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Utilities Department Updates

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Program C Well Project

Construction started on the final phase of the project on September 23rd. Work is continuing at a good pace. Final start up and commissioning should be completed by spring 2025.

Groundwater Monitoring Well Project – LA 14 & 16

The District is again the lead agency for establishing two groundwater monitoring wells for the Basin Management Committee (BMC). The project will rehabilitate two existing wells. One is located at the end of Palisades Drive and the other on Los Osos Valley Road at Broderson. The District was successful in obtaining a \$75,000 grant from the Morro Bay National Estuary Program to offset the project cost.

The District received three bids; the low bid was by General Pump Company. The engineering estimate for the rehabilitation work was \$90,000; General Pump's bid cost is \$82,611. A Notice of Award has been issued and the contract has been executed. Work will begin either the week of January 6th or 13th.

10th Street Water Tank Issues

The District recently received a tank dive inspection report that provided a list of significant interior and exterior work the tank needs. The FY 2024-25 capital budget included \$150,000 for recoating the interior of the project. The inspection report estimates the interior work will cost \$110,000 but also found safety issues on the exterior that will cost about \$173,000. Additionally, it was noted that the tank needs a seismic retrofit which will cost about \$250,000.

Staff will be looking at ways to phase the project over the next two to three years. The immediate need is to complete the interior and exterior work this fiscal year. Recommendations will be forthcoming over the next couple of months on how to accomplish this.

FEMA/Cal OES Cabrillo Basin Funding Update

Staff continues to work on the funding applications for the Cabrillo Basin permanent repairs. The application process for FEMA funding is almost complete. There was a communication issue between FEMA and US Fish and Wildlife Service which held things up for a few months but that has been resolved. The application has been submitted for final review so now it's a matter of time to see if there will be any requests for information. This application funds permanent repairs to the east side of the basin where the breach occurred.

On a parallel track, staff is working with Cal OES on 404 mitigation funding for the permanent repairs recommended on the west side of the basin. This is a more costly project since it entails rebuilding about two thirds of the north basin berm.

Staff is in the final stages of completing the application. Hopefully it will be finished sometime in December.

There has been a request by the Board for an agenda item to discuss the funding options for the District's share of the work. Once each application has been successfully submitted, we will have a better understanding of the amount of funding the District will need to provide, which will help formulate a plan moving forward.