

## MEMORANDUM

Date: September 15, 2021  
To: Board of Directors  
From: Tom Hennig, General Manager  
Subject: General Manager's Report

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### **COVID-19 RESPONSE**

The latest Sacramento County's July 29 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 began today, 9/15/21. We anticipate the work will be completed within a week or two. We are installing larger bollards as well as boulders to provide better protection for preventing the same issue from happening in the future. 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 October.

### **CLEMENTIA UPDATE**

We provided 55 acre feet of raw water to the farming operation at the West Ranch. Providing this water preserved approximately 93 acres of productive alfalfa crops which can continue to produce for three to five years. Without the water, these crops would have been lost. After the delivery to the farmer, we continued to run approximately 35 acre feet of Clementia raw water into Laguna Joaquin to address the water quality issues. This water

### **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. This letter will be sent once the investigation by the FAA is completed.

### **VAN VLECK SPRAYFIELD REIMBURSEMENT PAYMENT**

I received a check in the amount of \$781,785, from Reynen & Bardis, August 17, 2021. After working with EPS for the final distribution amounts, issued the reimbursement checks on Friday, September 10, 2021. The distribution of the funds is below. As agreed, to by the signors of the 670 FSA, the District costs associated with the legal and consulting work needed to address the concerns by Reynen & Bardis, was collected from the each of the parties involved. We will continue to monitor the status of the potential the Lakeview reimbursement in the future.

<u>Original Owner</u>	<u>Current Owner</u>	<u>Reim Amt</u>	<u>Legal &amp; Consulting</u>	<u>Check Amt</u>
Residences East (PCCP)	MRK Inc.	\$252,644	\$4,177	\$247,467
Residences West (BCC)	Bay Bridge Capital, LLC	\$19,400	\$4,177	\$15,223
Retreats (CK Homes)	The Retreats LLC	160,719	\$3,544	\$157,175
Gardens (MDR & Comci'l)	Cosumnes River Land LLC	\$344,116	\$6,286	\$337,830
Totals		\$775,879	\$24,091	\$757,695

### **RIVERVIEW WATER UPDATE**

Mass grading of the entire 53 acre Riverview project began the first week of September. The grading contractor, Lund Construction, and the landscaping contractor, JM Landscape Services, are planning to complete this phase of development by November. We are working with the County to build our experience in monitoring construction as it relates to the stormwater management. We are required to do this because we are legally responsible for stormwater management within the District boundaries. This responsibility is part of the MS4 Phase Two permit with the County. We are also closely monitoring the use of water and the management of dust and future erosion. As of today, the construction project has used 745 thousand gallons of water, averaging 105 thousand gallons per day, approximately 2.5 acre feet, for dust control and compaction work.

### **LAGUNA JOAQUIN UPDATE**

We have received the Bathymetric Sediment Evaluation report from the vendor the RMA uses for treating the basin. The District continues to evaluate the potential for dredging the basin. Recently, West Yost designed a bid package for the District which would design the RFP process to receive bids for the maintenance of the basin. After discussing this approach with Michael Fritschi, Director of Operations, it was decided that he would do some more design work and will look at this in October. The estimated cost to remove the silt from the bottom of the basin is \$800,000 to \$1,000,000 when the basin is dry. Mr. Fritschi will look at this and decide the best way to do it. If a solution can be determined this work will probably take place next summer – fall. We are communicating on a regular basis with RMA on this topic.

### **AB 129 STATE FUNDED PROJECTS UPDATE**

We received 1.3 million dollars in funding from the State, via AB 129. The projects and status are listed below:

- Water Treatment Plant Chlorine Gas to Bleach Conversion - \$365,000. Researching options.
- 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. Michael and I are developing 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.
- Installing special Fire Department use Knox locks on the key gates to be accessed during emergencies. There are two gate within the scope of the District property.
- Scheduled to meet and discuss the communications to RMA members related to changing the access times to reservoir related properties from dawn to dusk to as late as 10 PM.

**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**

Our new Operations Manager, Michael Fritschi, started work Monday, August 30. Michael comes to the District from the Klamath Falls Suburban Sewer District, where he was the General manager for the past ten years. Michael is returning to Northern California to continue his career closer to his hometown and family. We continue to recruit for Gate Officer, Accounting Technician, Accountant, and Accounting Manager positions.

Conference/Education Opportunities:

2021 Special District Leadership Academy 9/26/2021 Lake Tahoe, CA

Director Butler and I are attending this conference.

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

Amelia Wilder, District Secretary is attending this conference.

### **EMPLOYEE ANNOUNCEMENTS, PROMOTIONS, COMMENDATIONS, AND KUDOS:**

- Interim Security Supervisor, and current Retired Annuitant, Tina Talamantes, last day with the District is today. Tina has been with the District for nine-months. During this time Tina has provided a high level of leadership while managing Security. I want to express my sincere gratitude to Tina for her work at the District. Tina will continue to travel to the District to her new job at the RMA.
- I want to recognize Ron Greenfield for taking on the role of Interim Director of Operations for the last four months. Ron's work was invaluable for keeping Operations above water while we recruited the position which was filled by Michael Fritschi.
- I want to recognize Troy Quinten, our summer Engineering Intern from Oregon State. Troy was with us for four months. During his time Troy dug ditches, replaced water meters, repaired water leaks, monitored sewer lift stations, helped with the DAF repairs and assisted the District Engineer with CAD drawings for the Hydrochloric system as-builts. Troy was a hard worker and a great example of why we support the internship program.