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**Subject:** General Manager Report

**Staff Contact:** Ralph Felix, General Manager

For the given month, the General Manager participated in the following meetings and events:

1. RiverArc Meeting, January 24, 2017: G.M. Felix and the District Engineer Carson attended the RiverArc meeting to discuss the Environmental Constraints Analysis Final Report. It was reported that most RiverArc members had no comment regarding the Draft and that we should be expecting a final report for review and approval shortly. Another item of discussion was the Water Supply and Diversion Analysis Project Data Request. Jim Crowley was selected as the consultant to review each entity's 2015 Urban Water Management Plan to determine current supply rights, permits, contracts, and diversions. Other concerns called for determining the demands expected by each agency through the Natomas Central Mutual Water Company's (NCMWC) intakes. Additional issues that will be addressed will be planned operational strategies that could alter diversion schedules such as conjunctive use, groundwater banking, self-imposed diversion limits and other situations that will restrict, limit or impact diversion quantity. Another issue of discussion involved conducting a Request for Qualifications for Engineering Services. RiverArc Partners have prepared a list of anticipated services that will be needed to plan, design and construct the project. It was determined that comments on the subject matter by agency partners would help streamline the direction that the group should move in regarding a contingency plan. In addition, we discussed a cash flow projection for the following year with each agency paying a share of approximately \$62K . More to come.
2. EDWPA Meeting, January 27, 2017: G.M. Felix and Mr. Carson attended the RLECWD, Folsom, and EDWPA meeting to discuss our progress. It was determined that the project needed to be defined regarding the description of Aquifer Storage and Recovery (ASR) Program and to include other wells besides 15, such as, 2a, 16, 17. Other topics involved creating a strategic plan to include talks with San Juan for treatment and Sac Suburban for conveyance, as well as, the creation of formal agreements for water banking and exchange. The framework for this program will account for both direct injection and in lieu recharge. In addition, applications for permitting, CEQA and Notice of Intent were reviewed for the planning purposes. More to Come.
3. Well 17 Land Acquisition meeting with property owner, January 30, 2017: G.M. Felix, Superintendent Goyet and District Engineer Carson met with property owner Mr. Stout and

his realtor to discuss the acquisition of land and site layout for well site 17. Mr. Stout was pleased with the design plans, however, requested that we consider relocating the well site towards the back of his property and utilizing 8th street as an entrance. There was also talk about purchasing a strip of land to create an easement on the Westside of his property for the installation of an 8inch water main to connect with the pipe on U street, thereby creating a loop in the distribution grid system in parallel with 7<sup>th</sup> street. A revised site plan, Term sheet and Right of Entry was provided to Mr. Stout for review. More to come.

4. 730 L Street Reservoir Inspection, January 31, 2017: Liquid Engineering was tasked to conduct an annual inspection of the 730 L street water tank under warranty. The diving team provided video of what appeared to be evidence of corrosion that was spotty throughout the inside of the tank. JJM Engineering has been notified and an inspection report will be provided for review within thirty days. More to come.
5. RLECWD Ad hoc Committee Rio Linda Elementary School Property Tour, February 1, 2017: Ad hoc Committee members Ms. Mary Harris, Mary Henrici and G.M. Felix met with Twin Rivers School District Board of Director Bob Bastian and Maintenance Director Armando Orozco to conduct a walk-through of the Rio Linda Elementary School property. Site visits included the administration building and cafeteria. It was indicated that the buildings had asbestos in the ceilings and floor, as well as, lead in the paint and plumbing. It was also noticed that the facilities were not Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliant. Discussion carried on that the costs would be lower to demolish the buildings and to re-construct them in order to make them compliant. The Ad hoc committee made it clear that we preferred to purchase property towards the front of the school and that we would be interested in exchanging our well 14 site for this property. More information pertaining to this meeting can be found in the Ad hoc committee minutes.
6. Proposed Sac County Trench Cut Restoration Standards Conference Call, February 6, 2017: G.M. Felix participated in a conference call to discuss the proposed revisions to the Trench Cut Restoration Standards that was scheduled to be heard at the February 7, 2017 Sacramento County Board meeting. The concern was that by mandating utilities to comply with the proposed modified standards, it would impose them to subsidize the County's road maintenance and improvement efforts, which would be a violation of the applicable legal requirements. Public utilities do not have either the capability or the authority to pay for "restoration" work that far exceeds their repair and replacement obligations under law. In addition, it goes beyond any reasonable expectations for infrastructure planning, capital investments, as well as, contractual franchises. The conference call was held to determine a contingency plan in the event that the County was to approve the revisions to the Trench Cut Restoration Standards. However, we had received word from the County's Dept. of Transportation that the item would be pulled from the agenda. It is our feeling that the joint attorney letter that was submitted to the County influenced their decision.
7. Holman Capital Corp. meeting, February 7, 2017: G.M. Felix and Book Keeper Denning met with Frank Gill with Holman Capital to continue dialogue regarding funding opportunities for potential Prop.84 and Prop.1 grant funding projects. We discussed that District Cr6 projects were placed on hold pending the outcome of the California Manufacturers and

Technology Association, et al. v. State Water Resources Control Board drinking water Cr6 MCL lawsuit. Mr. Gill and I plan to meet next month to consider options pending the legal outcome and Prop.1 award.

8. Regional Drought Contingency and Water Reliability Plan, February 8, 2017: G.M. Felix attended the Regional Drought Contingency and Water Reliability Plan at RWA. Topics covered included branding and logo for marketing purposes and stakeholder education regarding the Regional Water Supply Reliability Program, status of project agreements for the region with the majority completed including Rio Linda, scopes and budgeting with \$540,898 remaining in the RDCP/RWRP budget, along with schedules for the programs. Other topics included updating the vulnerability assessment for the region, mitigation actions, as well as, a conjunctive use operational analysis. The next steps will require water purveyors to provide feedback on agency portfolios and the evaluation criteria, as well as, partake in sub-regional workgroup meetings for conjunctive use planning.
9. Tesco Programming Modifications Update, January 19, 2017: G.M. Felix received an update regarding the program modifications to our Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA) system. As you recall, the Tesco proposal presented at the July 2016 board meeting is based on a proprietary programming modification necessary for our SCADA System to query data and generate spreadsheets for reporting purposes and compliance. Currently, Jon Shores mentioned that he ran into an issue with the MS Office program utilized by the SCADA system. He had ordered a new MS Office Pro software and installed it. He is currently testing the program for glitches. There will be no additional charge for the software. Program implementation should commence early March 2017. More to Follow.

**Thank you for allowing me to serve the community and district!**

Sincerely,

*Ralph Felix*

General Manager