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SUBJECT: Water System Monthly Report – November through December 2023

Water System Leadership Team Meeting Presentation

At the December Water System (WS) Leadership Meeting, Geoffrey Chen, Civil Engineering Associate (CEA) in Water Engineering and Technical Services Division's Water Master Planning group, and Marvin Schober, Utility Services Specialist in Water Distribution Division's Distribution Engineering group, presented on Ice Pigging, a technology that uses ice slush to clean water pipes to improve water quality.

Mr. Schober explained the need to clean the recycled water pipelines in Playa Vista, and discussed the challenges and difficulties associated with conventional cleaning methods. Mr. Chen concluded the presentation by explaining the process of ice pigging, the successful results, and a detailed future plan regarding ice pigging.

Water System Briefing

The Water Employees' Club (WEC) hosted its annual WS Briefing on November 15, 2023. The briefing featured a panel discussion between Anselmo G. Collins, Senior Assistant General Manager, and the WS Division Directors. The panelists discussed System-wide and Division-specific questions and challenges

and provided insight on strategies to transfer knowledge to new employees. This event was attended by over 400 employees.

WEC Presentations

WEC continues to hold its regular WEC Talks, which are modeled after TED talks, and allow subject matter experts in different parts of the Department to share what they work on in order to help employees better understand the WS and how they fit into the big picture.

On November 16, 2023, WEC hosted a WEC Talk focused on the Los Angeles Groundwater Replenishment Project (LAGWRP), which involves the planning, design, and construction of an advanced water purification facility at the City of Los Angeles' Donald C. Tillman Water Reclamation Plant (DCTWRP), conveyance, and associated facilities in order to replenish the San Fernando Groundwater Basin with advanced treated recycled water. LAGWRP will help LADWP meet its goal of offsetting demands on imported water supplies. Andrew Han, Sebastien Rossouw, and Michael Bustillo-Sakhai, CEA's in Water Resources Division's Recycled Water, Planning, Policy and Management Group, led the presentation. Mr. Han started the presentation by providing a project overview of LAGWRP. Mr. Rossouw then explained the improvements being made at DCTWRP. Mr. Bustillo-Sakhai discussed the improvements made at the Hansen Spreading Grounds and also presented on Injection Wells. Mr. Han then presented the project schedule and budget. The panelists then answered questions from the audience.

WEC Donation Drive

WEC hosted a Holiday Donation Drive in the month of December. WEC collected food, hygiene products, and clothes for donation to the Los Angeles Mission for Los Angeles' unhoused population. All employees were encouraged to participate, and they responded strongly. Over 350 items were donated to those in need, including 34 pounds (lbs.) of food, 36 lbs. of hygiene products, 65 lbs. of clothing, and \$45 in monetary donations.

External Funding Update

WS continues to receive external funding for its capital improvement projects.

In November and December 2023, WS received a total of \$64,294,119.62 in grant reimbursements as follows:

- \$33,530.62 in Proposition 1 Groundwater Grant Program reimbursements for North Hollywood West Remediation Project.
- \$63,950,703.43 in Proposition 1 Groundwater Grant Program reimbursements for Tujunga Remediation Project.
- \$309,885.47 in Proposition 84 Integrated Regional Water Management Grant Program reimbursements for Tujunga Spreading Grounds Enhancement Project.

In addition, WS received a total of \$3,719,928 in Safe Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) loan reimbursements as follows:

-\$3,617,304 for Headworks Flow Control Station. The DWSRF loan for this project has a 1.1 percent interest rate and a 30-year repayment period.

-\$102,624 for Manhattan Wellfield On-Site Hypochlorite Generation Station. The DWSRF loan for this project has a 1.1 percent interest rate and a 30-year repayment period.