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TO: Finance Advisory Committee
FROM: Margaret Falkner, Utility Systems Manager
SUBJECT: **Agenda Item 5 – 11/30/2020 FAC Meeting**
Utilities Department Update.

DESCRIPTION

This report provides an update on the projects and activities the Utilities Department have been pursuing.

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STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Review and Discuss

Utility Department Updates

1. 8th Street Water Yard Building

Construction of the building is completed. The Final inspection by the County is scheduled for December 3rd.

2. South Bay Well Transmission Main Project

This project is completed with the finalization of the project on November 6, 2020. Water is being pumped into the transmission main. This will decrease the pumping at Palisades and 8th Street wells.

3. SCADA Project Update

The Phase I Radio Survey has been completed. The report was received on October 12, 2020 and reviewed by staff and District Engineer. Comments were submitted to the consultant. Next steps would be to begin the design, develop the scope of work and finalize the bid documents.

4. 10th Street Well Issues

The 10th Street well has been out of service since June 15th. The recommended lining project is underway and should be completed the week of November 30th. The cost for materials is \$20,353.00 and labor to install the liner is \$4,000.00.

5. 3rd Street Well

The 3rd street well has been out of service since 2015. Staff conferred with staff from the State Drinking Water Division on the process required to get this well back into service. Labs have come back within in the required parameters. Crews worked with PG&E to investigate an unbalanced current alarm. The electrical connections were cleaned up on November 4, 2020 and the well is now running. After an evaluation of the motor, it has been recommended that the District replace the existing motor sometime in the near future to ensure the reliability of the well. With this well in service the demand on Palisades and 8th Street wells will be reduced.

6. 16th Street Tanks Inspection

It is recommended to have water storage tanks inspected every 5 years. After receiving quotes for inspection services the District awarded the inspection to Advantage Technical Services of San Luis Obispo. The inspection is performed while the tanks are full and

reports with recommendations written for each tank. They will begin on December 1, 2020.

7. Program C Site Selection

At the November 5, 2020 Board of Directors meeting the Board unanimously approved Site E which is the Bayridge site for a new well. Next steps are to continue environmental work with SWCA, begin the bid documents, permitting, and communications with Golden State Water Company.