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Triunfo Water & Sanitation District
Ventura County, California

DISCUSSION OF WOOLSEY FIRE LATERAL UNCAPPING REIMBURSEMENT


Summary

At the July 27, 2020, Triunfo Water & Sanitation District's (District) Board Meeting, your Board requested that staff include an agenda item to allow the Board to discuss reimbursement for Woolsey Fire impacted homeowners. Following the November 2018 Woolsey Fire, 70 homes were identified as being damaged greater than 50% and the District prudently moved forward to cap their respective sewer laterals to prevent the introduction of fire and construction related debris from entering the District's wastewater system. Of the 70 parcels, 13 were not capped (due to a variety of reasons), and of the remaining 57 homes, 21 were completed in the street. The reason for the street work was the District's contractor was not able to locate the sewer lateral within the easement and near the property line.

For the 21 disconnected in the street, the average distance from the curb is 2.5 feet and at an average depth of 6 feet. In addition to the cost of reconnecting the lateral, the County's paving requirements that adds additional expense. Several homeowners for properties in which the lateral reconnection point is within the street have voiced concern and requested for the District to provide financial assistance. The average cost for the paving component of the lateral work is \$2,000 - \$4,000 depending on the number of laterals paved by a contractor for a given day.

Recommendation

Staff recommends the Board discuss whether or not to provide financial assistance to affected residents and if so, in what amount.

REVIEWED AND APPROVED: 
Mark Norris - General Manager

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