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August General Manager's Report

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***Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA) System Modernization Project***

SCADA controls allow for remote monitoring of the water systems components. The current SCADA system is antiquated and near the end of its useful life. This project is the number one priority on the list of capital projects this fiscal year. A Request for Proposals was released on August 2<sup>nd</sup>; the project cost is about \$750,000.

***Groundwater Monitoring Well Project – LA 14 & 16***

The District is again the lead agency for establishing two groundwater monitoring wells for the Basin Management Committee (BMC). The project will rehabilitate two existing wells. One is located at the end of Palisades Drive and the other on Los Osos Valley Road at Broderson. The wells will add to the seawater intrusion monitoring network and provide important data to the BMC. The cost of the project is approximately \$100,000. The District was successful in obtaining a \$75,000 grant from the Morro Bay National Estuary Program to offset the project cost.

***Recruiting for a Water Resource Operator***

The District has a job opening for a Water Resource Operator position. There was a good response to the advertising of the position. Staff is currently interviewing the screened applicants and hope to make a decision the week of September 3<sup>rd</sup>.

***FEMA/Cal OES Meetings Continue***

The work on the FEMA public assistance grant application and Cal OES mitigation fund subaward submittal continues. There have been regular individual meetings with both agencies this month. The FEMA application appears to be complete; the Cal OES subaward submittal is still in progress. There is no timeframe for this work to be completed.

***Fire Safe Council/Los Osos Focus Group Event***

A very informative and well attended event sponsored by the Fire Safe Council and the Los Osos Focus Group was held on August 3<sup>rd</sup>. Multiple speakers informed the community on the services provided to the community, the fire risk assessments being undertaken and the coordination with regulatory agencies to establish fire fuel reduction programs. The auditorium at Sunnyside School was at room capacity and deemed a success by all involved.

***Employee Anniversaries***

Nate Pall, our Water Crew Leader, celebrated his fourteen-year anniversary with the district at the end of August. Carol Gilmer, our Admin Clerk, celebrated her five-year anniversary with the District on September 2<sup>nd</sup>. Both have been instrumental members of our team at the District. Thank you both for all you have done for the District.