

Heber Public Utility District

Report to the Board of Directors

Date: March 19, 2020
From: Laura Fischer, General Manager
Subject: General Manager's Report to Board of Directors

HPUD EVENTS

I am very sorry to report that the Leap Year Event was cancelled.

Movie Night

Movie Night was held on March 13th at Tito Park. Due to the cold wet weather and the heightened health concerns we had only 10 people at the event.

Easter Egg Hunt

We will be cancelling the Easter Egg Hunt due to the COVID 19 pandemic. We are going to try to get many of the eggs stuffed and see if the schools will pass them out during their breakfast/lunch operations. I am not sure if this will work out as the schools may not be providing meals at that time as it may be during their spring break. We will announce in our newsletter once we coordinate with the schools.

HPUD OPERATIONS AND ADMINISTRATION

Newsletter

We will be preparing a Newsletter for our April utility bill. This newsletter will include information about the operational changes being implemented at the District due to the COVID 19 health concerns.

Request for Donation from Heber Chess Team.

See attached documents. I can authorize a donation up to \$100 and will do so, but I wanted to see if the Board was interested in donating additional funds. The letter is not specific on what amount they are requesting, but gives the cost for Heber Chess team to participate in events. Currently the HPUD has \$3,700 remaining in our community funds.

Charge for Credit Card Payment OnLine

Currently the HPUD customers are charged a fee of \$1.25 by the municipal electronic payment service. This is not a fee that is from HPUD, but a fee for the convenience of paying online. Currently the HPUD will refund any customer who signs up for paperless bill \$1.25 per month, which offsets the cost of paying with debit/credit card online.

If you are not signed up for paperless billing you will not get the credit of \$1.25 (paid every three months – quarterly) that offsets the cost to pay online.

Since we are requesting our customer pay online, during the current COVID-19 pandemic, we will refund the customers this charge. This will go into effect in March 2020 until the health emergency is cleared and we again accept payments in the office.

Notice of Rate Increase from SDRMA

We received notice that the insurance costs for next year could increase by 32%. I have attached the notice from SDRMA. Staff will be reviewing our coverage to see if there are any areas that can be reduced to lower the costs. I wanted to give you a heads up so you will know what we are facing for our next Fiscal Year.

CalPERS 457 Plan

Staff participated in a web conference with representatives from CalPERS 457 plan. They were given instruction on how to sign up and what benefits they will expect.

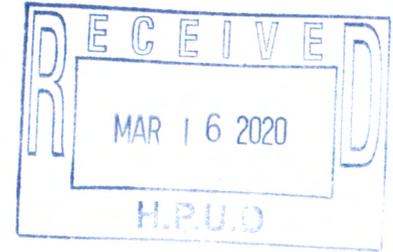


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March 13, 2020

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RE: 2020-21 Property/Liability Program Estimated Contribution

Dear Ms. Lopez,

We sincerely appreciate your continued support of SDRMA and patience in waiting for the 2020-21 rates while we are working on obtaining renewal costs from the program excess/reinsurer carriers.

SDRMA continues to make every effort to reduce operating costs and minimize rate increases while ensuring the financial integrity of the Property/Liability Program. We have received initial indications from our excess/reinsurer carriers of imposed rate increases that are impacting all of their clients, including SDRMA.

The current insurance market continues to be impacted by the catastrophic losses around the world. Underwriting practices throughout the insurance market are consistently evolving due to the development of losses and cost of claims. Based on those factors and overall pool claims costs over the past several years, after considerable review and discussion with the SDRMA Board of Directors, 2020-21 renewal rates for the SDRMA Property/Liability Program need to be increased.

Instead of our normal annual rate letter, we are providing you with an estimated contribution percentage increase for use in your budgeting process. Over the next couple of months, we will continue to work with our excess/reinsurers to negotiate the rate increases on behalf of our program membership. Your agency's actual renewal contribution will be confirmed on the 2020-21 renewal invoice that will be sent out in mid-May.

The actual contribution amount for 2020-21 will vary compared to 2019-20 due to rate increases, any coverage limit changes, stand-alone policy pricing, scheduled item additions/deletions, updates on agency operations submitted on the renewal questionnaire, risk factor adjustments, and Credit Incentive Program (CIP) points earned. Your agency's estimated contribution percentage increase is as follows:

2019-20 Annual Contribution \$5M Liability Limits	2020-21 Annual Contribution Proposed % Increase
\$80,648.00	32%



Our excess insurance carriers have encouraged us to ask each agency about the need for high liability limits, as they charge SDRMA and the agency based on the higher liability limits they are providing. Please consider a decrease to your liability coverage in exchange for a decrease in contribution as shown in the table below:

Lower liability coverage from \$5 million per occurrence to:	Estimated decrease to FY 2020-21 Proposed % Increase (above)
\$2.5 million per occurrence	5%

Other Important Items to Note:

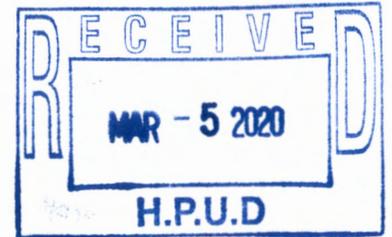
- If you would like to elect an alternative liability limit for 2020-21, please provide your selected limit by **April 30, 2020** by emailing memberplus@sdrma.org.
- No Longevity Distribution is declared for the Property/Liability Program this year.
- Our Multi-Program Discount provides members a great opportunity to save money. Members receive an automatic multi-program discount of 5% per program (Property/Liability and Workers' Compensation) while they belong to both programs.
- Your annual contribution provides your agency with access to safety and loss prevention services, resources, and trainings that are provided at no additional cost, including Target Solutions, AB 1825/AB 1234 training, ergonomic assessments, discounted CSDA Conferences, trainings and webinars, and safety DVDs.
- The 2020-21 estimated contribution range does not serve as a 'not to exceed' amount. Any policy adjustment made before or after July 1 may incur a change in premium.
- Members considering withdrawal from coverage with SDRMA for the 2020-21 program year are required to submit a "Notice of Intent to Withdraw" by April 1 in accordance with SDRMA Bylaws and must have completed the initial three full program year commitment period.

On behalf of the Board of Directors and our entire risk management team, we thank you for your continued participation in our programs! If you have any questions, please contact Ellen Doughty, at edoughty@sdrma.org or 800.537.7790.

Sincerely,
Special District Risk Management Authority

Laura S. Gill, ICMA-CM, ARM, ARM-P, CSDM
Chief Executive Officer

Proyecto Heber



February 2, 2020

Dear business owner/manager:

The Heber Chess Team is asking you to support them financially in reaching two significant goals:

1. California State Championship March 13-15 in Santa Clarita, California.
2. United States Chess Championship April 23 to 27 in Jacksonville, Florida.

The parents are presently working on selling food, community events, and raffles, etc. However, the costs are enormous (see budget attached). The students need your support. Please be aware that although you are helping the kids, they are not getting a free-rid. The students must work for it; otherwise, we are sending the wrong message that things are free in life; they are not! The kids must achieve an overall score of 80% to participate in the state championship. As for the United States Chess Championship, only the most dedicated hard-working students will qualify (five to seven students).

Scholarship Requirements:

1. Attendance 20%
2. Online training 40%
3. Memorization of the Chess Principles 10%
4. Participation in tournaments 30%

Closing remarks, In the past, your generous support has allowed our students to compete in state and national tournaments throughout the United States. These children represent the best of the Imperial Valley. Please help their dreams come true.

Any contribution is deeply appreciated. Please, if you can help, make checks payable to Proyecto Heber c/o Heber Chess Team. The tax ID number is 46-3842906

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Mr. Lambert', written over a horizontal line.

Mr. Lambert, Chess Coach.

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Budget for the Heber Chess Team 2019-2020

Total Cost per child: \$533.00 + \$120.00 + \$1,180.00 for a grand total of \$1,833.00 (these figures are only for those who qualify for the USA Chess Championship--approximately seven students). The parents have raised over \$4000 in various fundraising activities.

Budget for the California State Chess Championship per child \$533.00

Approximately 25 children will attend the state-contingent upon meeting the chess team requirements

Hotel Room: per room for two nights \$323.00

Tournament Registration: \$60.00

USCF Membership (required): \$17.00

So Cal Membership (required): \$13.00

Food: per child (for three days)\$50.00

*Transportation: (approximation) \$50.00

Miscellaneous: \$20.00

Training Budget per child \$120.00

Chess Training 100% free!

Online chess training: \$45.00

Chess shirts: \$10.00

Chess clocks: \$50.00 (most kids have theirs from last year)

Chess set and board: N/A

Chess Book 15.00

Budget for the United State Chess Championship per child \$1,180

Approximately 5 to 10 children will qualify for the United States Chess Championship

Hotel Room: per room for three nights \$620.00

Tournament Registration: \$60.00

USCF Membership: N/A

Food: \$50.00 per child per three days

Airflight: \$400.00 (approximation)

Miscellaneous: 50.00

