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TO: Utilities Advisory Committee
FROM: Margaret Falkner, Utility Systems Manager
SUBJECT: **Agenda Item 5 – 11/18/2020 UAC 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. Staff is working through issues on the fire alarm system. Mace has installed the fire alarm system and we are now waiting for CAL Fire to inspect.

2. South Bay Well Transmission Main Project

The project is nearing completion. The pipeline has been laid and paving has been completed. The transmission main was placed into service on November 4, 2020. Finalization of the project was on November 6, 2020. Water is being pumped into the transmission main. This will alleviate 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. Spencer Harris recommended we keep the well out of service until the lining project is completed. Materials were dropped off on November 12, 2020. The lining project began on November 16, 2020.

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. A motor saver has been ordered and once in place will take care of the

unbalanced current issue. 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, prepare the bid documents, start permitting, and communications with Golden State Water Company.