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To: LOCSD Finance Advisory Committee
From: Ron Munds, General Manager
Subject: **Agenda Item 5 – 08/30/2021 FAC Meeting**
General Manager's Report

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- **8th Street Upper Aquifer Well Project Notice of Award.** The project's bid submittal period closed on July 13, 2021. The District received four competitive bids. The low bid was submitted by Hartzell General Engineering Contractors in the amount of \$207,300. The engineering estimate for this phase of the project was \$310,000. Construction should begin in late August.
- **New Utilities Vehicle Purchase.** The Fiscal Year 2021-22 budget included \$50,000 for the purchase of a new utility truck for the water crew. Staff was able to research, locate and purchase a truck that met our specifications from a local dealership for \$33,700. Another great budget savings purchase for the Water Fund.
- **Basin Plan Program "C" Well.** This fiscal year's Capital Project Plan includes the drilling of a new well on District owned property located at South Bay Boulevard and Bay Oaks Drive. The Board approved the environmental document and Mitigated Negative Declaration at the August 5th Board meeting. Next steps are to work with the County on permitting. The estimated cost of this phase of the project is \$750,000.
- **Transitioning to By-Area Elections by November 2022.** The District held it's first of five public hearings on August 5th to determine if it will move from at-large to by-area elections to comply with California Voting Rights Act. The public is invited to participate in the process of determining the area boundaries. The second public hearing is on September 2nd. Visit the District website for more information.
- **Joint Water Purveyor Letter Regarding Water Availability for Accessory Dwelling Units.** The Coastal Commission (Commission) via the County has requested that the three Los Osos water purveyors respond to the Commission with a statement of water supply availability for ADU development in Los Osos. The purveyors decided it would be more effective to write a joint letter collectively expressing water supply concerns related to new development and added water demands on the groundwater basin. The draft letter was conceptually approved by the Board on August 5th. Minor edits have been made since the Board meeting and the letter should be sent to the County and Coastal Commission by the beginning of next week.
- **Drought Reminder.** We want to remind the community that the Central Coast is in a level D-3 drought which is considered extreme. 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. District water customers will be seeing more outreach materials in the coming weeks and months. 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.