



January 6, 2025

To: LOCSD Finance Advisory Committee
From: Ron Munds, General Manager
Subject: **Agenda Item 6 – 01/06/2025 FAC Meeting**
General Manager's Update

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Habitat Conservation Plan Status

At the last FAC meeting, staff reported that 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 but did not approve the initial funding for the Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP). At the December 10th BOS meeting, a modified HCP program was approved along with the funding for the program. County staff have indicated that it will take until mid-2025 to have the program up and running. The new building applications will be accepted but won't be approved until the program is functional and HCP credits are available.

Final 2023-24 Audit

The FAC reviewed the 2023-24 Audit at the December 2, 2024 meeting. Since then, staff and the auditor have worked to finalize all the findings and reporting requirements and will present the final audit to the Board on January 9th. There have been no changes since the FAC's review.

Solid Waste Rate Increase and Rate Setting Methodology is Moving Forward

At the November 4, 2024, FAC meeting, the committee received a presentation on the proposed solid waste rate increase and a new rate setting methodology. The Board, at the November 7th meeting, tentatively approved the rate increase and the new rate setting methodology. A Proposition 218 notice was mailed to all property owners and solid waste customers explaining the increase and providing the opportunity to protest the increase. The Board will be holding a Public Hearing to consider approving both the rate increase and the new rate setting methodology on January 9th.

Upcoming Agenda Items

- Water Rate Analysis
- Emergency Services Strategic Plan

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