



Biola Community Services District

Staff Report
For the Meeting of
April 20, 2023

SUBJECT: Rural Community Water Managers Leadership Institute 2023 (Water Tour)

SUMMARY:

This is an agenda “**action**” item that the Board will review then approve the invitation by Self Help Enterprise to be a part of the Rural Community Water Managers Leadership Institute 2023 (Water Tour).

BACKGROUND:

In March, Sue Ruiz with Self-Help Enterprise (“SHE”) reached out to the office stating they are very impressed with Biola and would like to have us be their poster child for this year’s Leadership Institute. SHE would like to show case Biola and add us for their Saturday, April 29, 2023 session. Sue stated Biola is a community to be proud of especially when small communities struggle so much. They know Biola has its challenges but are impressed on how Biola keeps working hard for their community. The goal is for participants to learn how Biola runs their water system and wastewater system, where our water comes from (all Ground Water or combined with Surface water), what impact the river has on our community water, and especially learn how we have partnered with North Kings Groundwater Sustainability Agency (NK GSA) and Fresno Irrigation District (FID) for the new recharge basin. The Board agreed verbally on March 16, 2023 to move forward with this Leadership Institute.

FINDINGS:

The District is moving forward with the Tour taking place Saturday, April 29, 2023 at 10AM. We did get confirmation from Mountain Valley Environmental, our WWTP Operator, that they will be present to do the tour and Yamabe and Horn Engineering. Jerry Jones will not be present, but Gary Horn will be present to discuss the Biola Recharge. SHE is requesting that all Board Members, if available, sign-up for the tour. The Community Center will be used, and lunch will be provided by SHE at 11:00AM at the Community Center. The Community Center will be used and lunch will be provided by SHE. District staff is putting together a pamphlet to represent Biola during the tour.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

1. Board of Directors to adopt Resolution No. 2023-07