

LAKE ARROWHEAD COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT

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DATE: APRIL 25, 2017

TO: BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Lake Arrowhead Community Services District

FROM: 
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SUBJECT: GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

A. RECOMMENDATION

This is an information item only.

B. REASON FOR RECOMMENDATION

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C. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Regulatory Updates

Governor Brown has declared an end to the drought citing unprecedented water conservation and plentiful winter rain and snow. Some portions of the May 2013 Executive Order will stay in place such as monthly reporting requirements and prohibitions on wasteful practices.

The Little Hoover Commission is conducting a study on California Special Districts citing concerns that there is not enough oversight. The Commission issued a report that included recommendations for consolidation, more accountability and prudent management of Special Districts' "considerable financial reserves." There is some concern that property tax revenue used to fund wastewater collection and treatment may be diverted. The next hearing is expected in the fall of 2017.

In the midst of the flurry of activity to secure a two-thirds vote for the increased gas tax, Senate Bill 496 was gutted-and-amended to require special districts and other local agencies to defend private engineers and architects against lawsuits related to their work. This is similar to last year's SB 885. SB 496 provides that design professionals have no duty to defend claims against public works project owners, even in cases where the design professional is at fault. Under SB 496, public agencies will ultimately have to seek reimbursement from design professionals through the legal system.

District Updates

District staff and Director Boydston met with Arrowhead Lake Association Pres. Rindenow and V.P. Hall to discuss items of mutual interest. The meeting was adjourned due to lack of a quorum but an informal discussion on all planned topics was held. Discussion topics included Aquatic Invasive Species, IPR, Grass Valley Lake, Silt Basins, Watershed Protection, the MOU Agreement and Recycled Water at Grass Valley Park.

Supplemental Water Supply Fee notices and Sewer Only Fee notices will be mailed out in May.

The District is pursuing a well and parking lot expansion at its Administration Building. The presence of the Southern Rubber Boa has been confirmed in the immediate area. Impact on this protected snake will be mitigated during the project.

D. FISCAL INFORMATION

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E. ATTACHMENTS

None