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TO: Finance Advisory Committee

FROM: Ron Munds, General Manager

SUBJECT: **Agenda Item 5 – 09/28/2020 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

Information Only

Utility Department Updates

1. **8th Street Water Yard Building**
Construction of the building is completed. Staff is working with the General Contractor to finish some of the final details of the project before issuing the notice of completion and scheduling the final inspection.
2. **Lead and Copper Sampling**
As previously reported, the District completed the Lead and Copper sampling of the 21 residences, in the month of July. Staff submitted the final results to the State and mailed letters to the participants thanking them for their participation.
3. **10th Street Exterior Coating Project**
The project has commenced as of September 22nd; the project should be complete by October 9th.
4. **South Bay Well Transmission Main Project**
The initial phase of the project started on September 8th with verifying existing underground utilities; some pipeline alignment issues arose after this phase which resulted in minor changes to the alignment of the pipeline. This change may add costs to the project, the added cost is unknown at this time. Actual pipeline installation began the week of September 21th. Completion date for this project is October 15th. There will be some traffic delays during the project so avoid the area between 10th Street and South Bay Boulevard if possible.
5. **Program C Well Update**
Staff received the draft Environmental Constraints Analysis from SWCA on September 17th. Staff will be reviewing the results and conferring with Cleath-Harris and the Wallace Group to formulate a recommendation for the siting of the well. It is anticipated that the report will come to the UAC at the October 21st meeting and then move on to the Board at their November 5th meeting.

6. SCADA Project Update

The Phase I Radio Survey has been completed. The report is being prepared and staff should receive it in the next week. Next steps would be to begin the design, develop the scope of work and finalize the bid documents.

7. South Bay Well Rehabilitation & Liner Installation Project (estimated project cost \$65,000 plus engineering support)

On hold

8. Equipment Purchases Approved in FY 2020-21 Budget

Replacement of the Vacuum Trailer. Estimated cost was approximately \$50,000; The Board approved the purchase of the actual cost of approximately \$63,000 for the new vacuum trailer at the August 6th Board Meeting. The new trailer was delivered and put into service on September 16th, 2020.

9. 10th Street Well Issues

The 10th Street well has been out of service since June 15th. Since then staff, along with Cleath-Harris and Filippini and Thompson Drilling, have been working on repairs to the well to get it back into service. Because of the age of the well, initially drilled in 1962, it was determined that the perforations that allow water to flow into the well and be pumped to the surface were corroded and clogged. When attempting to clean the lower part of the casing, the pipe had deteriorated so much it created a hole which allowed sand and debris to enter into approximately the bottom 80 feet of the well. An effort was made to remove the debris which recovered about 20 feet of the bottom. Some unexpected delays on getting the well back in service have occurred so there is no set date as to when it will return to service. Staff is currently reviewing options to do a full rehabilitation of the well once the higher water demand season has passed.

10. Utility Systems Manager

After an extended recruitment period and search, we are excited to announce that the District has hired a former employee, Margaret Falkner, to be the Utility System Manager. Margaret has extensive knowledge of the water and drainage systems and will provide the critical support needed as the District moves forward with its Capital Improvement Program and Basin Plan implementation strategies. Margaret's first day back will be September 28th.