



September 9, 2021

**TO:** LOCSD Board of Directors

**FROM:** Margaret Falkner, Utility Systems Manager

**SUBJECT: Agenda Item 11E – 9/09/2019 Board Meeting**  
Adopt Resolution Number 2021-20 Authorizing the Drought Relief Grant Application, Acceptance, and Execution for the Program C Lower Aquifer Well and Pipeline Project

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**DESCRIPTION**

The Department of Water Resources (DWR) is funding \$200 million for Small Community Drought Relief. The Los Osos Community Services District will apply for grant funding through the DWR Drought Relief Grant. In order to do so, a resolution must be adopted by the Board of Directors.

This resolution designates a representative to sign the application, and in the event of an award of grant funds, a representative to execute the funding agreement and all necessary documentation. A signed certified resolution must be received prior to the execution of a grant agreement.

**SUMMARY OF STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

This item will be approved along with the Consent Calendar unless it is pulled by a Director for separate consideration. If so, Staff recommends that the Board adopt the following motion:

***Motion: I move that the Board adopt Resolution 2021-20 Authorizing the Grant Application, and in the event of award, Acceptance and Execution for the Program C Lower Aquifer Well and Pipeline Project.***

**DISCUSSION**

The Los Osos Community Services District (LOCSD) is proposing to construct a new lower aquifer well at the District owned property located at South Bay Boulevard and Bay Oaks Drive. The well is part of the Basin Plan's Program C which shifts groundwater production from the lower aquifer in the Western Area of the groundwater basin to the Central Area. The shifting of production to this area coupled with decreased pumping in the Western area will induce less seawater intrusion while increasing the safe yield of the basin. At the August 5, 2021 Board of Directors meeting, the Board Adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration for Program C Lower Aquifer Well Project. Staff is working with the District Engineer to refine the total estimated cost of the project (well and pipeline).

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## **FINANCIAL IMPACT**

At this point in time, staff estimates the total amount for this project, both drilling the well and construction of the pipeline, will be approximately \$2.1 million. There will be incidental costs associated with the preparation of the grant submittal, estimated to be under \$1,000.

## **Attachments**

Resolution 2021-20

**RESOLUTION NO. 2021-20**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
OF THE LOS OSOS COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT  
AUTHORIZING THE DROUGHT RELIEF GRANT APPLICATION, ACCEPTANCE, AND EXECUTION FOR  
THE PROGRAM C LOWER AQUIFER WELL AND PIPELINE PROJECT**

**WHEREAS**, the Los Osos Community Services District (District) intends to construct/install a new lower aquifer well which will produce approximately 200 gallons per minute (gpm) of water from the Los Osos Groundwater Basin Lower Aquifer (Zones D&E) as described in Program C of the Los Osos Basin Plan; and

**WHEREAS**, the Project is located at District owned property at the intersection of South Bay Boulevard and Bay Oaks Drive, in the unincorporated community of Los Osos, and

**WHEREAS**, Program C Lower Aquifer Well and Pipeline Project is being implemented in response to a drought scenario, as defined by Water Code section 13198(a) and is intended to: (1) address immediate impacts on human health and safety; (2) address immediate impacts on fish and wildlife resources; or, (3) provide water to persons or communities that lose or are threatened with the loss or contamination of water supplies; and

**WHEREAS**, the Los Osos Community Services District has the legal authority and is authorized to enter into a funding agreement with the State of California; and

**WHEREAS**, the Los Osos Community Service District intends to apply for grant funding from the California Department of Water Resources for the Program C Lower Aquifer Well and Pipeline Project;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, DETERMINED AND ORDERED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE LOS OSOS COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT AS FOLLOWS:**

1. That pursuant and subject to all of the terms and provisions of Budget Act of 2021 (Stats. 2021, ch. 69, § 112), the Los Osos Community Services District General Manager, or designee is hereby authorized and directed to prepare and file an application for funding with the Department of Water Resources, and take such other actions as necessary or appropriate to obtain grant funding.
2. The Los Osos Community Services District General Manager, or designee is hereby authorized and directed to execute the funding agreement with the Department of Water Resources and any amendments thereto.
3. The Los Osos Community Services District General Manager, or designee is hereby authorized and directed to submit any required documents, invoices, and reports required to obtain grant funding

Upon the motion of Director \_\_\_\_\_, seconded by Director \_\_\_\_\_  
and on the following roll call vote:

AYES: \_\_\_\_\_

NOES: \_\_\_\_\_

ABSENT: \_\_\_\_\_

ABSTAIN: \_\_\_\_\_

The following Resolution is hereby passed, approved and adopted by the Board of Directors of the Los Osos Community Services District on the 9<sup>th</sup> day of September 2021.

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Christine M. Womack  
President, Board of Directors  
Los Osos Community Services District

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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Ron Munds  
General Manager

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Jeffrey A. Minnery  
District Legal Counsel