

HEBER PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT

REPORT TO BOARD OF DIRECTORS

MEETING DATE: July 16, 2020

FROM: Laura Fischer, General Manager

SUBJECT: Cancel Heber Fall Fiesta Due to COVID-19

ISSUE:

Should the HPUD Board cancel the Heber Fall Fiesta due to COVID-19 health concerns?

GENERAL MANAGER'S RECOMMENDATION:

Cancel the Fall Fiesta, which is scheduled for October 31, 2020.

FISCAL IMPACT: Reduction of \$35,000 in operating budget over all funds.

DISCUSSION:

The District has held a fiesta or event in October since the first Zombie Mud Run in 2015. Planning for an event that includes a parade, street fair, carnival, Day of the Dead alter, haunted house and other activities, requires many months of preparation. Staff usually starts working on our entertainment lineup, encroachment permits and other items in July.

CONCLUSION:

Due to the health concerns related to COVID-19, staff feels it is prudent to cancel the traditional Heber Fall Fiesta. Should a vaccine become available and the stay home and travel restrictions be lifted, a smaller fiesta may be possible on a later date.

ALTERNATIVES:

- 1) Do not cancel the Fall Fiesta, and direct staff to move forward with planning the event.
- 2) Do not cancel the Fall Fiesta, and direct staff to modify the event to a smaller format to be held if the state and county lift restrictions on social distancing and meeting group sizes.
- 3) Provide alternative direction to staff.

Respectfully Submitted,

Laura Fischer