

LAKE ARROWHEAD COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT

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DATE: MAY 23, 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

Prop 218 defines the legal requirements for water and wastewater rates. The results of recent court decisions that challenged tier based rates have conflicted with the state's water conservation messaging and opened agencies up to lawsuits. New legislation seeks to loosen some of the restrictions related to conservation tiers and additionally allows for programs that can help low income residents. Senate Constitutional Amendment No. 4 intends "to provide a program that would ensure that affordable water is available to all Californians and to ensure that water conservation is given a permanent role in California's future." Additionally, AB 401 requires the state water board to develop a plan for the funding and implementation of a Low-Income Water Rate Assistance Program.

District Updates

A field team from the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation spent several days studying the Hillside Ponds to complete the fracture mapping that will determine the feasibility of this project.

On May 10, 2017, the California Energy Commission approved the District's application for a 1% loan to finance the District's solar project. The District is researching partial loan forgiveness for green energy projects from the State Water Resources Control Board.

The US Bureau of Reclamation has contacted the District regarding a study of Lake Arrowhead for potential IPR. They have \$400,000 in funding to perform detailed modeling that otherwise might need to be paid by the community.

D. FISCAL INFORMATION

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E. ATTACHMENTS

None