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**TO:** LOCSD Utilities Advisory Committee

**FROM:** Ron Munds, General Manager

**SUBJECT: Agenda Item 5 – 11/20/19 UAC Meeting**

Discuss and provide input into forming a partnership with the County of San Luis Obispo's Public Works Department (Public Works) to operate a Residential Recycled Water Fill Station.

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**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION**

Staff would like to recommend to the Board that District staff pursue the partnership with Public Works.

***Motion: I move to recommend to the Board of Directors that the Board direct staff to pursue a partnership with Public Works and report back to the UAC and Board once details of the partnership and program have been agreed upon at the staff level.***

**DISCUSSION**

The Public Works Department staff approached District staff regarding a partnership to open a community recycled water fill station on Public Works owned property on 10<sup>th</sup> Street. During the construction of the recycled water distribution system, a hydrant was installed near the front of the property with the goal to utilize it for a fill station for both construction water and community use.

There are many logistical issues to be worked through but the preliminary plan at this time is to include the following components:

- The fill station will be open for limited hours but during a time convenient to most residents, probably weekends
- The fill station will be staffed by volunteers
- The water will be free to community members
- There will be a limit on the size of container that can be used for safety purposes
- A completed recycled water use application and training will be required
- Other procedures will need to be determined after consultation with the Division of Drinking Water and the Regional Water Board

At this point, the District's involvement would be to assist in organizing a team of volunteers to help staff the station and to help publicize the program to the community.

A good example of a successful program is the City of Brentwood's in the Bay area. The following link will take you to their webpage:

[https://www.brentwoodca.gov/gov/pw/water/drought/water\\_conservation/recycled\\_water\\_fill\\_station.asp](https://www.brentwoodca.gov/gov/pw/water/drought/water_conservation/recycled_water_fill_station.asp)

## **FINANCIAL IMPACT**

There is no financial impact at this time other than the staff time that will be required to work on the program elements with Public Works. If future funding is needed to support the program, the Board could consider using a portion of the Water Conservation Program budget to offset any future costs once the program has been fully developed.