



Ad Hoc Grants Committee Report

The main meeting of the committee was on Friday October 30th, 2020, 2:00 pm, In attendance were

Board Members: Michael Saunders, Vice-President, Cynthia Garcia, Treasurer

Staff Members: Adam Brown

Expert Volunteers: Morgan Galliano, Stephanie Root

There was a subsequent follow-up meeting to go over Capital Improvement Projects and District overview with members.

The committee has a shared worksheet which compiles all of the research for grant funding to match with District projects. We went over research areas and project grant summaries. The recommendation on maintaining a code for tracking expenses due to PSPS and COVID was confirmed by Adam to be implemented in the District to help with any funding opportunities which may arise from either. CSDA (California Special Districts Association) advocated to make sure Special Districts were included into funding opportunities for preparedness measures in response to public safety power shutoffs and other outages. The funding opportunity which CSDA alerted to us from the Governor's Office of Emergency Services released the RFP for special districts under the "COMMUNITY POWER RESILIENCY ALLOCATION TO SPECIAL DISTRICTS PROGRAM" provides \$20 million dollars in funding for deenergizing programs to special districts, The District was able to get in an RFP application for this funding.

Current research:

The committee is looking into grant funding recommendations for wildfire mitigation and prevention which can be used in conjunction with securing grants for replacing the pump stations.

Committee recommendations for staff:

1. With the CalOES grant application for funding for the Walton Generator, the committee also recommends looking at FEMA as a source for obtaining additional funding as well. I will provide information from partners in other water districts that successfully were awarded generators from FEMA due to PSPS.
2. To have District infrastructure tours available to the community volunteers when the New Board member tours are conducted to help them fully understand the infrastructure for their research.

Michael Saunders
Vice-President, GDPUD Board of Directors