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To: LOCSD Finance Advisory Committee

From: Ron Munds, General Manager

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General Manager's Update

## County/ Cal Fire Contract Talks

Staff met with Cal Fire on January 6<sup>th</sup> to begin the discussion on a new contract. The talks centered on the Cal Fires updated contract requirements which will probably lead to increased costs for the District. The discussion was at a fairly high level since the local Cal Fire unit was waiting for the updated employee cost worksheets which have the new firefighter union contract wages and benefits. There is another meeting scheduled for February 4<sup>th</sup>. More information may be available for the February 3<sup>rd</sup> FAC meeting.

## SLO County Ambulance Transport Services Update

The County is working towards releasing a Request for Proposal for ambulance transport services. Staff have been working with the County, other CSD's and the City of Paso Robles to ensure the special districts' concerns are addressed. Staff is monitoring the progress of the process, and more information should be available sometime in February. This process is important to our community; the District has been actively involved in ensuring reasonable ambulance response time for our residents.

## Solid Waste Collection Customer Assistance Program

As part of the approval process for the new solid waste collection rates and the addition of the service enhancements, a customer assistance program was established. Staff has developed the eligibility criteria and application form and are now ready to implement the program. Eligible customers are encouraged to go to the District's website or come by the office to apply.

## **Upcoming Agenda Items**

- Water Rate Analysis
- Emergency Services Strategic Plan