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UPDATE ON WOOLSEY FIRE FEMA FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE APPLICATION

Summary

As noted at the January 27, 2020 Triunfo Water & Sanitation District (TWSD) Board meeting, staff has been working with the California Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES) and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to validate TWSD’s application for financial assistance for costs associated with damages that TWSD sustained in the November 2018 Woolsey Fire. On March 10, 2020, staff received two letters from Cal OES stating that payment had been authorized for two of the four projects in TWSD’s application (a total of \$314,957). Project 79293 covers Emergency Protective Services, and Project 79295 covers Fire-Damaged Antennas and Irrigation Systems. Payments are 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.

As of March 16, staff is awaiting delivery of the payments, which will be made from the State Controller’s office via warrant.

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. On March 12, 2020, staff received verbal confirmation from Cal OES that the following payments had been authorized:

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|---------|---------------------|
| FEMA: | \$52,834 (75%) |
| Cal OES | <u>14,529</u> (21%) |
| | <u>\$67,363</u> |

TWSD's share of the cost would be \$3,083, or 4%.

- 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 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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REVIEWED AND APPROVED _____
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