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To: LOCSO Finance Advisory Committee
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General Manager's Update

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Sunnyside School Property Acquisition Update

- The project team, is still working on the ballot initiative language and have engaged a local attorney to assist with the effort. Timing of the election is still to be determined and will depend on the group's progress in developing the public outreach strategy and messaging.
- One of the most important "next steps" is the community survey being performed by a professional public opinion research firm, FM3. The survey will provide a statistically valid sampling of the community's willingness to pay for the acquisition and ongoing operations and maintenance of the Sunnyside property.
- A second Town Hall meeting is being organized with a tentative date set for September 14th. The meeting was moved back a month in anticipation of the survey information being made available. More information will be distributed once the date is confirmed.
- The hope was to have the acquisition and ongoing operation and maintenance numbers finalized by this meeting. Adjustments are in the process to match the scale of a project that would be affordable to the community.

Utilities Department Updates

Los Osos Middle School (LOMS) Recycled Water Connection

After years of planning, the work to connect LOMS to recycled water is complete. The District was informed on July 30th that the connection was active and recycled water is being delivered to the landscape and sports field. The use of the recycled water will save between 20 to 25-acre feet of potable water each year.

Program C Well Project

The recent delays in completing this project were jeopardizing the final grant payment of approximately \$150,000 from the Department of Water Resources grant. Staff was successful in requesting a second deadline extension to February 2026. The project is on target to completed in October 2025.

Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA) System Modernization Project

100% design work is complete and procurement of the project components is underway. Installation should be starting in late August with a project completion timeframe in late November.

Water Resiliency Inertie Pipeline Project Update

The Request for Proposal was released on July 11th. A non-mandatory pre-proposal meeting was held on July 23rd with three local design firms attending. Proposals for the project design are due on August 21st. This is a very important project for the community and staff will provide updates as the project moves forward.