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To: LOCSD Board of Directors
From: Ron Munds, General Manager
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November General Manager's Report

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- **Solid Waste Rates.** Staff has provided periodic updates on the County's work to process the Waste Connections base year rate application. The original application was received by the County in October 2021. It was envisioned the new rates would be in place by the time the solid waste franchise agreement was transferred to the District which was April 1, 2022. There are many factors that have resulted in delays in approving the rates by the Board of Supervisors (BOS). A final report has been generated as of November 2022 and the BOS will consider their rates and tentatively approve the initiation of the Proposition 218 notification process in January 2023. It is anticipated that new rates will be in place in March 2023. Staff will be providing the Board a full update on the rate setting process and the new rates at the beginning of 2023.

- **Draft Annual Audit Complete.** Fechter & Company issued a completed draft audit on November 22nd. The draft was presented to the Finance Advisory Committee at their November 28th meeting. The final draft will come to the Board on January 5, 2023.

- **Golden State Water Company Water Line Project (GSWC).** GSWC is working on a pipeline project to connect the Cabrillo Estates part of their water system to their Highland Drive zone. Staff has been working with GSWC to use a utility easement that crosses the District's Cabrillo storm water basin located just north of Madera Street. The cooperation with GSWC on this project will result in some much-needed fire fuel reduction work that has been in works for many years on this piece of District property.

- **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.

The weather prediction for the upcoming winter is for continued dry conditions. Staff will be monitoring the situation in the coming months and will be bringing information to the Board at the beginning of 2023 as the drought situation unfolds.