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RANCHO SIMI RECREATION AND PARK DISTRICT ANNOUNCES SETTLEMENT WITH SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON FOR WOOLSEY WILDFIRE CLAIM

Rancho Simi Recreation and Park District serves the residents of Simi Valley and Oak Park. The District hereby announces a settlement with Southern California Edison to resolve a wildfire claim resulting from the 2018 Woolsey Fire.

The District's settlement is part of a larger \$210 million settlement for a group of 15 public entities in Los Angeles County and Ventura County, but does not affect the claims of residents, individuals, or businesses affected by the fires. The District's gross share of the settlement is approximately \$5,171,479.99 and the net payment to the District after deduction of attorney's fees and costs will be \$4,148,192.37. The settlement proceeds will be used to mitigate damages caused by the Woolsey Fire in the Simi Valley and Oak Park areas of the Park District.

The vote by the Board of Directors of the District was four in favor: Chair Elaine Freeman and Directors Kate O'Brien, Mark Johnson and Brian Dennert. Vice Chair Ed Abele voted no on the settlement.

JAMS Mediator Judge Jay Gandhi (Ret.) presided over the mediation session held on November 1, 2019 in Los Angeles, California.

The District was represented in the claim against Edison by special counsel, Baron & Budd attorneys Scott Summy, John Fiske, Torri Sherlin, and Stephen Johnston.

If there are any questions, contact District Manager Dan Paranick at (805) 584-4406.

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