SWEETWATER SPRINGS WATER DISTRICT

TO: Board of Directors **AGENDA NO. V-C**

FROM: Ed Fortner, General Manager

Meeting Date: February 6, 2020

SUBJECT: Grants and Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) Loans with Principal Forgiveness Financing

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RECOMMENDED ACTION: Receive report from the General Manager. Discussion and possible action.

FISCAL IMPACT: none

DISCUSSION:

The District has budgeted 3.75 million dollars of Capital Projects identified in the 2020-2025 CIP. The Board has directed the General Manager to pursue all known Grants and Loans that have potential Principal forgiveness to help finance these projects. I have submitted preliminary applications for the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) low-interest loans with principal forgiveness due to disadvantaged status for the FY2021 Capital project and the Lower Harrison Tank Site project. In coordination with Coastland Engineering, I have also applied for Community Development Block Grant funding for planning and design for the FY2021 Capital project. I have also been exploring FEMA/ CalOES Grant funding for our Capital projects. During meeting with Sonoma Water, the need for the District to have a Local Hazard Mitigation Plan (LHMP) was stressed. I met with Ken Leep with Harris & Associates, a retired CalOES official on January 15th, and discussed the best path forward for the District to qualify for Federal or State Disaster Grant funding. Harris has coordinated with CalOES to open a grant application opportunity to help fund the creation of the District's LHMP. Harris would also help coordinate the application for the LHMP, to be authored by the GM. I spoke with Victoria LaMar-Haas with CalOES. She will be very helpful in guidance and support as we apply for FEMA, CDBG and other Grant opportunities.