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UPDATE ON WOOLSEY FIRE FEMA FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE APPLICATION

Summary

As noted at the January 27, 2020 Triunfo Water & Sanitation District (TWSD) Board meeting, staff has been working with the California Office of Emergency Services (CalOES) and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to validate TWSD's application for financial assistance for costs associated with damages that TWSD sustained in the November 2018 Woolsey Fire. On December 2, 2019, staff received two letters of obligation from CalOES. These letters document the funding that FEMA and CalOES have approved for two of the four projects in TWSD's application (a total of \$314,957). FEMA validated the full amount claimed by TWSD for the two projects, and the obligated reimbursement for both projects is allocated as follows:

<u>Project</u>	<u>Total Claimed</u>	<u>FEMA Share</u>	<u>CalOES Share</u>	<u>TWSD Share</u>
79293	\$289,851	\$260,866 (90%)	\$23,913 (8.25%)	\$5,072 (1.75%)
79298	\$25,106	\$18,830 (75%)	\$5,178 (21%)	\$1,098 (4%)

Note: the differences in the FEMA and CalOES funding percentages relate to the types of damage covered by each Project.

A delay in payment of the obligated funds was caused by CalOES's need to confirm that Triunfo Sanitation District (the agency's name at the time of the fire) is the same organization as Triunfo Water & Sanitation District (the new name as of July 1, 2019). Further, since TWSD's Dun & Bradstreet number (DUNS) was originally registered under Triunfo Public Facilities Corporation, that connection also had to be validated by CalOES and FEMA. A verified DUNS number is required by the Commercial and Government Entity (CAGE) Code Office's System for Award Management. Staff submitted the

necessary information and received notification on February 6 that verification was complete and disbursement of the funds could be made. Staff is hopeful that the payment will be received in March.

Following is the status of the two additional projects covered by the funding application:

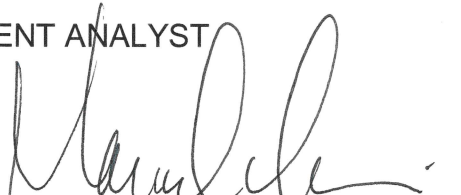
- 79295 (Fire Damaged Fence and Erosion Control) – After a lengthy review, FEMA validated the submitted total cost of \$70,446. On December 9, 2019, staff signed off on the project to enable it to proceed to the obligation stage. Staff is awaiting a letter from CalOES denoting the FEMA and CalOES reimbursement amounts.
- 79636 (Oak Park Water Usage) – This is the last of the four projects covered by the application. It includes \$84,281 in the cost of water credited to all customers during the five-day fire period and \$6,274 in the estimated cost of water used for firefighting. The project remains under FEMA review. Based on informal comments from FEMA staff, as well as information from the application guidelines, staff believes it is unlikely that funding for this project will be approved. The total of \$90,555 represents “lost revenue” for TWSD, and the application guidelines state that “FEMA cannot provide public assistance funding for revenue lost as a result of the incident.”

Staff will continue to update the Board on the state of the application, including any payments received or issues that may arise. If you have any questions, please contact me at (805) 658-4608 or sandywarren@vrzd.com.



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