

Agenda Item 6A

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STAFF REPORT

TO: Board of Directors

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SUBJECT: General Manager Report

Project Updates

SLCWD Agreement Analysis

- Review is underway. Initial report planned for October.

Wastewater (Equivalent Dwelling Unit (EDU)) Rating Audit

- Inspections are underway. Initial report planned for October.

California Special District Association Annual Conference

- I had the honor of presenting the Staff Member of the Year award to Kim Boyd from Tahoe City Public Utility District.
- Attended Board Meeting and statewide chapter roundtable
- Attended several sessions that would also have been valuable for Board members:
 - Authentic Leadership and Communication in Special District Governance
 - Teamwork Makes the Dreamwork: How to Focus on Your Team for Success
 - Strategic Planning for Special District Board and Managers
 - One Voice, Clear Expectations: How Boards Can Get General Manager Evaluations Right
 - Internal Controls for Small Staff

Sugar Bowl Sewer

- Installation of sewer main on Fiddleneck that provides five new sewer connections, is nearly complete.
- No cost to the District.

SLCWD Intertie

- Utility marking and survey is underway.

Lead Service Line Inventory

- Work is delayed while the consultant and State finalize the inspection list.
- Work is performed at no expense to the District through State Technical Assistance.

Cross-Connection Control Hazard Assessment

- Completed a list of known backflow devices, their hazard ranking, and their testing status.
- Followed up with several customers that were notified to verify whether a device is needed.
- Will send out letters this month to customers that need to do their annual backflow device testing.

Administration

- New operator-in-training Zach Orlandi started on September 7.
- Auditor field work last week.

Upcoming Board Items

October

- Summary of wastewater rating audit
- SLCWD Agreement Analysis
- Update on Progress Towards Special District Leadership Foundation Transparency Certificate of Excellence

November

- First quarter budget review

2026 Award Winners



Board Member of the Year – Debra Canero



General Manager of the Year – Kimberly Thorner



Staff Member of the Year – Kim Boyd