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To: LOCSD Board of Directors
From: Ron Munds, General Manager
Subject: **Agenda Item 6E – 11/04/2021 Board Meeting**
October General Manager's Report

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- **2020-2021 Financial Audit Update.** Staff received the draft audit on October 28th. We are on schedule to have the final audit to the Board at the January Board meeting. Preliminary results show no findings or internal control issues which is a credit to the great team we have in the office.
- **Countywide Water Action Team (CWAT) Meeting:** Staff attended a CWAT meeting on October 28th. The priorities of the group were discussed. These include regional resiliency projects and interties of water systems, drought response and regional desalination. At this meeting, there was an extensive discussion on starting the planning phase for a regional desalination project. The planning and then construction is estimated to be out in the future 15 to 20 years. More information will be provided as it becomes available.
- **Seawater Intrusion Information Exchange Meeting:** A new group of mainly Central Coast water agencies is being formed to share information and discuss solutions. The agencies are mainly from the Santa Cruz, Monterey and San Luis Obispo Counties with one agency being as far south as Oxnard. At the first meeting it was agreed to continue the conversation and pool resources when possible, to solve the similar seawater intrusion issues agencies are facing.
- **Renewed Dog Park Discussions:** At the October 19th Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee meeting, the committee agreed to revitalize the work on completing the conceptual plan for the Dog Park. There is definitely interest within the community and it is a goal to establish partnerships with other groups to complete the public input and design phase of the project. Interested members of the public are encouraged to attend the next PRAC meeting on December 14th.
- **Drought Reminder.** We want to remind the community that the Central Coast is in a level D-3 extreme drought. The District remains in Stage 3 of the Water Shortage Contingency Plan. At the July 21st Utilities Advisory Committee, drought response measures were extensively discussed and many of the suggestions have been implemented. Please pay close attention to your water use, limit outdoor watering as much as possible and always check for leaks around your home and yard. If you need assistance, please call the office at 805-528-9370.