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To: LOCSD Board of Directors
From: Ron Munds, General Manager
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- **COVID-19 Response.** The District's COVID-19 response remains generally the same. On November 30th, Cal OSHA released new emergency prevention standards that took effect immediately. The good news is the COVID-19 Response Plan adopted by the Board back in March 2020 addressed many of the new requirements. Staff will be adjusting the parts that need to be updated but overall, we are positioned to be in compliance. Staff continues to provide service to the community through phone and email contact. As always, I'm available by phone or email to answers any questions the community or Board members have; 805-528-9379 or rmunds@losososcsd.org.

- **Staff Accolade.** Our water crew are a group of exceptional employees that truly care for the well-being of our community. Most people are not aware that the crew rotates to be on "standby" for after hour calls and emergencies. This means they must respond to calls from 5:00pm to 7:00am for the entire week they are on standby. During the evening of December 27th, most of Los Osos experienced a power outage during the rain event. This triggered a series of electrical issues that disabled most of the District's wells. Nate Pall responded to the system alarms and worked from 1:00am to 5:00am to troubleshoot and restore electrical service to each well. Though Nate said he was just doing his job by being out all night, I wanted the community to know the dedication our staff has to the community and particularly acknowledge Nate for his hard work and commitment to his job.

- **Basin Management Committee Update.** The BMC adopted their 2021 budget which included a Funding and Organizational Study. Completion of the study will be a major step forward for the committee in terms of governance and solving the issue of future development paying its fair share of costs associated with the implementation of the Basin Plan. I'm part of a smaller working group that will be working out issues associated with funding and governance to come up with a scope of work for an RFP for consultant assistance to finish the work tasks.

- **Water Resources Advisory Committee (WRAC).** The WRAC acts as an advisory body on water issues to the Board of Supervisors. I have been attending WRAC meetings for the past year as the District's alternate member. At the last WRAC meeting, a small working group was formed to look at storm water capture opportunities county wide. I volunteered to be part of the group since storm water capture is listed in the Los Osos Basin Plan as a lower priority alternate source of water. The group will meet five times between January and May to review materials generated by county staff and make recommendations that will then be reviewed by the WRAC. I will report back to the Board the results of the working group once the final report is completed.