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Utilities Department Report for August 2022

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Utility Department Updates

CIP Projects Wrap Up

8th St. Upper Aquifer Well

The construction and equipping of the well is complete. The Division of Drinking Water (DDW) inspected the well on July 11th. Results of the water quality samples are still pending after the well was disinfected and tested. Initial results for Nitrates come back very low at 2.1 mg/l. If all goes according to schedule, it is anticipated the project will be completed and the well be ready for service in August 2022.

16th Street South Tank Rehab and Coating Project

The 16th St. Tank project is complete except for some minor repairs to the asphalt and small retaining wall damaged during the project. Water quality samples were taken and the Division of Drinking Water approved the water quality results. The tank was placed back in service on August 4, 2022.

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Bay Oaks Well (formerly Program C Well)

The drilling contract was awarded to Pacific Coast Well Drilling, Inc. They are a local company out of Templeton. Notice to proceed was issued with mobilization started on August 4th and the drilling of the test hole commenced on August 9th. The contract for the design phase of Program C well transmission main was awarded to Water Systems Consulting, Inc. at the July 7th Board meeting. Pipeline design should be completed by the end of December 2022. It is estimated that construction of the pipeline will proceed in March of 2023. The District was approved for a grant in the amount of \$1.5 million to offset the cost of the entire project.

16th Street North Tank Rehab and Coating Project

The north tank is due for a total rehab and coating on both interior and exterior. We will work with the District engineer to get bid documents out this year with work hopefully beginning in early 2023.

Heavy Equipment Storage Building

For years, the District stored heavy equipment outside in the elements. Staff is working on getting quotes on a manufactured building to be installed at our Ferrell Well site. This will provide much needed protection of the equipment. This will require a building permit from the County.

New Drought Reporting

The State Water Resources Control Board Division of Drinking Water has selected the LOCSD to report on potential water shortages due to the drought. The Division of Drinking Water, in the effort to identify potential drought

impacted systems, has issued a drought technical order to 258 systems over two phases in order to help water systems track and prepare for potential water shortages. The District has submitted its first report for the month of July 2022.

Review the 5 Year CIP Plan

Periodically, staff brings the 5 Year CIP Plan to the UAC for review and discussion. As a refresher, the projects identified in the plan are from the District's Water Master Plan developed in the early 2000's. The plan is dynamic in that it has changed as priorities change from year to year. For instance, the SCADA project was scheduled to be implemented last fiscal year but was delayed in order to rehabilitate the north and south 16th Street tanks. Also, staff is trying to adjust project costs since supply chain issues and inflation have escalated the costs significantly over the past two years.

Staff would like to take the opportunity to review the projects with the UAC and answer any questions that you may have.