

SunLand Water District

Board of Commissioners Special Meeting of February 7, 2023

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Purpose: An informal Special Meeting was held with Ms. Karlana Brailey, community engagement specialist with the Department of Commerce to discuss possible grant funding opportunities for SWD infrastructure projects

Call to Order: 10:00 AM

Attendees: Commissioners Larison, Fortmann and Frank; Brian Scott, district manager, Judy Gamble, office administrator, and Karen Shay, bookkeeper

Discussion:

The Board and SWD staff provided Ms. Brailey with a list and details of three grant projects which might be eligible for funding by Department of Commerce or other governmental grants:

1. Re-epoxy Bulli Reservoirs
 - a. \$130,000 current estimated cost
 - b. Occurs every 5-10 years
 - c. Concrete breathes and will blister. If you don't re-epoxy, the reservoirs leak through the buildings and calcium builds up and the bubbles could pop.
2. Sludge Truck Building - WRF
 - a. \$170,000 current estimate cost
 - b. Provide parking for sludge truck and the backhoe; additional storage and a breakroom so staff does not have to eat in the lab. Also keeps tools from getting corroded in current work area and provides workshop area for building and repair.
3. Fawnwood Lift Station Replacement
 - a. \$110,000 current estimate cost
 - b. Lift Station is rusted up from underneath. Current check valves are beyond maintenance.
 - c. Present lift station was built in the late 1970's.

In addition, funding for replacement of 11 miles of main water lines in the not-too-distant future was discussed. This is a huge major expense. Current cost estimates are \$1.3 million per mile to replace the aging concrete and asbestos lines.

Ms. Brailey agreed that the SWD projects discussed do not fit the eligibility requirements of current CERB grants which funds projects that add full-time jobs in the community; however, there may be

other sources of government funding such as through the Public Works Board. She also thought planning assistance from the Infrastructure Assistance Coordination Council (IACC) would be beneficial. The IACC provides technical assistance on how to move our projects forward. Ms. Brailey stated she will do some research on what may be available and get back to us.

Ms. Brailey also suggested we contact our local State representatives regarding including funding for replacement of the main water lines, in the Washington State budget.

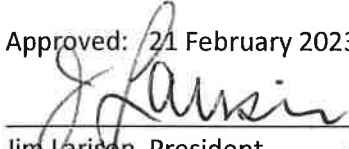
Adjournment: 10:30 AM.

Respectfully submitted



Judy Gamble
Office Administrator

Approved: 21 February 2023



Jim Larison, President



Gary F. Fortmann, Secretary



Al Frank, Commissioner