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February General Manager’s Report

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Fire Protection and Emergency Medical Services Contract Update

Since May of last year, the Board and District staff have been working towards moving away from the current fire protection contract with County Fire for multiple reasons. As you may recall, at the September 2025 Board meeting, the Board narrowed the options to contracting directly with Cal Fire or contracting with the City of Morro Bay.

Since that time, staff has been working with both agencies to see if 1) there was interest in contracting with District, and 2) if they would provide a proposal for contract services for the Board’s consideration. To that end, the District is anticipating receiving proposals from both entities in the coming week. It is anticipated that the proposals will be reviewed by the Board at the April 2nd Board meeting. After the review, the Board will have the opportunity to decide on which direction to pursue and direct staff accordingly on completing the contracting process.

Since the preparation of the Fiscal Year 2026-27 budget will be well underway by the time the proposals will be presented to the Board, a timely decision will need to be made so this piece of the Fund 301 budget can be completed.

Cal OES/FEMA 406 Mitigation Grant Update

About a year ago, the District submitted a 406 public assistance grant application to Cal OES for permanent repairs at the Cabrillo Stormwater Basin. Cal OES 406 Public Assistance (PA) Mitigation funding is a component of the federal Public Assistance program that provides additional funds for cost-effective hazard mitigation measures during the repair of disaster-damaged public facilities. It is not a separate application; rather, it is integrated into the FEMA PA project formulation process to strengthen infrastructure against future events.

If approved and funds awarded, this grant would offset the costs to do the permanent repairs on the west end of the Cabrillo basin which were not eligible for FEMA reimbursement from the January 2023 Vista de Oro disaster.

Staff was contacted by Cal OES at the beginning of last week that FEMA was requiring additional information from the District regarding the project. Staff has been working on submitting the requested information for the past two weeks to meet the deadline provided by FEMA. It is the hope that the public assistance grant is approved and the funding become available sometime during the upcoming year so the permanent repair project can proceed.