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Utilities Department Updates for **July 2024**

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Utilities Projects

Program C Well Project

The District finally received the building permit to start construction of the final phase of the project. The Contractor will begin work in September; a new schedule has not been established yet, but work should be completed by late winter/early spring 2025.

Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA) System Modernization Project

SCADA controls allow for remote monitoring of the water systems components. The current SCADA system is antiquated and near the end of its useful life. This project is the number one priority on the list of capital projects this fiscal year. A Request for Proposals was released on August 2nd; the project cost is about \$750,000.

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 wells will add to the seawater intrusion monitoring network and provide important data to the BMC. The cost of the project is approximately \$100,000. The District was successful in obtaining a \$75,000 grant from the Morro Bay National Estuary Program to offset the project cost.

Recruiting for a Water Resource Operator

The District has been recruiting for a Water Resource Operator position. The closing date for applications was today, August 21st. Staff will be reviewing the applications and setting up interviews the first week of September.