SWEETWATER SPRINGS WATER DISTRICT

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

FROM: Ed Fortner, General Manager

Meeting Date: January 2, 2020

Subject: Emergency Response Plan Update

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Receive report from the General Manager. Discussion and possible action.

FISCAL IMPACT:

None

DISCUSSION:

In the wake of the Kincade wildfire that threatened West Sonoma County, Emergency Response is a focus of Sweetwater Springs Water District (SSWD). President Holmer and Director Lipinski comprise the committee appointed to help update the SSWD Emergency Response Plan (ERP) and help focus other related activities around Wildfire response, resiliency, and system hardening. On December 12, 2019, Ed, Jack Bushgen, Tim Lipinski, and Rich Holmer met with Chris Godley, Director of Emergency Management with County of Sonoma, to discuss communications and logistics in a wildfire, electric outage, and evacuation circumstances. Director Godley agreed to add a Water District liaison to the County EOC, better coordinate with Water Districts in future disaster events, and to lend guidance on grant opportunities. On the afternoon of December 12, 2019, Jack, Ed, and Vice-President Robb-Wilder attended the County Flood Emergency training at the Graton Fire Department. On December 17, 2019, Chief Heine, Assistant Chief Matt Gustafson, Ed, Jack Bushgen, Tim Lipinski, and Rich Holmer met to discuss communications and logistics in a wildfire, electric outage, and evacuation circumstances. Chief Heine followed up with links to apps for communication and alerts. Chief Heine stressed that Sweetwater Springs Water District would be a priority in future events. On December 18, 2019, Financial Coordinator Schapp, President Holmer, and Ed met with Mike Thompson, Joan Hultberg, and Kent Gylfe of Sonoma Water to discuss Grant opportunities for SSWD. The need for the District to create a Hazard Mitigation Report was stressed. This FEMA approved report is required before many grant opportunities are possible.