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UPDATE ON WOOLSEY FIRE FEMA CLAIM

Summary

At the March 25, 2019 Triunfo Water & Sanitation District (TWSD) Board of Directors meeting, staff summarized the scope of the claim being filed on TWSD's behalf with the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for reimbursement of costs incurred in connection with the Woolsey Fire that burned in and around TWSD's service area from November 8-12, 2018.

Staff filed the initial claim within the required timeframe and compiled and uploaded approximately 200 documents to FEMA's online Grant Portal in July. These consisted of copies of fire-related invoices, detailed expense analyses, damage summaries, and background documents such as ordinances, resolutions, insurance policies, and contracts. Additionally, staff provided answers to several dozen questions in the online application.

Submitted eligible fire-related costs totaled \$466,219, as follows:

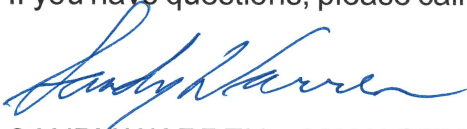
- Erosion Control, Fencing, and Electronic Components at Oak Canton Reservoir (\$66,964)
- Emergency Response (\$47,799)
- Antennas and Irrigation System at Kilburn Tank (\$25,108)
- Capping of Sewer Lines at Damaged properties (\$232,664)
- Water Used for Firefighting (\$6,274)
- Water Credited to Customers in Oak Park (\$84,281)
- Fencing at Smoke Tree Booster Pumping Station (\$3,129)

A separate expense, also eligible for reimbursement, is general administrative cost, which includes staff time spent in administering the claim itself. A recently initiated FEMA policy sets that amount at a flat 5% of total eligible costs. Thus, if all submitted costs were approved by FEMA for payment, TWSD would receive an additional \$23,311 in general administrative cost reimbursement.

Although the application for grant funding is submitted to FEMA, the State of California Office of Emergency Services (CalOES) is involved as well. The reimbursement percentages can vary by agency, based on the categories and types of damages; however, it is anticipated that the combined FEMA/CalOES share will be 90-95% and TWSD's share of the costs will be 5-10%.

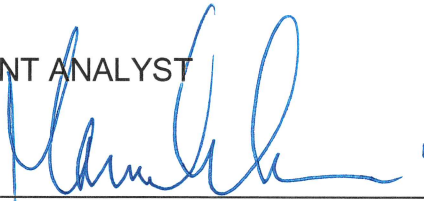
Staff expects to receive inquiries from FEMA and CalOES as the application review process moves forward. Staff will keep the Board apprised of any payments received, as well as any issues that may be encountered.

If you have questions, please call me at (805) 658-4608 or email sandywarren@vrzd.com.



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