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TO: Utilities Advisory Committee
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Utilities Department Report for **December 2021**

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8th St. Upper Aquifer Well

The start date of the project is still to be determined. There are supply chain issues mainly with the electrical components of the project. Hartzell General Engineering will begin the pipeline portion of this project in January 2022.

16th Street South Tank Rehab and Coating Project

A pre-construction meeting was held on January 6, 2022 at 10:30 am at the tank site. Construction will begin on January 24th and will run through March 7, 2022. Notifications have been distributed to the adjoining neighborhood.

Program C Well

The Minor Use Permit required for the project was submitted to the County October 8th. The County has indicated the permit will move to administrative hearing in March. Staff will be working with the Wallace Group and Cleath-Harris to finalize the well drilling specifications and bid document so the bid package can be released upon approval of the Minor Use Permit and the Board. A grant application was submitted to the California Department of Water Resources (DWR) for approximately \$1.6 million is still pending. Staff has been in contact with DWR and we have confirmed that we will hear from them by the end of February 2022.

Water Resiliency Project Update

At the September 9, 2021 Board meeting, the Board provided direction to staff to initiate the investigation into alternative water supply projects in particular the State Water Project and/or Morro Bays' water system. The project would require an intertie (pipeline) to the Highway 1 area.

Since September, staff has had preliminary discussions with the City of Morro Bay and County Public Works staff. The discussions with Morro Bay have focused on their water supply portfolio and the prospective availability of supply. Discussions with the County have been concentrated on the Chorro Valley pipeline capacity and the prospects of contracting for a State Water allocation. Both agencies have agreed to further dialogue so staff will update the UAC and Board as more information is available.

Regarding the pipeline, Rob Miller and I have been in discussions with County Public Works Development Services Division regarding pipeline alignment and any encroachment permit requirements that might be part of the project. Additionally, Rob and I have been talking with Public Works Transportation Division regarding the upcoming South Bay Bridge Project. They have agreed to include provisions for a pipeline in the design of the bridge and we are working on the agreement which will be brought to UAC when in final draft form.