

MEMORANDUM

Date: July 21, 2021
To: Board of Directors
From: Tom Hennig, General Manager
Subject: General Manager's Report

COVID-19 RESPONSE

The latest Sacramento County's June 1 Health Order expired at 12:01 a.m., on June 15, 2021. At that time, the State of California expired the tier structure and implemented [Beyond the Blueprint](#).

In accordance with that plan and [Cal/OSHA COVID-19 Prevention Emergency Temporary Standards \(ETS\)](#), the District offices are now open for business. Board meetings will be held live with social distancing in place and the requirement for all in-person attendees to confirm they have been vaccinated or to wear masks at Board meetings. 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.

REGIONAL WATER AUTHORITY

This is a separate item on tonight's agenda.

FIRE HYDRANT ISSUE

This is a separate item on tonight's agenda.

We have placed a form on the website to allow people to request a reimbursement for any expenses incurred due to the boil water notice June 24.

UPDATE SECURITY OPINION POLL

A Town Hall meeting was held on June 22, 2021, with approximately 75 attendees. Interim Security Supervisor Tina Talamantes led a presentation where she discussed the current state of funding for the Security Department and the history of how we got here. She discussed the history of the Security Department, the current state of the Security Department, and the reason for the Security Survey Opinion Poll. The main item for consideration is that the Measure J tax revenues that are collected to fund the Security Department fall short of the cost to run the department by \$450,000. Ms. Talamantes introduced three options that could possibly alleviate this issue:

- **Option 1 – Retain Measure J Funding Level**
 - Scale back security services to meet available Measure J funding
 - No utilization of general fund dollars
 - This would no longer allow us to support one Patrol Officer 24/7/365 (still allows for two Gate Officers)
- **Option 2 – Amend Measure J to Fund Current Security Services**

- Retain two gate officers and one patrol officer 24/7/365
- Requires a vote to amend Measure J to increase the existing cost of living adjustment above 2%
- Sample increase per lot per month for 2021-22:
 - Murieta Gardens II – \$74 Total \$6.17 per month
 - Murieta Village - \$74 Total \$6.17 per month
 - Residential Behind the gate increase - \$171 Total \$14.25 per month
 - Commercial will vary based on type and location
- **Option 3 – Amend Measure J to Increase Security Services**
 - Two gate officers and one patrol officer 24/7/365
 - Plus – behind the gates, the cost of an additional ½ time patrol officer and ½ time gate officer (Patrol monthly cost for ½ time - \$13,870; Gate monthly cost for ½ time - \$12,410)
 - Requires a vote to amend Measure J to increase the existing cost of living adjustment above 2%
 - Sample increase per lot per month for 2021-22:
 - Murieta Gardens II - \$53.16 Total \$4.43 per month
 - Murieta Village - \$53.16 Total \$4.43 per month
 - Residential Behind the gate - \$118.92 Total \$9.91 per month
 - Commercial will vary based on type and location

The discussion also covered the need for a Security Opinion Poll. The cost to amend Measure J will be approximately \$180,000. The District has secured the services of True North, a third party consultant to poll residents of the Community and determine the appetite of Option 2 or 3 above, or if the District must revert to Option 1. All residents will have the option to volunteer for stakeholder meetings. As of today, we have 35 volunteers. The deadline for signing up is this Friday, July 23.

LAGUNA JOAQUIN UPDATE

The RMA continues to treat Laguna Joaquin for midge flies on a prescriptive cycle with BTi bacteria. They will soon be installing additional air diffusers/bubblers to improve on the basin's oxygen level, which, according to their research, is also expected to lessen the midge fly problem. The RMA GM and I continue to collaborate on potential maintenance solutions for Laguna Joaquin to be considered later this summer. The silt and sludge on the bottom of Laguna Joaquin is currently being analyzed to determine potential relocation approaches/locations during the maintenance process. I have been discussing the development of an RFP for the maintenance options with several consultants. We anticipate releasing the RFP in August.

OUTREACH/ADVOCACY

CSD/MVA (Murieta Village) – There has been minimal contact with Murieta Village since our last board meeting. I will be reaching out to their new manager as they transition within the next few weeks.

CSD/RMA– During the past month, I have met several times with the RMA GM on issues related to Laguna Joaquin and security and possible options for delivering water during the time that

Laguna Joaquin will be going through the maintenance process in the fall. We continue to collaborate on this and various other issues. We also discussed the voluntary 15% reduction in water use.

RECYCLED WATER SYSTEM UPDATE

I am happy to report that Operations staff have done a tremendous job in acquiring the equipment and completing the work to operationalize the recycled water system. As of tomorrow, we will be sending recycled water to Bass lake and the Hole 17 Pond for the North and South Golf Courses. This was not a simple task and involved a lot of phone calls, emails and meetings over the past month. During the past week we have been sending raw water from Clementia Reservoir to Lake 10 on the South Course and for the past two days we have sent treated water to Bass Lake as the delivery system was tested. We were pumping water from the river to Clementia Reservoir. This is permissible under the riparian water right belonging to the golf course property.

Sacramento Central Groundwater Authority (SCGA) – I was not able to attend the meeting this month.

Sloughouse Resource Conservation District (SRCD) Board Meeting – I did not attend this meeting last month, which was held at the District office.

Sloughouse Resource Conservation District – Groundwater Sustainability Plan

SRCD is proposing to institute a per-acre cost share fee of \$10 beginning in July 2021. This fee will be added to the tax roll for the irrigated agriculture lands. For Rancho Murieta, there may a potential charge beginning in July 2022. This fee increase will require a Prop 218 notice.

Regional Water Authority (RWA) Regular Board Meeting – I attended this meeting last week and will discuss the issue of voluntary conservation later today.

OTHER DISTRICT BUSINESS

General Staffing Update –

We are currently recruiting for the Director of Operations, Gate Officer, Accountant, and Accounting Manager positions. I met with a consultant today initiate an organizational review of the Operations department to determine the best strategy for recruiting the position. I will be meeting with a potential candidate for the Director of Operations this Friday. Currently, I have two qualified applicants for this position.

Conference/Education Opportunities:

Annual Conference & Exhibitor Showcase	8/30-9/2/2021	Monterey, CA
2021 Special District Leadership Academy	9/26/2021	Lake Tahoe, CA
Board Secretary/Clerk Conference	10/25-27/2021	Garden Grove, CA

EMPLOYEE ANNOUNCEMENTS, PROMOTIONS, COMMENDATIONS, AND KUDOS:

Security Supervisor has accepted our job offer and is currently in the background process.