



Hidden Valley Lake Community Services District

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Supervisor Moke Simon
255 North Forbes St.
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Dear Supervisor Simon

On behalf of Hidden Valley Lake Community Services District, I am contacting you to respectfully request assistance for our District's unmet needs stemming from the COVID-19 pandemic, sourced from the American Rescue Plan Act's (ARPA)'s Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund.

As you and fellow County leaders discuss priorities for the second and final tranche of the Local Fiscal Recovery Fund, I ask that you consider the Independent Special District in your district, Hidden Valley Lake Community Service District. ARPA gives the County that authority. The district would deeply appreciate assistance in responding to ongoing COVID-19 impacts and the assurance that we can continue to provide essential local services to our shared constituency.

Specifically, ARPA gives counties the authority to transfer Fiscal Recovery Fund monies to special purpose units of state and local government for the *same eligible uses* as cities and counties. Among others, these uses include:

- pandemic-related expenditures,
- revenue losses,
- economic impacts,
- premium pay for essential workers, and
- necessary investments in water, wastewater, and broadband services.

Hidden Valley Lake Community Services District provides 7500 residents in Hidden Valley Lake with water and wastewater services. While the 2021-2022 State Budget provided some important new avenues for COVID-19 relief to California's special districts, the Hidden Valley Lake Community Services District still has **\$1,834,281.26** in *unmet* needs that are eligible for the Fiscal Recovery Fund.

The district's request takes all available funding into consideration. We have no remaining avenues to request relief and are not receiving other state or federal funding for these purposes. Moreover, if we are not able to recover some funding, Hidden Valley Lake Community Services District may need to consider significantly delaying much-needed capital improvements to the community. ARPA grants



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definitive authority to counties to transfer Local Fiscal Recovery Fund monies to special districts to address these needs for the communities we serve.

We look forward to working with you and your staff on this issue and appreciate your consideration. Please contact me at dwhite@hvlcsd.org and 707-533-3498 to speak further about this request to help the district continue providing essential public services to your constituents. I stand ready to be a resource and answer questions or provide additional information.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Dennis", with a long horizontal stroke extending to the left.

Dennis White
General Manager

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