

MEMORANDUM

Date: October 20, 2021
To: Board of Directors
From: Tom Hennig, General Manager
Subject: General Manager's Report

On October 7, 2021 the Communications and Technology Committee met and discussed the following items:

- Monthly Website and Social Media Update
- Telecommunications Meetings to Limit Covid 19 Concerns per AB 361
- Keeping Track of Current Issues Report
- Water Shutoff Moratorium Extended to December 31, 2021
- Website FAQ's

On October 14, 2021 the Personnel Committee had a Special meeting and discussed several items which will be presented as a separate Agenda item in tonight's meeting.

COVID-19 RESPONSE

The latest Sacramento County's July 30 Health Order directs that face coverings shall be worn, regardless of vaccination status, over the mouth and nose, in all indoor public settings, venues, gatherings, and workplaces, such as, but not limited to:

- Offices
- Retail stores
- Restaurants and bars
- Theaters
- Family entertainment centers
- Conference centers
- State and local government offices serving the public.

In accordance with that plan, the District offices remain open for business. Board meetings will be held live, and all attendees are required to wear a face covering. Committee Meetings will continue to be conducted via Zoom going forward as we have seen greater public participation on the Committee Meetings via Zoom than before. This has improved our transparency which is something we would like to continue.

FIRE HYDRANT ISSUE

The Fire Hydrant replacement was completed 9/28/21. We installed larger bollards as well as boulders to provide better protection for preventing the same issue from happening in the future. The District's insurance company, Golden State Risk Management Association (GSRMA) is in the process of contacting the responsible party for the reimbursement of all expenses related to this incident. To date, we have

identified \$29,376 in costs associated with this event. The final after action report will be presented to the Security Committee in November.

CLEMENTIA UPDATE

With the water level in the reservoir being low, the RMA has cleaned out most of the tules in the North cove. They have also removed a large amount of sand from the center of the lake and moved it to the beach area. They have built new retaining walls to improve the beach as well as adding additional beach space. Overall, Rod Hart told me he was satisfied with their work and that this is the first time in ten-years that they were able to do this amount of improvement to Clementia.

HOT AIR BALLOON INCIDENT

We received notification of person jumping from a hot air balloon into Calero a few weeks ago. We will be sending a letter to the company to let them know they may be fined if there are future incidents of this activity in the future. We are still waiting on the final investigation report from the FAA, which is being monitored by Sgt Thompkins. Once this step is completed, I will be issuing a letter to the company.

PRA REQUEST UPDATE

We handed over a large amount of information to Crystal Matter in early October. We have a few complex requests that should addressed on the financial reports are solidified.

RIVERVIEW TREE MITIGATION

Based on a request from Director Merchant, I requested a meeting with the Sacramento Tree Foundation on October 8, 2021. This meeting was attended by Director Merchant, Kevin Hubred, Rod Hart, and Mark Parsons from the RMA. Representing the Tree Foundation was Zarah Wyly and Patrice Bolton. There was a second meeting this past Monday, October 18, 2021, with the Tree Society landscape designer. This meeting was attended by Director Merchant and I. The Foundation has tentatively allocated 400 trees to four parcels within the Riverview development. They also have a commitment to Deer Creek Hills for 200-500 trees. There is a balance of 800 to 1,000 trees yet to be assigned a location. We discussed the possibility for replacing the turf in front of the CSD with trees and bark or other permanent ground cover. Based on our meeting, the Tree Foundation designer believes our project would be feasible in a short amount of time. Because we have a current water supply to support the trees, and the accessibility of the property, he estimates his design might include between 200 & 250 seedling trees. These trees would be maintained by the Tree Foundation for at least three years. Once the trees take root, normally two or three years, they would no longer need to be watered. This would be a significant change to the amount of water the District uses on our property. We are also going to investigate the possibility for planting additional phases of trees on other District property.

The overall project needs to be completed by the Spring of 2023. If approved by the Board, there will be combined efforts to get the community involved with the plantings. I plan to bring this item to the Improvements Committee as soon as we get the initial phase plans from the Tree Foundation.

DEVELOPMENT UPDATE

Michael Fritschi, Director of Operations will begin reporting on development projects as of this Board meeting.

LAGUNA JOAQUIN UPDATE

We have shared the Bathymetric Sediment Evaluation report from the vendor the RMA uses for treating the basin with an Engineering consultant who is a potential option for development of bid documents for maintaining the basin. The District continues to consider that dredging the basin, when dry, is the most efficient option. We are communicating on a regular basis with RMA on this topic.

AB 129 STATE FUNDED PROJECTS UPDATE

We were allocated 1.3 million dollars in funding from the State, via AB 129. We are in contact with the Department of Water Resources to establish the plans for reimbursement. Michael Fritschi is currently working on the plans for the Chlorine Gas to Bleach Conversion at the Water Treatment Plant and the Granlees Diversion upgrades. The projects and status are listed below:

- Water Treatment Plant Chlorine Gas to Bleach Conversion - \$365,000. Project plan under development.
- Granlees Diversion Intake Site Restrictions - \$185,000. RFP under development.
- Tertiary Reclamation Plan-Permanent Chlorine Contact Chamber - \$750,000 Researching options.

POTENTIAL INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECT FUNDING

We are monitoring the potential for special project funding from drought and fire related initiatives. Mr. Fritschi and I continue to review project plans with funding needs to provide to granting agencies when they begin to solicit funding opportunities. This includes ideas for upgrading our entire water meter system, reviewing options for creating additional water and wastewater storage capacity, and reducing the District's impact on air quality. Other projects will be developed from previously produced studies.

OUTREACH/ADVOCACY

CSD/MVA (Murieta Village) – I did not meet with the Village management since the last Board meeting.

CSD/RMA– During the past month, I have met several times with the RMA GM on issues detailed below.

- Upgrading the ABDI Security gate system.
- Fire safety grant and general issues.
- Met with RMA leadership to discuss access times to reservoirs and the locations for additional surveillance cameras. This is a joint effort that involves multiple cameras that will be viewable live, by our Security Gate staff.
- During our meeting on October 13, 2021, I discussed comments by District staff on the funding for the Laguna Joaquin dredging. I informed the RMA GM and Board President that the District's position remains that we will fund the dredging with District Drainage funds. This will remain our position until we determine the actual amount of funds required. Once we have the cost and plans established, we may return to the CSD Board with recommendations, which may include a potential for cost sharing. I don't plan on having this discussion until we have a qualified bid in hand.

Rancho Murieta Country Club – I met with RMCC leadership on October 13, 2021. During this meeting we informed their General Manager that we placed the hole 14 North, culvert replacement on hold. We had received two bids which were both more than four-times our anticipated budget. We will address this project as part of the FY 22-23 budget in the upcoming months.

Sacramento Central Groundwater Authority (SCGA) – I was not able to attend the meeting this month.

Sloughhouse Resource Conservation District (SRCD) Board Meeting – I did not attend this meeting last month, which was held at the District office.

OTHER DISTRICT BUSINESS

General Staffing Update

We continue to recruit for Gate Officer, Accounting Technician.

We have job offers accepted for the Accountant, and Accounting Manager positions. These individuals are currently going through the background process. Both have a tentative start date of November 8, 2021.

CONFERENCE/EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES:

CSDA

Board Secretary/Clerk Conference 10/25-27/2021 Garden Grove, CA

Amelia Wilder, District Secretary is attending this conference.

AWWA

Annual Spring Conference 4/11-14/2022 Anaheim, CA

EMPLOYEE ANNOUNCEMENTS, PROMOTIONS, COMMENDATIONS, AND KUDOS:

- We held an employee appreciation lunch on October 12th at the Country Club. Staff was honored as we raffled off prizes as a token of our appreciation for all the work they do all year.
- We are in the planning stages of our Holiday employee appreciation event.