matched sets. The motor that was damaged is no longer manufactured by the pump company. Even if a replacement motor was available, the pump itself also showed signs of significant wear and reduced operational capacity. Staff has determined that replacing both the pump and motor will improve efficiency and reliability, while ensuring that the pump and motor are properly matched to perform as originally intended.

Staff received quotes for three different pump and motor sets. The prices ranged from \$12,106.50 to \$26,413.20. The recommended pump is from a reputable manufacturer, has the lowest cost, and shortest lead time. The recommended action includes authorization of up to \$14,000 to cover any contingencies and the cost of installation of the new pump. The current budget includes a line item of \$20,000 for the purchase of a new pump. Adequate funding is available from this account to cover these costs.

**RECOMMENDATION**

**Authorize the purchase of a drainage pump to replace an older pump that suffered electrical damage during heavy rainfall at a price not-to-exceed fourteen thousand dollars (\$14,000.00).**