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General Manager's Update

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CIP Projects Wrap Up

8th St. Upper Aquifer Well

The construction and equipping of the well is complete and operational. All the required information and water quality testing results have been provided to the Division of Drinking Water (DDW). The final permit was issued on 8/26/22.

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. the test hole and final well design are complete. All materials have been ordered to complete the well which is scheduled for completion by the end of September. Pipeline design is underway and 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 heavy equipment has been stored 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 of identifying 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.

Other Initiatives

Save Cuesta Inlet Initiative. There is a much-publicized effort to acquire the Cuesta Inlet property which recently came on the market. The District's involvement in the overall effort has been mentioned in some of the information released by the group. The Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee was provided an overview and update of the group's activities at their August 16th meeting. Staff will be monitoring the effort and will and more information will be provided to the Board in the future.

CalRecycle Meeting. Staff had its first meeting with CalRecycle and IWMA staff regarding compliance with several solid waste mandates. Overall, the District is in good position to meet the deadlines AB 341 (mandatory commercial multi-family materials recycling), AB 1826 (mandatory commercial multi-family organics recycling) and AB 1383 (expanded mandatory organic recycling in all sectors). The IWMA services are essential in the District achieving the requirements different mandates. District staff will be responsible for any enforcement for non-compliance by the various customer classes as the deadlines for compliance approach.

Regional Solid Waste Rate Setting Meeting. District staff continues to participate in a regional effort to update the methodology to evaluate solid waste rate applications from the haulers. The current manual was developed in 1994 and is in need of updating to reflect current industry practices and regulations. The District will be responsible for the next "Base Year" application submitted by Waste Connections in 2025.