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UPDATE ON WOOLSEY FIRE FEMA CLAIM

Summary

At the December 17, 2018 Triunfo Sanitation District (TSD) Emergency Board meeting, the Board approved a resolution authorizing staff to act on the District's behalf in filing and administering a claim with the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for reimbursement of costs incurred in connection with the Woolsey Fire that burned in and around TSD's service area from November 8-12, 2018. Staff proceeded to file that claim and has been administering it since then. Following is an update on the claim specifics:

Damage No. 242655: Erosion Control, Fencing, and Air Conditioner at Oak Canyon Reservoir (\$55,000)

Vegetation and straw wattles on the hillside surrounding the Oak Canyon Reservoir burned, as did the wooden posts supporting the cable fence on the top of the facility. A small air conditioning unit in a control panel was also destroyed.

Damage No. 254110: Emergency Response (\$285,000)

This number reflects the cost of VRSD's staff response during and after the fire itself. As the claim progresses, the amount will likely increase and be re-allocated among the other individual damages, per FEMA requirements. Staff was instructed by FEMA to "park" it here for the initial Damage Inventory.

Damage No. 254769: Antennas and Irrigation System at Kilburn Tank (\$35,000)

Two antennas were damaged at the Kilburn water storage reservoir, one for the Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA) system and one for the Automated Meter Reading (AMI) system. The latter likely has insurance coverage due to provisions of the AMI system loan; thus, FEMA reimbursement is likely for the SCADA antenna only. Additionally, over 700 feet of irrigation line was damaged at the reservoir; that cost is included in the above estimate.

Damage No. 254787: Capping of Sewer Lines (\$300,000)

As a result of the fire, 72 properties in Oak Park and Bell Canyon were destroyed or rendered uninhabitable. To prevent contamination of the municipal sewer systems in those areas, the residential sewer lines need to be capped. The cost estimate includes staff time and charges from subcontractors.

Damage No. 256036: Water Used for Firefighting (\$6,500)

Using water production data, staff calculated the cost of water that was used in the firefighting effort. It is unknown at this time whether this is a FEMA-reimbursable expense.

Damage No. 256037: Water Credited to Customers in Oak Park (\$85,000)

This reflects the Board-authorized credit to all Oak Park Water Service customers for water used from November 8-12, 2018. As above, it is unknown whether this is a FEMA-reimbursable expense.

Damage No. 259924: Fencing at Smoketree Booster Pumping Station (\$5,000)

A section of vinyl privacy slats in the chain-link fencing around this facility melted in the fire.

Note that some of the dollar amounts attached to each of the above damages are “best estimates” at this time in order to comply with the 60-day notification deadline that FEMA imposes on applicants. In accordance with FEMA recommendations, the amounts are “generous”; that is, some of the actual amounts claimed will likely be less. In all cases, reimbursement is not limited to the initial estimates submitted.

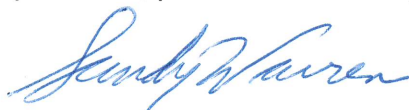
FEMA representatives inspected the damaged sites on Monday, March 18. Richard Jones (Water/Wastewater Operations Superintendent), Justin Robbins (Water/Wastewater Operations Supervisor), and Sandy Warren (Management Analyst) were present for the inspection.

In addition to reimbursement for actual damages, FEMA offers a program for financial assistance with disaster mitigation projects. Staff studied the impact of the Woolsey Fire on TSD's facilities and determined that two mitigation projects might be eligible for this program:

1. Emergency power generators for the Polo Sewer Lift Station and the North Ranch Wastewater Pump Station (\$30,000 each / \$60,000 total) – a 30-kilowatt generator at each location would ensure continued operation in the event of a catastrophic power failure.
2. Retaining wall at Kilburn Reservoir (\$65,000) – a 400-foot long, three-foot high block wall would help to divert water run-off from the surrounding slopes that could make the Kilburn site inaccessible in a flood-related disaster.

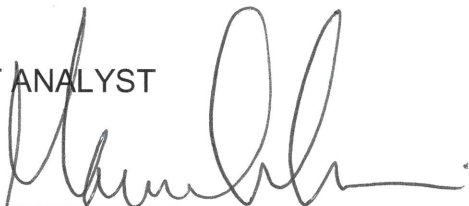
Staff submitted these mitigation projects to FEMA (via the California Office of Emergency Services) in advance of the March 15, 2019 application deadline.

The next steps in the FEMA claim process are: 1) submitting documentation to support the above damage claims, and 2) responding to questions and requests for information from FEMA representatives. Staff is in the process of doing so and will keep the Board apprised of the progress of the claim and the mitigation project application. If you have questions, please call me at (805) 658-4608 or email sandywarren@vrzd.com.



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