



May 20, 2026

TO: Utilities Advisory Committee
FROM: Ron Munds, General Manager
SUBJECT: **Agenda Item 5 – 05/20/26 UAC Meeting**
Utilities Department Updates

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Water Resiliency Intertie Pipeline Project (Intertie Pipeline Project) Update
Project design work continues to have the 30% design documents completed by the end of May. Work continues to finalize the design of the piping for the bridge crossing portion of the project. It is anticipated once the design is completed, the District will coordinate with the County and the bridge contractor to assist with selecting a contractor for the installation of the pipeline.

16th Booster Pump Replacement Project Update
As reported back in November 2025, there have been some ongoing operational issues with the four pumps at the 16th Street booster pump station that have become important to solve. The pump station is an integral part of the water distribution system in that it provides water to the “boosted” zone of the water service area while maintaining adequate pressure for fire flows to both the gravity and boosted zones.

In November 2025, the jockey pump failed, followed by the failure of one of the three main booster pumps. The remaining pumps are also in questionable condition. The project includes alterations to the pump pedestals and modifications to piping alignment to accommodate the new pumps. There has been a long lag time in the delivery of the pumps but work on the project should be underway during the week of May 18th.

It was decided to replace all the pumps in two phases. This will allow for the two operational pumps to remain in service during phase 1. Phase 1 will replace the jockey pump and one booster pump and cost approximately \$69,000.

Fiscal Year 2026-27 Preliminary Budget Update for Funds 500 & 800

At the April UAC meeting, the committee received a presentation on the draft 2026-27 fiscal year budgets for Funds 500 and 800. The Board reviewed both budgets and made the following determinations:

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Zone A Property Tax Allocation	\$50,000
Water Cost Allocation Percentage	Decrease percentage from 71% to 69%
Drainage Cost Allocation Percentage	Increase percentage from 2.5% to 4.0%
Tentative Approval of an Assistant GM Position	Leaves Utilities Systems Manager position vacant

The preliminary Capital Project Plan was tentatively approved:

	FY 26/27 Projects	Budgeted (Estimated)
500/9006	Intertie Pipeline Design	\$500,000.00
500/9006	Valve Replacement Program	\$643,000.00
500/9006	3rd St. Well Project	\$600,000.00
500/9006	Water Yard Office-Phase 1	\$50,000.00
500/9006	Los Osos Crk. Crossing Pipeline	\$1,000,000.00
	TOTAL	\$2,793,000.00

Other items reviewed by the UAC were given preliminary approval by the Board.