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To: LOCSD Board of Directors

From: Ron Munds, General Manager

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December General Manager's Report

- **Fire Station 15 Building Condition Assessment Kickoff.** At the November 3, 2022, the Board awarded a contract to Omni Design to perform a building condition assessment on Fire Station 15. A kickoff meeting was held at the station on December 7th. The primary consultant and sub-consultants had a very informative meeting with pertinent information shared by both District staff and Cal Fire employees. The assessment and final report should be completed in March 2023
- San Luis Ambulance Service Response Time Issues. San Luis Ambulance Service (SLAS) is contracted by the County to provide emergency response and transport services county-wide including Los Osos. SLAS pays a fee to the District to have the exclusive right to provide these services. A quick summary, since Los Osos is considered an urban area, the agreement calls for a response time to our community of 10 minutes or less. Cal Fire and District staff have been monitoring their response time to Los Osos; the data indicates that they fail to meet this time by a large margin. Cal Fire and staff will continue to meet with SLAS and County Emergency Medical Services to address this problem. The County is going to go out to bid for the contract in two years at which time new operational conditions and penalties could be applied for non-compliance in the future. More information will be provided in the future.
- **DESAL Working Group Work Underway.** The General Manager is a member of the working group tasked with developing a scope of work for potential consultants to develop a plan to move the project through the 5 phases identified in the DESAL Plan outline. The group held its first meeting in December and has approved a schedule to developed the initial scope of work by March/April. Project oversight is by County Public Works and will require Board of Supervisor approval at each step involving approval of plans and funding.
- **Drought Reminder.** We want to remind the community it is still important to pay close attention to your water use, limit your outdoor irrigation and always check for leaks around your home and yard. If you need assistance, please call the office at 805-528-9370.

Even with the early rains this fall, the weather prediction for the upcoming winter is for continued lower than average rainfall. Staff will be monitoring the situation in the coming months and will be bringing information to the Board during the second quarter of 2023 as the rainy season progresses.