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COST IMPACT FOR CAPPING SEWER LATERALS FOR HOMES DAMAGED DUE TO THE WOOLSEY FIRE EVENT

Summary

At the November 26, 2018, Triunfo Sanitation District (TSD) Board Meeting, your Board was updated on the Woolsey Fire related damage to properties within the TSD service area. The estimated number of homes identified in this category is 67 (20 in Oak Park, 40 in Bell Canyon, and 7 in Westlake). As part of this update report, staff made the Board aware of the need to cap sewer service laterals on properties destroyed or significantly damaged as a result of the fire. Sewer service lateral capping is necessary to prevent fire related contaminants from entering the District's wastewater system. The cost of capping could be facilitated by the District via the District's emergency repair contractor, with all costs being borne by the District. This cost could also be placed on the affected property owners, which in most cases would be paid for by the homeowner's insurance policy. In either case, the estimated cost for each lateral capping is in the range of \$2,000 - \$3,000. Should the District decide to perform the lateral capping, based on the cost range and the 67 affected properties, the estimated total cost is in between \$135,000 - \$200,000.

Staff has been apprised that the City of Thousand Oaks has decided to pay for the capping work for homes in its service area. In contrast, and following the Thomas Fire in 2017, the City of Ventura required that the property owner paid for the cost of the capping. Staff recommends that the Board review and discuss the costs and options at its disposal and provide direction.

Please contact me at 805-658-4621 or email marknorris@vrzd.com if you have any questions or need additional information.

Fiscal Impact

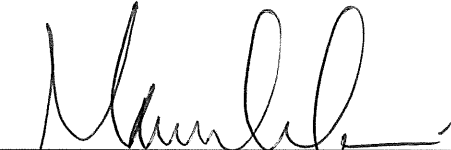
Based on the estimate received, the approximate cost to cap the 67 affected service laterals would be in between \$135,000 - \$200,000.

Recommendation

It is recommended the Board:

- A. Discuss and determine which cost option to implement for the capping work; and
- B. If necessary, approve a budget increase of \$200,000; and
- C. Authorize staff to facilitate the service lateral capping effort; or
- D. Provide staff with direction.

REVIEWED AND APPROVED:



Mark Norris - General Manager

Attachment: None