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UPDATE ON WOOLSEY FIRE FEMA FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE APPLICATION

Summary

As noted at the July 22, 2019 Triunfo Water & Sanitation District (TWSD) Board meeting, staff submitted an application to the California Office of Emergency Services (CalOES) and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) in July for \$475,958 in costs associated with damages that TWSD sustained in the Woolsey Fire that burned in and around TWSD’s service area from November 8-12, 2018. That amount was divided among four categories of damages (FEMA Projects):

- 79293 – Emergency Response Services (\$289,851)
- 79295 – Fire Damaged Fence and Erosion Control (\$70,446)
- 79298 – Fire Damaged Antennas & Irrigation (\$25,106)
- 79636 – Oak Park Water Usage (\$90,555)

Financial assistance from FEMA and CalOES is designed to reimburse eligible agencies for a significant portion of approved disaster-related response and remediation expenses. On December 2, 2019, staff received two letters of obligation from CalOES. These letters document the funding that FEMA and CalOES have approved for TWSD projects 79293 and 79298. In each case, FEMA validated the full amount claimed by TWSD. 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%) |

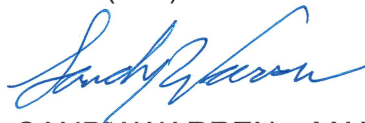
Note: the differences in the FEMA and CalOES funding percentages relate to the types of damage covered by each Project.

Although these amounts have been obligated by FEMA and CalOES, there remains some administrative work to be completed relative to TWSD's name change before payment can be issued. CalOES must officially validate 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). Staff is working with CalOES to complete that validation.

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

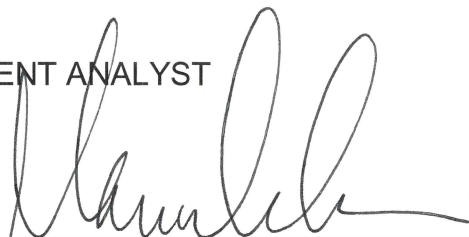
- 79295 (Fire Damaged Fence and Erosion Control) – After a lengthy review, FEMA validated the submitted total cost of \$70,446. On December 9, 2019, staff signed off on the project to enable it to proceed to the obligation stage, at which staff expects to receive a letter denoting the FEMA and CalOES 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@vrsd.com.



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