

Consent Agenda Item

DATE: February 26, 2020
TO: Templeton Community Services District Board of Directors
FROM: Jeff Britz, General Manager
SUBJECT: Budget Amendment - Wastewater Fund - Acid Purchase

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

That the Board of Directors, by motion, amend the 2019/20 Budget by increasing the Wastewater Fund Gases and Chemicals line item by \$15,000.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Increasing the Wastewater Fund Gases and Chemicals (61200) from \$22,000 to \$37,000 will reduce the expected June 30, 2020 Wastewater Operating Fund ending balance from \$945,886 to \$930,886.

BACKGROUND:

In December 2019, the Board approved a budget amendment to fund a 90 day trial of adding sulfuric acid to the treated wastewater prior to percolation at Selby. The acid was added to reduce the pH of the treated water from 8-9 to close to 7 (neutral).

District staff and others involved in assisting us with evaluating the operation of wastewater plant have observed that the addition of acid has aided in the percolation of the treated wastewater at the Selby site. Since we have been using the acid, we have been able to percolate all the available treated wastewater without having the water back up (rise) in the ponds. We are now nearing the end of the supply of acid for the 90 day trial, and request that the acid use continue for the remainder of the fiscal year. Staff anticipates requesting funding for acid for FY 2020/21 through the normal budget process, and furthermore, suggests that the use of acid should continue for the foreseeable future, and potentially only eliminated if it is determined that it is not needed as a result of improved effluent quality.

We estimate that it will take approximately \$15,000 worth of additional acid to get us through the remainder of the fiscal year.