


LAKE ARROWHEAD COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT

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DATE: MARCH 24, 2020

TO: BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Lake Arrowhead Community Services District

FROM: 
CATHERINE CERRI, General Manager

SUBJECT: GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

A. RECOMMENDATION

This is an information item only.

B. REASON FOR RECOMMENDATION

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C. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

District Update

The District is aware of its role to provide necessary services during a pandemic. During this time, all operations are continuing as usual with additional precautions in place. Staff have been trained on the impacts of coronavirus on water and wastewater workers. A plan has been prepared to modify staffing if necessary.

As previously reported, District staff upsized the pipes and valving at the Hesperia percolation facility to help alleviate a bottle neck in flow during storm events. An additional project is in the design phase to upsize the valves in the Mojave River Forks Dam. It is estimated that these projects could increase capacity by 0.26 MGD. District staff experienced no problems during the latest rain storm. A preliminary test was run on March 16th and everything went well but the final test will occur during a significant I&I event.

District staff, along with Webb & Associates and Kyle Groundwater, met with state regulators to discuss the location of the Blue Jay Groundwater Well to ensure there would be no permitting issues.

A test for a new dissolved oxygen technology is being scheduled to evaluate if it can improve our wastewater treatment.

The new recycled water membranes were installed successfully and are online. During this process a design flaw was discovered that may have been negatively impacting the process. This has since been corrected and is anticipated to improve water quality and reduce UV costs.

District staff have been working with the new owners of the Lake Arrowhead Village to help upgrade the water and wastewater systems there while they are in the planning phases for their improvements. We will also be partnering with them on water conservation messaging.

The next board meeting is scheduled for April 28, 2020.

Lake Update

As of March 16, 2020, the level of Lake Arrowhead was approximately 7 inches below full and climbing thanks to the latest weather. Western weather forecasters reduced the odds that our area will receive a normal amount of precipitation this year which is 35-40". There is now a 95% probability that we will only receive 50% of normal. So far this water year, the USGS rain gage at the Bernina Water Treatment Plant shows that we have received approximately 17.7" of precipitation.

Legislative Update

- The deadline for the introduction of new California legislation was February 21, 2020. 2,203 new bills were authored. Topics that impact the District include property tax allocation, connection fees, the Public Record Act and flushable wipes among others. Below are some specific bills under consideration.
- AB 1672 (Bloom) would require certain disposable products to be labeled that they should not be flushed and would prohibit any representation about flushability. These types of products are a great risk for the District and routinely clog our pumps.
- AB 2095 (Cooper) would increase penalties for water theft.
- There are several proposed bills that would give water and wastewater facilities an exemption for the operation of emergency backup generators. The District is subject to fines if it operates its generators in excess of its air quality permits.
- AB 2093 (Gloria) would require the District to retain all emails for at least 2 years. The District has sent a letter in opposition to this bill.
- There are multiple bills reducing or eliminating development impact fees such as the District's capacity fee.

D. FISCAL INFORMATION

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E. ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS

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F. ATTACHMENTS

None