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My start date with the District was March 11 and I am currently working with staff to provide valuable information on current and past District practices, policies and projects. The following updates combine updates from the previous GM and updated information since the last Board meeting.

- **State Revolving Fund Program Update**

The State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) has provided information on potential additional funding under the State Revolving Fund (SRF) Program. In addition to the \$2.2 million funding that was provided for the WWTP Construction Phase II project, District staff are currently seeking to request additional funding for the Wastewater Collection System (WWCS) Carter Basin work. Staff are currently in the process to prepare two (2) SRF planning grant applications and the two (2) SRF construction grants that the Board had previously authorized.

- **Plans of Study Task Order: WWTP & WWCS Improvements-Forsgreen Associates Inc**

The District is preparing Wastewater Planning Applications for submission to the State Board, Division of Financial Assistance, State Revolving Fund (SRF) to request funding assistance for improvements to the WWTP and Willow Basin WWCS. A Plan of Study describing the general scope of the improvements, estimated costs, and estimated schedule is required as part of each application. The GM approved a Task Order with Forsgreen Associates Inc in the amount of \$8,000 to perform these tasks.

- **Proposed Easements and Annexations**

Staff sent a request to the Tuolumne Band of Me-Wuk Indians (Tribe) to modify and correct our current *Easement and Maintenance Agreement* for the new bridge constructed for the District's sewer pipeline. This Addendum Number 1 has been approved by the Tribe and has been recorded at the County. In addition, we have also requested several easements for the *Cherry Valley Subdivision* that were not acquired when the project was built.

In addition, we have requested an expansion of our current easement for the Apple Colony Lift Station and a maintenance easement around the front of the treatment plant property to reduce fire fuels. Once those other easements are addressed by the Tribe, they will be presented to the Board at a future meeting.

The Tribe is also planning additional facilities near the Casino which includes swimming pools and other aquatic features. The Tribe is proposing to annex additional land to the north of their current property. They have also initiated actions to include most of their land holdings as part of the tribal reservation. As these projects further develop the General Manager will inform the Board.