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To: LOCSD Board of Directors
From: Ron Munds, General Manager
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January General Manager's Report

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Program C (Bay Oaks) Well Project

On January 27th, the project contractor, consultants and staff were able to complete the startup of the Bay Oaks well. All systems are operational and the permit from the Division of Drinking Water has been received. This project has been in the works since 2018. The well will add operational flexibility to the aging water production and distribution system. Many thanks to all the people that have worked diligently on this project over the years.

Water Resiliency Intertie Pipeline Project (Intertie Pipeline Project) Update

Project design is in full gear with an aggressive schedule to complete soils testing, decision on final pipeline alignment, surveying, easement identification/acquisition and environmental permitting still in the works. Staff and consultants are working with the County on their Los Osos Creek bridge project. A focus on the design for this segment of the overall project has been accelerated since the pipe will need to be installed between December 2026 and the end of February 2027.

SLO County Integrated Waste Management Authority Strategic (IWMA) Plan Update

The General Manager has been participating in the update of the IWMA's strategic plan. The last update was about 15 years ago. Several General Managers for other special districts are participating. Since special districts have limited representation on the IWMA Board, there is a push to include language in the plan that will support and provide funding for the special districts in their waste reduction efforts.

New Boardroom Audio System Installed

The District received a PEG grant to pay for the new audio system. The grant covered the entire cost of equipment and installation. The old system was over 20 twenty years old and served the District well. The new equipment is a state-of-the-art wireless system. There may be additional grant opportunities to upgrade the video components and upgrade the laptops that control both the audio and video systems. I want to thank Laura for her efforts to submit the grant application and work on receiving proposals for the equipment.