

MEMORANDUM

Date: May 15, 2019
To: Board of Directors
From: Mark Martin, General Manager
Subject: General Manager's Report

OUTREACH/ADVOCACY

May 2, 2019 – **Prepared and Forwarded Write-up of Meeting with Roger Ince of County OES on Emergency Planning Roles to Chery McElhany and Greg Vorster of RMA** – Chief Werblun and I met with Roger Ince, Emergency Operations Coordinator for County OES in late March to ask follow-up questions on CSD's role in Emergency Operations relative to the primary role of County OES, Sac Metro Fire, and Sacramento County.

May 2, 2019 – **Outreach to Developer to Establish Monthly Development Administrative Meetings** – I reached out to John Sullivan to suggest we re-establish monthly development administrative meetings, distinct from engineering/project review meetings, to tackle fees owed and reimbursements and other administrative matters. Mr. Sullivan responded that he is supportive of these meetings. The first meeting is expected late May.

May 2, 2019 – **Regional Water Authority (RWA) Monthly Meeting** – This meeting conflicted with District's Committee meetings. Unable to attend.

May 7, 2019 – **CSD/RMA General Manager's Meeting** – Discussed Security coordination, cleanup of RMA open area adjacent to CSD managed drainage facility, possible cost sharing of pavement failures in a few spots due to possible utility subsidence.

May 8, 2019 – **Sacramento Central Groundwater Authority (SCGA) Monthly Meeting** – This meeting conflicted with District Committee meetings where the District changed the dates of our regular meetings. Unable to attend.

May 14, 2019 - **Presidents Meeting** – President Clark and I attended the Presidents meeting with RMA and RMCC. Discussions were had about organizational and volunteer response to graffiti, community response to top-five security concerns due May 31, gate access and coordination for behind the gates events, RMCC event lawn and CSD's FY 2019-20 CRP plan to replace a culvert across the 14th North fairway.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Water Tax - Governor Newsom has supported a water tax to support the concept of water as a human right to help supplement water districts struggling to provide clean water. Water agencies have strongly opposed the idea of a distributed water tax to be collected by each water district in California, arguing that such a mechanism is inefficient and negatively impacts agencies' ability to provide affordable clean water. The good news is the Senate is now taking up a new approach which rejects Newsom's proposal for a distributed tax, and instead would establish a standing State General Fund annual appropriation of \$150 million to fund efforts related to helping deficient districts with inefficient operating and maintenance funding. This item goes to Senate Budget Committee this morning for consideration.

CSDA Legislative Advocacy Days – May 21-22 – A reminder that I will be attending the California Special Districts Association (CSDA) Legislative Advocacy Days next week. Legislative priorities of the District are the maintenance of District water rights, concerns about new costly unfunded State regulations/mandates, significantly increased State permitting fees, and Accessory Dwelling Unit legislation that would impact utility agencies' ability to recover additional costs of ADU hookup and ongoing infrastructure related costs.