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TO: LOCSO Board of Directors
FROM: Marshall Ochylski, Vice President of the Board
SUBJECT: **Agenda Item 7E – 7/5/2018 Board Meeting**
Schedule a Community Meeting/Workshop Regarding Proposed Well Sites on the Eastern Side of the Groundwater Basin

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RECOMMENDATION

Receive a presentation and provide direction to staff to schedule the Community Workshop.

DISCUSSION

Section 10.4 of the Basin Plan describes Infrastructure Program C as follows:

Program C includes a set of infrastructure improvements that would allow the Purveyors to shift some groundwater production within the Lower Aquifer from the Western Area to the Central Area. Since groundwater production from the Central Area induces less seawater intrusion than the same amount of production from the Western Area, this landward shift increases the Sustainable Yield of the Basin. Program C consists of three wells located on the eastern side of the Central Area, an upgrade to GSWC's water main located along Los Osos Valley Road and pipelines to connect each of the expansion wells to that main.

The three wells in Program C would be located to prevent or minimize impacts to private wells already producing groundwater from the Central Area. That is expected to be possible because the new wells would penetrate the Lower Aquifer, whereas existing domestic wells are concentrated in the Upper Aquifer.

In general, the three wells (Expansion Wells 1, 2, and 3) were intended to be located to the west of Los Osos Creek, and in the central portion of the Basin. Golden State Water Company (GSWC) previously completed Expansion Well No. 1 at its Los Olivos tank site. CHG is currently reviewing the Basin model to determine if both Expansion Wells 2 and 3 are necessary to balance the Basin under current water demands. Staff believes that it is likely that only Expansion Well No. 2 will be required for current demands and has identified four alternative sites.

The next step in the process is to hold a community workshop in July to discuss the selection process and provide a forum for community input in a less formal setting.