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SPECIAL MEETING NOTICE & AGENDA

Friday, May 21, 2021

9:00 a.m.

Please Note: The meeting will be held virtually via Zoom and is compliant with Governor Newsom's executive Order N-29-20 which allows local legislative bodies to hold public meetings electronically or via teleconference and to make public meetings accessible telephonically or otherwise electronically to all members of the public seeking to observe and address the local legislative body to avoid public gatherings, and which suspended all contrary provisions of the Brown Act.

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CALL TO ORDER 9:00 AM (In conjunction with regular meeting)

OTHER ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

12.a) Approve the Reversal of the FY 2020/21 Budget Wage Concessions and the Respective Pay Adjustments to Make Employees Whole.

ADJOURNMENT

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Reviewed by: General Manager Date: 5/14/2/

DATE:

May 14, 2021

TO:

Board of Directors

FROM:

Peter Skinner, Director of Finance and Administration

SUBJECT:

Reversal of FY 20/21 Wage Concessions

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board approve the reversal of the FY 2020/21 Budget Wage Concessions and the respective pay adjustments to make employees whole.

BACKGROUND & DISCUSSION

The original 2020/21 FY Budget was created during the outset of the COVID-19 pandemic when its impacts on the District's future business was uncertain. As such, several employees volunteered wage concessions in the form of paycuts and deferral of cost of living (COLA) pay increase to help meet budget requirements. The wage concessions were contingent on reversal of the same if certain conditions were met during the fiscal year. The financial strength of the first half of the year enabled the District to reverse some of the wage concessions in January 2021, as noted in the FY2020/21 Amended Budget approved by the Board at the January Board Meeting.

As the District's financial strength remains steady and all agreed-upon conditions are certain to be met by FY end, staff requests approval to reverse the wage concessions that remain in effect and make all employees whole at this time. Specifically, the wage adjustments requested are as follows:

- a. Eligible Confidential or Unrepresented, Non-Exempt Employees: A 3.5% COLA pay increase for the period of July 1, 2020 to September 30, 2020.
- b. Eligible Management Unit employees and Directors: A 1.5% COLA pay increase for the period of July 1, 2020 thru September 30, 2020.
- c. All Directors: Reversal of 5% pay cut for the period of July 1, 2020 thru September 30, 2020.
- d. General Manager: Reversal of 10% pay cut retroactive to July 1, 2020.
- e. General Manager: Award the same 1.5% COLA adjustment that was granted to all other District Managers to the General Manager for FY 2020/21.

This was considered at the May 5, 2021 Personnel committee meeting where the committee unanimously supported recommending approval of the reversal of wage concessions.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

These wage changes are estimated to total approximately \$55,000. This amount was included in the FY2020/21 Amended Budget approved by the Board at the January Board Meeting.

CONCLUSION

Staff requests the Board of Directors approve the reversal of the wage concessions taken in FY 2020/21 and the respective pay adjustments required to make the affected employees whole for internal equity purposes.

Peter Skinner