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## DISCUSSION OF SEWER SERVICE FEE REFUNDS FOR WOOLSEY FIRE IMPACTED CUSTOMERS

As a result of significant property loss resulting from the November 2018 Woolsey Fire, the Triunfo Water & Sanitation District (District) Board approved a plan to administer financial assistance to affected District residents. The plan provided for District capping of sewer laterals to prevent fire debris from entering the wastewater system and refunding wastewater user fees pending the rebuilding of destroyed homes.

Staff anticipated that this program would likely come to term within 2 years of implementation. This timeline was based on a reasonable period to reconstruct a home. Four years have passed and only 25 property owners have rebuilt their homes, and as a result, are no longer in need of further financial assistance. However, 50 property owners, of which 25 are eligible based on program requirements, have yet to demonstrate significant effort to rebuild. Some properties have changed ownership and others have indicated that they have no near-term plans to rebuild.

Based on the aforementioned conditions, staff recommends the Board sunset this program by paying out reimbursements to the remaining qualified parcels and establish an end date.

**REVIEWED AND APPROVED:** 

Mark Norris - General Manager

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