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- A. Illegal Connection- 2312 Olive Ave. Staff reported that all seven of the affect property owners associated with the Olive Avenue Sewer Extension project had returned consent agreements to the District indicating their willingness to participate in the project. Staff recapped the history of the property at 2312 Olive Avenue and the District's conditional requirement to abandon their illegal sewer connection to the adjoining property at 2310 Olive Ave. and the requirement to build a sewer extension to serve the property. The owner of 2312 Olive Ave, Mr. Hamid Tabrizi, purchased the bank-owned property in April 2011 and immediately began remodeling the house. According to the selling agents (Alain Pinel Realtors), Mr. Tabrizi acknowledged and signed a disclosure statement pertaining to the District's sewer requirement. Additionally, the bank dropped the sale price of the home by \$35,000 to account for the required sewer work. District staff contacted Mr. Tabrizi on several occasions in 2011 and 2012 to reiterate the need to abandon the illegal sewer connection. Thus far, no action has been taken on Mr. Tabrizi's part to move forward on the sewer abandonment and there are now tenants living in the house.

In order to proceed with the bid and construction of the Olive Avenue Sewer Extension and Bypass Cross Connection project, staff has recommended that an additional 4-inch diameter sewer lateral be added to the plans to serve Mr. Tabrizi's property. The lateral will terminate at the property line and be capped at the end. The District is under no obligation to construct a property line cleanout because we do not have consent from the owner to enter onto the property to do construction. The District's basic obligation to provide a sewer service connection point will be fulfilled once the project is completed. At that time, the District can pursue Mr. Tabrizi to meet his obligation of abandoning his illegal connection and tie the property into the newly installed sewer lateral.

Staff discussed the liability issues related to the illegal connection and recommended that action be taken to get Mr. Tabrizi to comply with District requirements. Director Kaelker Boor asked if the District's obligations to provide sewer service would be completed if we built a sewer lateral and terminated it at the property line. Staff responded that the District's jurisdiction ends at the public right of way, in this case, the property line. Mr. Tabrizi would be responsible for abandoning his illegal connection, re-routing the pipes from the house, build a property line cleanout (with District permits and inspection) and tie into the District's sewer lateral. The District Board agreed that this course was the appropriate action and would both fulfill the District's obligations and not impede the progress of the Olive Avenue Sewer Project.

