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SUBJECT: **Agenda Item 5 – 08/16/2023 Utilities Advisory Committee Meeting**
Utilities Department Updates for July 2023

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Bay Oaks Well (formerly Program C Well)

The bid package for the well equipping phase of the project was approved by the Board at their August meeting. The closing date for bids is September 14th. The estimated construction cost is \$750,000. There will be added cost for construction management and support. The start of the water transmission main project has been delayed. Construction will begin in September and should be completed towards the end of November.

16th Street North Tank repair and re-coating bid package is out to bid. The actual work will most likely begin in September. This project is expected to cost \$700,000 for the rehabilitation work another \$100,000 for support services. The bid closing date was August 10th. Staff is currently evaluating the bids to determine completeness of the submitted packages and compare cost information.

Other Updates

Water Resiliency Intertie Project. The Environment Constraints Analysis is complete. Staff has directed SWCA to prepare the Mitigated Negative Declaration for the project. The phase of the project should be complete by the end of September. Staff will return to the UAC once completed for input.

Basin Management Committee (BMC) Projects. The District is acting as lead agency on two BMC projects. The first is the Recycled Water Facility Planning study which will be partially funded by grant funds from the State Water Board. The main work product that will come out of the study will be the development of the Transient Groundwater Model. This will be a significant upgrade in modeling capabilities and will provide the BMC greater abilities to understand the impacts of drought, rainfall, groundwater pumping and water movement through the aquifer.

The second project is the drilling of a new lower aquifer groundwater monitoring well at the east end of Skyline Drive. The addition of this well to the seawater intrusion monitoring network will provide better chloride data than what is currently available. This will be a very important tool to track seawater intrusion in the groundwater basin.

Water Shortage Contingency Plan Updates. The Board approved the changes recommended by the UAC at their August meeting. The next step is for staff to incorporate the changes into an ordinance change since the plan is part of the District's Title 2 code. The draft ordinance will probably be presented to the UAC in September so it can move to the Board in October.