



Date: January 9, 2025
To: LOCSD Board of Directors
From: Ron Munds, General Manager
Subject: **Agenda Item 8B – 01/09/2025 Board Meeting**
December General Manager’s Report

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Potential Water Resources Development Act Funding Opportunity

Over the past year, general updates have been provided to the Board regarding a grant application submitted by the District to Congressman Carbajal requesting \$8 million to support the design and construction of the Water Resiliency Intertie Pipeline Project. Congressman Carbajal recently announced via his December 10th newsletter that the intertie project was authorized for funding as part of the 2024 Water Resources Development Act. The project still needs the funds to be appropriated by Congress based on the recommendation by the Army Corp of Engineers.

Habitat Conservation Plan Status

As reported at the December 5th Board meeting, the Board of Supervisors (BOS) did not approve the initial funding for the Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP). The BOS directed staff to return to the Board on December 10th with a modified HCP ordinance which included an extensive list of revisions. At the December meeting, the BOS did approve a scaled down HCP implementation plan with reduced upfront funding. This action allows the HCP program to move forward. It is anticipated that the program will be ready to start issuing HCP credits around June 2025.

LOCAC/District Parks & Recreation Meetings

District staff have continued to meet with members of LOCAC to discuss park and recreation issues in Los Osos. There is interest by the US Fish and Wildlife Service to be involved in the purchase of the Cuesta Inlet but there are still many details that need to be worked out. Also, the group continues to monitor the sale of Sunnyside School by the school district to see if there can be any recreational opportunities from the sale to the community. Updates will be provided to the Board as more information becomes available.

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