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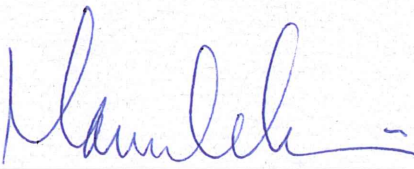
Board of Directors
Triunfo Sanitation District
Ventura County, California

DISCUSSION OF WILDFIRE DAMAGE TO FACILITIES AND PROVIDING RELIEF TO DISTRICT RESIDENTS THROUGH ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION NO. TSD 2018-007

Recommendation

On November 8, 2018, a major wildfire known as the "Woolsey Fire" broke out in Ventura County and quickly spread into the Triunfo Sanitation District (TSD) service area. This prompted local officials to require mandatory evacuations and there were numerous homes either threatened or destroyed. Staff has been approached by a number of concerned residents regarding TSD provided services. Specifically, inquiries as to the cost of water used for fire related activities and wastewater fees for homes either identified as uninhabitable or destroyed. As a result, your Board requested staff to schedule a Special Board Meeting for tonight to discuss the impact from the fires and provide staff with direction on the best course of action to help fire impacted residents. Staff has drafted a proposed Resolution that is based on a recently adopted resolution by Las Virgenes Municipal Water District (LVMWD) as an emergency response to the fires. Staff recommends the TSD Board discuss the wildfire impacts and the options available, and provide staff with direction, including, consideration of adopting TSD Resolution No. TSD 2018-007. Staff recommendations address the immediate concerns of the residents, however, as new issues are identified, the TSD Board may elect to take further related action.

REVIEWED AND APPROVED


Mark Norris - General Manager

Attachment: Resolution No. TSD 2018-007 (2 versions)

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TRIUNFO SANITATION DISTRICT

RESOLUTION NO. TSD 2018-007

A RESOLUTION OF THE TRIUNFO SANITATION DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS AUTHORIZING ACTIONS TO PROVIDE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO IMPACTED DISTRICT CUSTOMERS DUE TO THE WOOLSEY FIRE

WHEREAS, on the afternoon of Thursday, November 8, 2018, a major wildfire known as the "Woolsey Fire" broke out in Ventura County near the Santa Susana Field Laboratory;

WHEREAS, the fire quickly spread into the District's service area due to low relative humidity, strong Santa Ana winds and a large amount of dry vegetation;

WHEREAS, mandatory evacuations were required for approximately 200,000 people in Ventura and Los Angeles counties and hundreds of homes were threatened and/or destroyed;

WHEREAS, the District's facilities experienced minor damage that will require action to maintain normal water and wastewater service to the District's customers;

WHEREAS, on November 9, 2018, Acting Governor Gavin Newsom issued an emergency proclamation for Los Angeles and Ventura counties due to the effects of the Hill and Woolsey fires, which have destroyed homes, threatened critical infrastructure and caused the evacuation of residents;

WHEREAS, subsequently, the President and Federal Emergency Management Agency granted California's request for a presidential emergency declaration for direct federal assistance to supplement the state and local emergency response to the major wildfires burning in Ventura, Los Angeles, and Butte counties;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND DETERMINED by the Triunfo Sanitation District Board of Directors as follows:

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1. Waive water and wastewater charges for the billing period during which a home was destroyed or rendered uninhabitable due to the fire.
2. Reduce bills for water consumed to reflect the previous month billing, on a case-by-case basis, for customers whose homes were not rendered uninhabitable, but who used an extraordinary amount of water to protect their properties.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED this 14th day of November, 2018 by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

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Attest:

Juliet Rodriguez
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