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TO: Utilities Advisory Committee

FROM: Chuck Cesena, Director

SUBJECT: Agenda Item 3 – 2/18/26 Utilities Advisory Committee Meeting
Basin Management Committee (BMC) Report from 01/28/26

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The January meeting of the BMC was held one week later than usual to ensure the presence of all committee members. The consent agenda consisted of the approval of prior meeting minutes and financial reports.

The first action item was to approve officers for the year 2026. No changes were made so Mark Zimmer of Golden State Water remains the chair, I am the vice-chair, Beth Reinke of S&T Mutual is the Secretary and Supervisor Gibson the treasurer.

The second action item was to review the 2025 draft fall basin lower aquifer monitoring results and updated chloride metric. The data was not encouraging. Chloride levels remain at or near all-time highs. The water level metric is being reevaluated in the upcoming year to align historic data with data from all the new and refurbished monitoring wells we have added recently.

Although not on the agenda, the December 2025 Board of Supervisors meeting was a topic of discussion as the adoption of the annual Growth Management Ordinance was on the agenda. I attended the meeting, as did Mr. Munds, to read the BMC's November 2025 letter to the BOS recommending they adopt a 0% growth rate for Los Osos in 2026. The BOS followed the staff recommendation of a 0.4% growth rate. To be certain that the Coastal Commission is aware of the divergent points of view, the BMC voted to formally sent a copy of the BMC's 0% recommendation letter directly to the Coastal Commission.

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