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DISTRICT MANAGER  
GERARD GOEDHART

DATE: March 11, 2010

TO: President Joe Anderson  
Members of the Board of Trustees

FROM: Gerard Goedhart, District Manager

SUBJECT: Weekly Memo – Week Ending March 12, 2010

### Agenda Review

The agenda for March 18 is very light. The Budget & Finance Committee will meet at 2:30 p.m. to continue their discussion of the new audit agreement. This will be the only action item on the agenda. Staff recommendation remains to award the contract to Lance, Soll & Lunghard. However, in light of the suggestion that the District periodically change auditors, I think the motion should be changed to award a three-year contract only and remove the two-year option. The District would then bid the contract out in three years and not allow Lance, Soll & Lunghard to bid.

The only other item scheduled is a closed session to review my performance.

Due to an injury, Darlene Bloom, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors, will not make her presentation on Electronic Filing of Statement of Economic Interests Form 700.

### Landscape Project Update

Twelve trees will be removed this weekend by West Coast Arborist. The District received a very good bid of \$3,500 for this work. The removal of the current landscape will begin in a month. I must warn you that the District's landscape will look very sparse for about six months.

The gardening contract has been cancelled and the landscape water has been turned off since there is no reason to continuing watering landscape that will be removed.

### Lewis Channel Improvement Negotiations

The District is negotiating a Temporary Construction Easement (TCE) with Orange County Flood Control for its Lewis Channel Improvement Project. This project will last approximately 100 days and will have a significant impact on the District. The agreement will include compensation to the District for damage to our parking lot and disruption to the District's operations. I have changed the staff negotiating this agreement and engaged Dave Cox and A & E Engineering to represent the District. Both have significant experience in negotiating these types of agreements.

*"An Independent Special District Serving Orange County Since 1947"*

The mission of the Orange County Vector Control District is to provide the citizens of Orange County with the highest level of protection from vectors and vector-borne diseases.

### **2010 Budget**

I will be completing my review of the 2010 Budget tomorrow. The draft Budget will be distributed to you at the Board meeting. The Operating Budget will be fully funded with no proposed changes to the current service delivery model. I will be proposing three reclassifications to reflect changes in the duties and responsibilities of those positions. In addition, the District Capital Improvement Budget will include funding for the balance of the Landscape Project, funding for the installation of the backbone (parking lot trenching and conduit to hook up all buildings) for the Solar Project, funding for the repair and slurry of the District's parking lot (after the Lewis Channel Project and Solar Backbone), and the replacement of most of the District's lighting fixtures to utilize low energy LED lighting. The Budget remains balanced and will continue to implement our long-term plans for the District.

### **Senator Correa Meeting**

Mike met with Senator Correa this week to discuss pension reform legislation. According to Mike, it was a very positive meeting.

### **Private Pest Control Meeting**

Mike and I met with Tom Meany and Curtis Good from the private pest control industry to discuss a variety of issues, including my study of possible changes to the Fire Ant Service Model and an update of the Operations Committee study of the rat control program. The meeting went very well with a good exchange of information concerning the District's current rat control and fire ant programs.

### **Survey Card**

Attached is the final survey card that will begin to be distributed on all service calls by our Inspectors next week. This will provide the District with timely, ongoing feedback on our service.

### **CalPERS Retirement Rates Estimates**

I am sending the circular letter from CalPERS containing the estimates in rates facing agencies beginning 2011-12. This is extremely important information for financial planning. Page 3 includes projected rate increases based on plan volatility. Plan volatility is sent to the agencies as part of annual plan updates. For your information, the District's plan has a volatility of 3.7, which places it in the lowest category.

***Please call me if you have any questions about the agenda or any item discussed in the Weekly.***

GG/vb

Attachments

- A) Survey Card
- B) CalPERS Circular Letter
- C) Departmental Weekly Memos