



## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** City Council

**FROM:** Jessica Matson, Legislative & Information Services Director/City Clerk

**SUBJECT:** Supplemental Information  
Agenda Item 11.a. – Receive an Update on Progress Toward Council Goals and Priorities

**DATE:** January 24, 2023

Attached is correspondence received before 4 p.m. for the above referenced item.

cc: City Manager  
Assistant City Manager/Public Works Director  
City Attorney  
City Clerk  
City Website (or public review binder)

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January 23, 2023

**MEMORANDUM**

To: Arroyo Grande City Council  
From: Jeff Edwards  
Subject: January 24, 2023, City Council Agenda 11.a Goals & Priorities

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Regarding the above referenced agenda item, your council will be considering the cities goals and priorities for Fiscal 2022-2023. Under review in Table 1 of the staff report is the pursuit of short- and long-term options for water resiliency in addition to further evaluation of drought response efforts.

The specific “Task” of interest is the contemplated water purchase agreement with the Oceano Community Services District (OCSD). Over one year ago, the council directed staff to work with the OCSD to craft an agreement for the purchase of water by Arroyo Grande. The agreement would be like the 5-year agreement between the entities’ going back to 2008.

Staff is now seeking direction from the council, as to whether, or not, such an agreement with the OCSD is still” warranted in light of current and projected increase in water supply at Lopez Lake.” As of the Zone 3 meeting on January 19<sup>th</sup>, Lopez Lake was at 51.7% of capacity with over 25,000 acre-feet in storage.

The recent series of “atmospheric rivers” and increased water elevation in the lake are inconsequential. In fact, “big dumps” and extended periods of drought are the hallmarks of climate change. I respectfully submit, an agreement with the OCSD would further diversify the cities’ water portfolio.

Moreover, at around \$2,000 per acre foot, such a purchase also represents a good value. I urge your council to direct staff to retain as a goal and priority, an agreement with the OCSD and to elevate its importance with a target of mid-year 2023 for completion

Sincerely,

*Jeff Edwards*

cc: Oceano Community Services District