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To: LOCSD Board of Directors
From: Ron Munds, General Manager
Subject: **Agenda Item 4E – 09/01/2022 Board Meeting**
August General Manager's Report

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- **Upcoming Request to Participate in Phase 1 of a Regional Desalination Project.** The District received a letter (attached) from County Public Works providing a heads up that a request from the County to participate in Phase 1 of a regional desalination project would be coming in the fall of 2022. Phase 1 is an exploratory effort to see what kind of value there may be for each participating agency. There is no cost to the District to be part of Phase 1. Once the official request is received, staff will return with a report and resolution for the Board's consideration. This project is part of a regional effort to provide future water supply resiliency to water purveyors county-wide.

- **Save Cuesta Inlet Initiative.** There is a much-publicized effort to acquire the Cuesta Inlet property which recently came on the market. The District's involvement in the overall effort has been mentioned in some of the information released by the group. The Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee was provided an overview and update of the group's activities at their August 16th meeting. Staff will be monitoring the effort and more information will be provided to the Board in the future.

- **CalRecycle Meeting.** Staff had its first meeting with CalRecycle and IWMA staff regarding compliance with several solid waste mandates. Overall, the District is in a good position to meet the deadlines AB 341 (mandatory commercial multi-family materials recycling), AB 1826 (mandatory commercial multi-family organics recycling) and AB 1383 (expanded mandatory organic recycling in all sectors). The IWMA services are essential in the District achieving the requirements different mandates. District staff will be responsible for any enforcement for non-compliance by the various customer classes as the deadlines for compliance approach.

- **Regional Solid Waste Rate Setting Meeting.** District staff continues to participate in a regional effort to update the methodology to evaluate solid waste rate applications from the haulers. The current manual was developed in 1994 and is in need of updating to reflect current industry practices and regulations. The District will be responsible for the next "Base Year" application submitted by Waste Connections in 2025.

- **Drought Reminder.** We want to remind the community it is still important to pay close attention to your water use, limit your outdoor irrigation and always check for leaks around your home and yard. If you need assistance, please call the office at 805-528-9370.