



**Board Administrative Committee  
February 4, 2021**

**SUBJECT:**

Approve and Authorize a Six-Month Extension with Don Bean for the Lease and Agricultural Use of District Property

**BACKGROUND:**

In November of 2017, the District received proposals for the agricultural lease of approximately 91 acres of property located north of District headquarters on Trumble Road and east of Interstate 215 in Perris, California. A total of two proposals were received, with Mr. Don Bean providing the most competitive response as summarized in the table below.

<b>Respondent</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Bid Amount</b>
Don Bean	Nuevo, California	\$27 per acre, per year
Farm Market Plus, Inc.	Tustin, California	\$15 per acre, per year

Subsequently, on December 20, 2017, the Board of Directors approved and authorized a 39-month lease agreement with Mr. Bean, which term is now scheduled to expire on March 31, 2021.

At this time Mr. Bean has requested a six-month extension to the subject agreement in order to secure additional harvests of both the alfalfa and seasonal crops currently in place. In considering this request, staff report having received no interest or inquiries from prospective tenants throughout the course of the existing term.

The agriculture use of District property provides benefit to the District beyond the lease amount received per acre. These benefits include continued sales of recycled water, reduced liability, and avoided costs for District staff or outside contractors to maintain the property. As Lessee, Mr. Bean has complied with all District terms and conditions and has maintained the location in excellent condition throughout the contract duration.

Under the recommended extension, all terms and conditions of the original agreement will remain in effect, including pro-rated fees covering the six-month term. It is anticipated that staff will release a competitive solicitation for lease of the subject property in the coming months, with recommendations presented to the Board of Directors prior to expiration of the proposed extension.

**FINANCIAL IMPACT:**

None

**STRATEGIC PLANNING GOAL/OBJECTIVE:**

Ensure financial stability and demonstrate responsible stewardship of public funds.

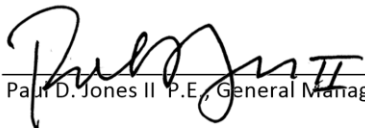
**ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT:**

This item is not a project as defined in the California Environmental Quality Act Code of Regulations, Title 14, Chapter 3, Section 15378.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Approve and authorize a six-month land lease extension with Mr. Don Bean for the agricultural use of District property.

**SUBMITTED BY:**

  
Paul D. Jones II, P.E., General Manager

1/29/2021

  
Laura Nomura, Deputy General Manager

1/22/2021

**Attachment(s):**

*Exhibit A - Land Lease Amendment*

02/17/21 Board Meeting

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