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To: LOCSD Board of Directors

From: Ron Munds, General Manager

Subject: Agenda Item 4E – 12/02/2021 Board Meeting November General Manager's Report

• **EPA Drought Resiliency Funding Meeting.** Staff was able to meet (virtually) with Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) staff regarding potentially available federal funding opportunities. The outreach effort by the EPA is geared towards drought relief projects for small community water systems. The result of the meeting was a written summary of the various grant programs that may fit the District needs. Staff will be following up by researching each program listed to determine if there are opportunities worth pursuing.

• **SLO County Los Osos Community Plan Update Working Group.** The BMC Executive Director and water purveyor staff have been meeting with SLO County Planning and Building staff to work through the water resource issues in the Los Osos Community Plan update. The plan is currently being reviewed by the Coastal Commission which is requesting additional information from the Los Osos water purveyors and County staff on water resource availability for the community goals. The strategy is to have monthly meetings to work through the issues including the review of the Title 19 Water Offset Program requirements which is the subject of an upcoming study.

• **Drought Reminder.** We want to remind the community that the Central Coast is in a level D-3 extreme drought. The District remains in Stage 3 of the Water Shortage Contingency Plan. Please pay close attention to your water use, limit outdoor watering as much as possible and always check for leaks around your home and yard. If you need assistance, please call the office at 805-528-9370.

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