SWEETWATER SPRINGS WATER DISTRICT

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

FROM: Steve Mack, General Manager

Meeting Date: August 2, 2012

SUBJECT: DISCUSSION/ACTION RE RIO VISTA TERRACE SADDLE FAILURES RESOLUTION

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Receive a report on progress resolving the Rio Vista Terrace service connection saddle failures.

FISCAL IMPACT: none.

DISCUSSION:

We have made good progress on resolving the Rio Vista Terrace service connection saddle failures. As I reported last month the investigation done on June 20-22 confirmed our concerns with the service saddles. After the results of the investigation were shared with all involved, W.R. Forde offered to replace the remaining saddles. On July 18, we had a meeting at the District office of representatives from Central Plastics, manufacturer of the service saddles used in the Rio Vista Terrace project, the Plastic Pipe Institute, the trade organization for HDPE products, and other local interested parties including W.R. Forde, Piazza Construction, Brelje and Race Engineers, and Coastland Engineers. Jeff Wright of Central Plastics presented a demonstration of an alternative replacement approach which the group agreed to be a superior approach. W.R. Forde will start the replacement project on Monday, July 30, using this approach. The residents in the project area have been notified.

Completion of the replacement project will largely resolve this issue. Unresolved at the date of this report is payment for the investigation.