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To: LOCSD Finance Advisory Committee
From: Ron Munds, General Manager
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General Manager's Update

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Habitat Conservation Plan Status

As previously noted, on October 29th, the Board of Supervisors (BOS) approved the amendments to the Growth Management Ordinance and Coastal Commission's revisions to the Los Osos Community Plan update. The BOS did not approve the initial funding for the Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP). The BOS directed staff to return to the Board on December 10th with a modified HCP ordinance which included an extensive list of revisions. Staff will report on the outcome at the next meeting.

FEMA/Cal OES Cabrillo Basin Funding Update

Staff continues to work on the funding applications the Cabrillo Basin permanent repairs. The application process for FEMA funding is almost complete. There was a communication issue between FEMA and US Fish and Wildlife Service which held things up for a few months but that has been resolved. The application has been submitted for final review so now it's a matter of time to see if there will be any requests for information. This application funds permanent repairs to the east side of the basin where the breach occurred.

On a parallel track, staff is working with Cal OES on 404 mitigation funding for the permanent repairs recommended on the west side of the basin. This is a more costly project since entails rebuilding about two thirds of the north basin berm. Staff is in the final stages of completing the application. Hopefully it will be finished sometime towards the beginning of December.

There has been a request by the Board for an agenda item to discuss the funding options for the District's share of the work. Once each application has been successfully submitted, we will have a better understanding of the amount of funding the District will need to provide, which will help formulate a plan moving forward.

10th Street Water Tank Issues

The District recently received a tank dive inspection report that provided a list of significant interior and exterior work the tank needs. The FY 2024-25 capital budget included \$150,000 for recoating the interior of the project. The inspection report estimates the interior work will cost \$110,000 but also found safety issues on the exterior that will cost about \$173,000. Additionally, it was noted that the tank needs a seismic retrofit which will cost about \$250,000.

Staff will be looking at ways to phase the project over the next two to three years. The immediate need is to complete the interior and exterior work this fiscal year. Recommendations will be forthcoming over the next couple of months on how to accomplish this.

Upcoming Agenda Items

- Water Rate Analysis
- Emergency Services Strategic Plan