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To: LOCSO Finance Advisory Committee

From: Ron Munds, General Manager

Subject: **Agenda Item 5 – 09/02/2025 FAC Meeting**
General Manager's Update

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Sunnyside School Property Acquisition Update

- FM3, the professional public opinion research firm, retained by the District to provide a statistically valid sampling of the community's willingness to pay for the acquisition and ongoing operations and maintenance of the Sunnyside property, began on August 18th. The survey was completed on around August 29th. Results from the survey will be available around mid-September 12th.

- A second Town Hall meeting is being organized with a tentative date set for September 20th. More information will be distributed once the date is confirmed.

- The citizen's working group continues to work on the ballot initiative and other tasks associated with acquiring the Sunnyside School property.

LAFCO Municipal Service Review & Sphere of Influence Study (MSR)

LAFCO has completed a draft MSR study for the District. Staff have been working with LAFCO for the past year to complete the draft. The hearing for adoption is scheduled for September 18th. The study provides details on the community's demographics, review of the present and planned land uses, governance, authorized services and financial position. The last MSR study was completed in 2014, so the draft document is an update to any changes that have occurred since then. You can find the draft document on the District's website.

Utilities Department Updates

Program C Well Project

All the electrical wiring and cabling is now complete and though the well isn't ready for production quite yet, we will have an initial startup of the well on September 10th. The water pumped will run into the adjacent drainage basin. This will enable the contractor and consultants to monitor all the components and make adjustment accordingly. The SCADA communication link from the well to the new SCADA system still needs to be completed. This may take until late September/early October. The District will also need to work with the Division of Drinking Water to complete the certification of the well before it becomes available.

Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA) System Modernization Project

Installation of the components should begin towards mid part of September. Project completion should be in late November, early December.

10th Street Tank Rehabilitation Project

This project started on July 8th and has been slowly moving forward. The tentative completion date is the beginning of October. With the tank out of service, it has

put a strain on the 10th Street well during peak water demand periods; production and running times have increased since the beginning of the project.

Water Resiliency Intertie Pipeline Project Update

The Request for Proposal was released on July 11th. Proposals for the project design are due on August 21st. The District received three proposals from local consulting firms. All three firms' fees for service were significantly higher than the engineering estimate of \$630,240. Since this is a very important project for the community, staff is recommending to the Board to move forward with the project and award the contract to WSC Consulting. Their proposal was the most responsive to the scope of work and were in the mid-range of price when compared to other two proposals. WSC's fees are \$854,044.