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TO: LOCSD Board of Directors, General Manager Osborne
Utility System Manager Acosta, UAC Committee Members

FROM: Director Cesena, UAC Chairperson

SUBJECT: Agenda Item 9H – 5/2/2019 Board Meeting
Summary of the April 17, 2019 Utilities Advisory Committee Meeting

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The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. and the minutes approved as presented.

Utility Systems Manager Acosta presented the monthly Utilities Department update. No action was required but the Committee expressed its satisfaction with the accomplishments and activities of the Department.

General Manager Osborne presented a draft of a District Water Conservation Rebate Program. The District has established a Water Conservation Reserve Fund of \$59,288. Previous water conservation efforts focused on the local school districts and have been funded by community donations. The District currently provides small household conservation related items (low flow showerheads, irrigation timers, etc.) but this program would provide rebates for larger items such as washing machines or on-demand water heaters. The UAC recommended that the Board set aside \$10,000 from the Water Conservation Fund to establish the rebate program for the 2019/20 fiscal year.

Mr. Acosta presented the Capital Improvement Projects List with updated (2019 vs. 2014) costs and re-evaluated priorities. The Committee directed staff to continue to refine the list and associated data and present the final CIP list along with the final 2019/20 budget at a future date.

The draft 2019/20 Water and Drainage budgets were then reviewed. It was noted that some projects from the CIP list had been elevated in priority to the extent that no revenues were to be allocated to the Capital Outlay Reserve Fund for the 2019/20 year. The Committee recommended that staff continue to refine the draft budget and bring it back to the UAC for final approval. Outstanding issues to be resolved by the Board before the Department budgets can be finalized are the property tax allocations and the scheduled July 1, 2019 water rate increase.

The committee then took public comments for items not on the agenda and then adjourned for the evening.