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TO: Board of Directors
FROM: District Manager
PREPARED BY: Environmental Programs Manager
SUBJECT: Environmental Department Status Report
DATE: February 17, 2022

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Board of Directors review and file the Environmental Department status report for January 2022.

GRANTS (ONGOING)

CONJUNCTIVE USE GRANT

Contract amendment signed by Rincon Environmental to prepare items for the February Environmental Committee. Tasks in the amendment include kick-off meeting, updated project description, and alternatives. Due to combination of the Engineering & Environmental Committee, Conjunctive Use will be addressed at the March 2022 meeting.

FIRE/FUEL REDUCTION GRANTS

Information on grants related to fire management and fuel reduction/hardening can be found in the "FIRE MANAGEMENT PLANNING" section of this report.

SEE GRANT TRACKING TABLE AT END OF REPORT FOR FURTHER
INFORMATION ON DISTRICT GRANTS

WATER RIGHTS (On-going)

CONJUNCTIVE USE WATER RIGHT PETITIONS – FELTON

Meeting with regulatory agencies scheduled for January 31, 2022.

ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE - CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (ONGOING)

SANDHILLS HABITAT CONSERVATION PLAN FOR THE SAN LORENZO VALLEY WATER DISTRICT CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN (DECEMBER 2021)

The PG&E's mitigation project to restore riparian habitat and remove invasive plant species in the Olympia watershed began on December 27, 2022 and was completed on January 21, 2022. Maintenance of the sites will continue through PG&E funding.

CIP PROJECT PERMITTING

Staff is working to secure permits for the following Projects:

- Lyon Treatment Plan Access Road Slide (FEMA funded - 2023)
 - Engineering staff in final stages of alternative route plans
 - Permitting process to kick-off once alternative route approved
- 5-mile pipeline
 - Feasibility study in process
 - Tree surveys with forester to be completed in Spring 2022
- Quail Hollow Pipeline
 - Quail Hollow environmental monitoring contract awarded
 - Materials delay
- HUD pipeline replacement
 - Initial contact with permitting agencies made in October
 - Environmental report complete
 - NOE to be submitted February 2022
- Zayante cross country line hardening
 - Initial surveys by staff
- Blue Ridge Tank
 - CEQA Permitting – 3 quotes requested

WATERSHED MANAGEMENT/ STEWARDSHIP

FIRE MANAGEMENT PLANNING

Kick-off tour & meeting with RCD for the ~\$480,000 grant funding through CALFIRE's Forest Health Grant completed by staff in October. Project next steps and contracts being worked out with RCD staff.

Fuel reduction work at 7 sites completed January 2022 for the \$200,000 grant through the Coastal Conservancy's Wildfire Resilience Grant program.

Pre-application submitted for the 2022 cycle of the Coastal Conservancy's Wildfire Resilience Grant program.

The District completed a Forest Management Plan funded through CAL FIRE's California Forest Improvement Program (\$6,822.00). Available for review on the District's website [here](#).

OLYMPIA PATROL (ONGOING)

Contract with the Land Trust executed for 2022.

Motor bike tire markings noted on upper Olympia trails. No fences or signage damaged.

WATER CONSERVATION (ONGOING)

RAIN UPDATE

Water year 21/22 (October 1, 2021 – September 30, 2022) totals in downtown Boulder Creek thus far are approximately 29.48 inches. For current rain fall totals visit <https://www.slvwd.com/about-us/pages/local-weather-rainfall>

PUBLIC OUTREACH

BUZZ PR

Buzz is working with staff on outreach through daily updates, distributing information to press, social media sites, and print sources.

JANUARY PERFORMANCE SUMMARY (BELOW)

Performance Summary

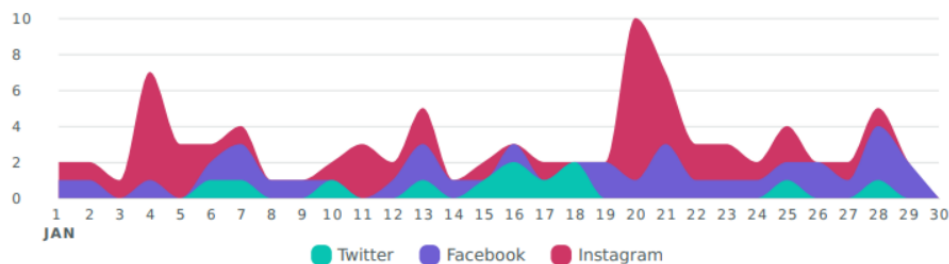
View your key profile performance metrics from the reporting period.

Impressions ⓘ 67,815 ↗61.1%	Engagements ⓘ 839 ↘18%	Post Link Clicks ⓘ 145 ↗46.5%
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Audience Growth

See how your audience grew during the reporting period.

Audience Gained, by Day



Audience Metrics	Totals	% Change
Total Audience ⓘ	2,718	↗3.3%
Total Net Audience Growth ⓘ	67	↘15.2%
Twitter Followers Gained	12	↗200%
Facebook Page Likes	31	↗6.9%
Instagram Followers Gained	45	↘27.4%

JANUARY OUTREACH:

FAQ

Now hiring

Capital Improvement Information

Emergency water main repair
Emergency preparedness
District facts
SMGWA
Auto-pay
In the news

DECEMBER OUTREACH:

District Manager holiday letter
December newsletter
BOD meetings
Mission statement
FAQ
Now hiring
Capital Improvement Information
Emergency water main repair
Emergency preparedness
Boil water information
District facts
Office closure information

NOVEMBER OUTREACH:

Master plan meeting
Committee openings and applications
BOD meeting
Rain update
Water conservation
Customer service info.
CIP info.
Ken Moore memorial video
Zayante woody debris project video
Master plan facts

OCTOBER OUTREACH:

HUD Line press release
Stop/Start Service
Water conservation
Drought updates
Hiring ads
PSPS
Zayante Woody Debris Project video
After hours' emergency contact info.
Fire preparedness
BOD meetings
FAQs
Auto-pay

NETWORKING & COLLABORATIONS

AMERICORPS (JANUARY 2022)

District submitted AmeriCorps application with Camp Harmon as a co-sponsor for an AmeriCorps team in 2022. The team will assist the District with restoration projects such as invasive removal, native planting, and community education.

GREEN BUSSINESS PROGRAM

In 2017 the District was certified as a Santa Cruz County Green Business. Staff is working with Green Business certifiers to complete certification for 2021-2022.

SANTA CRUZ NATURAL HISTORY MUSEUM EARTH STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM (NOVEMBER 2021)

Kick-off on November 4 & 5 with 15 Ben Lomond high school students at the Kirby water treatment plant. Invasive weed removal completed in solar panel portion of property. Future collaboration planned for April 2022.