

## MEMORANDUM

Date: November 16, 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 was completed September 28. We have installed 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 \$29,929 in costs associated with this event. The final after action report will be presented to the Security Committee in December.

### **RESERVOIR LEVELS**

We received approximately seven inches of rain from the storm in late October. Staff has been monitoring levels of the water and turbidity levels in the Cosumnes River and began pumping water to refill the reservoirs yesterday.

### **HOT AIR BALLOON INCIDENT**

We received notification of person jumping from a hot air balloon into Calero a few weeks ago. The investigation by the FAA was completed, and they could not find any evidence substantiating

the incident. Due to the lack of evidence, a letter will not be sent to the owners of the hot air balloon company.

### **PRA REQUEST UPDATE**

There are no new requests since October. As we complete the training of new employees, we plan to address the remaining items requested by Ms. Matter.

### **RIVERVIEW TREE MITIGATION**

We have received a preliminary design option for planting of 180 trees which would surround the CSD Admin building. We anticipate working through the agreement with the Tree Society soon.

### **RANCHO MURIETA NORTH UPDATE**

Director Merchant, Michael Fritschi and I met with County Planners to establish a dialog with the County relating to this development project. This meeting was made possible with assistance from Director Merchant. We are meeting with the Developer in early December to begin working on key issues. A few of the issues are listed below.

- County Planning informed us that they have met with the developer recently and are waiting for a formal application stating exactly what will be in each "phase" of the application or if the application will proceed with all eight villages included. This application is expected to be submitted to the County any day.
- CSD emphasized the importance of the water, sewer, and drainage studies. The County will rely on the CSD study data to prepare the EIR. The County agrees that water, sewer, and drainage studies must be present for all projects that are included in the development application. If the application stipulates that all eight villages are to be included in a single-phase project, water, sewer, and drainage studies will be reviewed for each of the eight villages.
- We discussed our concerns with the dated information in both the 2006 and 2010 Integrated Water Master Plan (IWMP). CSD will communicate to the County that a new IWMP will be required before the project will proceed to an Notice of Preparation (NOP).
- We are discussing the potential to establish a level of water to be allocated to potential accessory dwelling units in the project. A significant amount of Rancho North lots are 12,000 to 24,000 square feet in size. This type of lot can accommodate the additional units. Each lot will be counted as single dwelling units for water and sewer. We plan to include estimates for the additional dwelling into the new IWMP.
- We will request that technical studies submitted for the project conform to those villages on the most current application.
- We discussed the impact of storm water drainage on both Lake Clementia and Calero Reservoir. The county was made aware of the drainage impact of the most recent storms on Lake Clementia.

- There was a discussion of the potential impacts on the drinking water supply created in Villages D, E, F and G. The County was reminded that Rancho Murieta has a finite supply of drinking water that may be unreplaceable if the supply is corrupted or interrupted.

### **LAGUNA JOAQUIN UPDATE**

We are communicating on a regular basis with RMA on this topic. Meetings are currently underway with representatives of the CSD and RMA.

### **AB 170 STATE FUNDED PROJECTS UPDATE**

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

Director of Operations, Michael Fritschi, will be reporting on these projects from this point forward.

### **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. We are currently working with our vendor for upgrading the monitoring of our entire water delivery 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.

- Expanding our collaboration for Security services.
- Upgrading the ABDI Security gate system.
- Fire safety grant and general issues.
- Laguna Joaquin.
- Met with RMA Board members to discuss access times to reservoirs.

**Sacramento Central Groundwater Authority (SCGA)** – I attended a virtual meeting to review changes in the bylaws and to discuss the overall drought issues.

**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, and Accounting Technicians. The Accountant and Accounting Manager starting work with the District November 8<sup>th</sup>.

#### Conference/Education Opportunities:

SDRMA Spring Education Day	March 22, 2022	Sacramento, CA
Special District Legislative Days	May 17 & 18, 2022	Sacramento, CA

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

- We are in the process of planning a Holiday Breakfast for Staff. This is tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, December 14 at the District Office.
- We received a handwritten letter commending James Colas, Utility Worker II, for his work related to preventing local flooding at their residence before the major rainstorm earlier this month.
- District Offices will close at 12:00 noon on November 24 and reopen at 8:00 a.m. on November 29 in observance of the Thanksgiving Holiday.