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TO: Utilities Advisory Committee
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Utilities Department Updates

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Program C Well

SWCA, the District's environmental consultant, continues work on the project description, archeological and biological resource inventory environmental and the Mitigated Negative Declaration. Final staff comments on the draft document have been submitted to SWCA. Staff anticipates that the document will be finalized by the end of April. At the March 4th Board meeting, the Board approved a contract with Cleath-Harris Hydrogeologists to provide the well drilling specifications and construction bid documents, and construction monitoring and final design for the project so this phase of work is underway. Next steps include submitting a Minor Use Permit application to the County for the project. This should be completed in May.

8th St. Upper Aquifer Well

Briefly, this project has been in the works since 2016 with 90% design documents completed in 2018. The estimated cost of the project at that time was approximately \$315,000. This cost did not include construction management and other project management costs. The project was put on hold while the District applied for a Department of Water Resources grant through the County's Integrated Regional Water Management program. The grant amount is for \$240,000. Though the grant documents haven't been signed, the District was given the go ahead to start the project with the anticipation of being reimbursed at a future date. Since the engineering estimates for the cost of the project are over two years old, staff has authorized the design engineer to update the costs and complete the design to ready the project to go out to bid. It is anticipated that staff will bring the bid package, including the total project cost, to the Board for approval at the May 6th Board meeting with reward early next fiscal year.

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