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**TO:** Finance Advisory Committee  
**FROM:** Margaret Falkner, Utility Systems Manager  
**SUBJECT:** **Agenda Item 6 – 01/04/2021 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. 8<sup>th</sup> Street Water Yard Building**

Construction of the building is completed. The Final inspection by the County occurred on December 3<sup>rd</sup>. The building passed inspection. We are able to move parts and equipment into the building.

**2. 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. There was a workshop on December 4, 2020 with the vendor, District engineer, and staff. The project includes the water system and drainage pumps. We will need to consider options for phasing in this project as it will benefit the District significantly. Next steps would be to begin the design, develop the scope of work and finalize the bid documents.

**3. 10<sup>th</sup> Street Well Issues**

The 10<sup>th</sup> Street Well has been out of service since June 15<sup>th</sup>. After months of setbacks, the lining project is now complete. The good news is we were able to recover most of the bottom of the well and the pump test ran 200 gallons per minute. The cost for materials is \$20,353.00 and labor to install the liner is \$4,000.00. A new pump and motor were installed the week of December 21<sup>st</sup>. The final electrical work needed was completed on December 30<sup>th</sup>; full operation of the well is anticipated the week of January 4<sup>th</sup>. Final costs for this phase of work is still to be determined. Once the well is running into the system demand on Palisades will be greatly reduced.

**4. 3<sup>rd</sup> Street Well**

The 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 pump and motor sometime in the near future to

ensure the reliability of the well. With this well in service the demand on Palisades and 8<sup>th</sup> Street wells has been reduced.

**5. 16<sup>th</sup> Street Tanks Inspection**

The inspection was performed on December 1, 2020. The reports were delivered on December 14, 2020. Staff has reviewed the reports and there is significant corrosion on both tanks. Staff has asked for a cost estimate for needed repairs. Next steps are to develop the scope of work, and prepare bid documents.

**6. Program C Well**

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.