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To: LOCSD Board of Directors
From: Ron Munds, General Manager
Subject: **Agenda Item 5E – 02/03/2022 Board Meeting**
January General Manager's Report

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- **Water Rate Study Working Group.** Staff has collected the necessary data to begin the 2022 Water Rate Study. If you recall, the 2016 Rate Study Working Group was comprised of Rob Miller, Richard Margetson and myself. I will be reconvening the Working Group and begin the review of the information and points for consideration for the rate analysis during the next several weeks. It is anticipated that a preliminary draft of the information will be presented to the UAC at their February 16th meeting then to FAC at the February 28th meeting. If the scheduled holds, the draft recommendation for a water rate increase will be presented at the March 3rd Board meeting.

- **Administrative Services Manager (ASM) Recruitment.** As discussed at the January Board meeting, staff began the recruitment for the ASM position in December with a closing date for application on January 14th. After screening the applications, interviews were offered to five candidates. One candidate had to decline for personal reasons. Two candidates definitely rose to the top of the list and negotiations are in progress. It is our hope to have some overlap and training with the current ASM since this is a vital position within our organization.

- **Regional Water Desalination Working Group.** Staff continues to participate on a Regional Water Desalination Working Group organized by the County. The purpose of the group is to gather information and make recommendations to County-wide Water Action Team which in turn will make recommendations to the County Board of Supervisors regarding the feasibility to pursue a regional desalination project in SLO County. A group meeting was held in early January where a national consulting firm that specializes in desalination projects, GHD, presented in-depth information on project development and execution. More information will be provided in the coming months.

- **Drought Reminder.** We want to remind the community even with the recent rains, it is still important to pay close attention to your water use, turnoff your outdoor irrigation and always check for leaks around your home and yard. If you need assistance, please call the office at 805-528-9370.