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TO: Utilities Advisory Committee

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**SUBJECT: Agenda Item 6 – 05/19/21 Utilities Advisory Committee Meeting
Utilities Department Updates for May 2021**

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Utility Department Updates

Program C Well

SWCA has completed the work on the project's Mitigated Negative Declaration. The public comment period opens on May 19, 2021 and close on June 19, 2021 at 5:00pm. Comments on the proposed project and Mitigated Negative Declaration may be mailed to the LOCSD office or by email to the District's contract planner, Brandi Cummings at brandi.cummings@swca.com.

Staff is continuing to work on the scope of work for the drilling phase of the project and the Minor Use Permit application with the County.

8th St. Upper Aquifer Well

This project has been in the works since 2016 with 90% design documents completed in 2018. The estimated cost of the project at that time was approximately \$315,000. This cost did not include construction management and other project management costs. The project was put on hold while the District applied for a Department of Water Resources grant through the County's Integrated Regional Water Management program. The grant amount is for \$240,000. Though the grant documents haven't been signed, the District was given the go ahead to start the project with the anticipation of being reimbursed at a future date. Since the engineering estimates for the cost of the project are over two years old, staff has authorized the design engineer to update the costs and complete the design to ready the project to go out to bid. It is anticipated that staff will bring the bid package, including the total project cost, to the Board for approval at the June 3rd Board meeting.

16th Street North Tank Issues

The water crew discovered a fairly significant crack in the water feed line on the north 16th Street tank. The crew made a temporary repair to the crack to the ductile iron pipe which will provide time until a permanent repair is made. Both the north and south tanks are scheduled for rehabilitation with the south tank scheduled for the upcoming fiscal year. Staff will need to reconsider the rehabilitation strategy given the condition of the fill line pipe. More information will be provided when available.