SWEETWATER SPRINGS WATER DISTRICT

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

FROM: Steve Mack, General Manager

Meeting Date: November 3, 2011

SUBJECT: DISCUSSION/ACTION RE RIO VISTA TERRACE SADDLE FAILURES

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

FISCAL IMPACT: none.

DISCUSSION:

Since completion of the Rio Vista Terrace Project, three of the service connection saddles (including one during the pressure test) have failed. Everyone involved in this project has been concerned about this issue. On October 20th, employees of W.R. Forde, the original contractor, and a representative of the saddle distributor, who also provides certification for saddle installation were present at the site of the last failure to repair the saddle and to return the failed elements, saddle and pipe, to the distributor and possibly the manufacturer for examination. As of the date of the writing of this report, we have not heard back from this examination.

W.R. Forde is aware that repair of the last failure is not the end of this situation, from our perspective. We await their report and will inform the Board when it arrives.