

September 25, 2024

TO: LOCSD Utilities Advisory Committee

FROM: Ron Munds, General Manager

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SUBJECT: Agenda Item 5 – 09/25/2024 Utilities Advisory Committee

Utilities Department Updates for September 2024

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Utilities Projects

Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA) System Modernization Project

A non-mandatory pre bid meeting was held on August 28th. The meeting was well attended by both local and out of area firms. Proposals are due on October 4th so by the next UAC meeting we will have the results of the process. The project cost is estimated at \$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. Cleath-Harris Geologist was awarded the design services and construction management contract. Next will be the release of the well rehabilitation bid package. The work should be completed early next year.

Water Resource Operator

The District has hired a new Water Resource Operator to fill a vacancy that opened in July. We welcome Mitchell Rick to the team. His first day working for the District will be Monday September 30th.

Program C Well Project

Construction started on the final phase of the project on September 23rd. It is anticipated that this phase of the project will be completed during the first quarter of next year. Final start up and commissioning should be completed by spring 2025.

Other Scheduled CIP Projects

8th Street Water Yard Office Assessment

The water yard office needs either an extensive remodel or demolition and rebuild. Staff is working on a Request for Proposal package to hire a consultant to do an assessment of the building and provide a plan to move forward. The budget for this fiscal year is for the assessment; any future project will be added to the CIP list.

Heavy Equipment Storage Building

This project is on hold until the County finalizes the Habitat Conservation Plan Mitigation Program. The District will need coverage under the program so until the details and cost are available, the project will be delayed.

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Valve Replacement Project

This project will go out to bid in the spring once the Water System Master Plan is updated. Details from the master plan will help determine if any valves need to be resized based on future upgrades to the water distribution system to increase fire flows to specific areas within the system.

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- **Saturday, October 5th, 2024**
- (2) 1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.
- **1555 El Moro Ave., Los Osos, CA, 93402**

Los Osos is on the cusp of having an updated blueprint for community development with proposed amendments to the Estero Area Plan and the Los Osos Community Plan.

The County of San Luis Obispo is hosting a public Town Hall discussion about community development in Los Osos.

Topics include growth management, the Los Osos Habitat Conservation Plan, the "Los Osos Waitlist to Build", and the upcoming County Board of Supervisors hearing on October 29th, 2024.

Come join the Town Hall meeting on October 5th to learn more!

