SWEETWATER SPRINGS WATER DISTRICT

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

FROM: Steve Mack, General Manager

MEETING DATE: December 5, 2013

Subject: DISCUSSION/ACTION RE DISTRICT EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS, RESPONSE AND RECOVERY PLAN

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Receive a presentation on followup on the District's Emergency Preparedness, Response and Recovery Plan.

FISCAL IMPACT: none

DISCUSSION:

At the November meeting staff gave a presentation on the District's Emergency Preparedness, Response and Recovery Plan (Emergency Response Plan). This is the time of year that we review it in preparation for the rainy season (which isn't much so far this year) and as an annual check on keeping the plan contents up to date. At the meeting we said we would be attending the November 15 meeting on flood preparedness and the Board requested that we report on that meeting

General Manager Steve Mack and Field Manager Kevin Gilman attended the meeting on behalf of the District. The agenda included introductions, a National Weather Service (NWS) report, review of the updated Lower Russian River Flood Response Plan, and lessons learned from last year. Most of the time was spent on the first two items. The NWS report was that they didn't have any leanings for the coming year – anything is possible and their models show near equal chances for below, near and above average rainfall. No El Nino (wet) or La Nina (dry) – they call it La Nada (nothing or no help. Based on the information available to the NWS, we have equal chances of below, near, or above normal precipitation this winter – so for it's tending to the former.

The biggest change in the Flood Response Plan appeared to me to be the addition of a seventh stage – major flood – to reflect expected actions if the flood stage is projected to go above 40 feet in Guerneville. Re-entry rules were changed so that there will be no "early" re-entry for residents (vs non-residents).

Of note to me as I looked at the plan for the first time was in the Stage 2: Flood Monitor Notification flow chart on page 19 there is no place for notification of local special Districts like us. The Emergency Manager, Chris Helgren, said he would get back to me on this. I don't think it's a major issue as we do get notices when they come out; just an oversight on the flow chart (or maybe there

wasn't room). The plan does seem to focus on communication between the sheriff and fire departments.

The power outage on November 22nd was a good test for our repaired generator – it ran all night and freed up the on call person to attend to other issues in the District. One recognition of the experiences of the two power outages is that we should have more generators in the District inventory – this would allow less moving of generators between sites.