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Utilities Department Updates

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Water Resiliency Intertie Pipeline Project (Intertie Pipeline Project) Update
Project design work is behind schedule due to complicated nature of geography and geology in the State Park area and the extended effort to complete the design of the Los Osos Creek bridge crossing segment of the project. The District will be coordinating with the County and the bridge contractor to assist with selecting a contractor for the installation of the pipeline.

The 30% design documents will be completed by the beginning of July. Once completed, work on the Coastal Development Permit will begin and will continue in parallel with the design work.

16th Booster Pump Replacement Project Update

As reported at the May meeting, project implementation was delayed due to supply chain issues. The pumps were delivered and installed in late May. When the SCADA contractor tried to connect the old pump controller to the new SCADA system, it was determined that the software in the old controller was not compatible because of its age and lack of technical support.

Staff is now working with the SCADA contractor to look at what it will cost to convert the whole control system to the SCADA system.

Phase 1 of the Water Yard Office Project Underway

After several years of being postponed, Phase 1 of the water yard office remodel project is underway. The District has contracted with Omni Design to provide a complete building condition assessment and architectural services to remodel the office.

On May 28th, Omni brought a team of structural, mechanical, electrical and plumbing specialists to evaluate the building and its needs. This phase of the project should take 4 to 6 months to complete.

Assistant General Manager/District Engineer Position Recruitment

With the upcoming retirement of Margaret, the Board has agreed to not fill the Utility Systems Manager position and add either an Assistant General Manager position or an Assistant General Manager/District Engineer position.

FY 2026-27 budget includes funding for one new management-level position. In order to maximize the District's ability to attract qualified candidates and respond to both current and anticipated operational needs, staff has proposed a flexible recruitment structure that would allow the District to recruit for either an Assistant General Manager or an Assistant General Manager/District Engineer, depending on the qualifications and experience of the selected candidate. The recruitment would seek candidates from both professional pools simultaneously; however, only one position would be filled. Job information is available on the District website.