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TO: Utilities Advisory Committee

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**SUBJECT: Agenda Item 5 - 10/20/2021 Utilities Advisory Committee
Utilities Department Updates for September 2021**

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Program C Well

The Minor Use Permit required for the project was submitted to the County October 8th. Staff will continue to work closely with County to ensure the application is processed as quickly as possible. Staff is continuing to work on the scope of work for the drilling phase of the project. A grant application was submitted to the California Department of Water Resources (DWR) for approximately \$1.6 million with matching funds of \$500,000. The grant is the Small Community Drought Relief Program funded through the DWR which has \$200 million available until funds run out. Due to the drought our basin is experiencing and the effects of seawater intrusion, this project is critical infrastructure required for sustainability of our groundwater basin. Staff has been in contact with DWR and has been told the District will be provided an update on the grant submittal by mid-December.

8th St. Upper Aquifer Well

At the Board meeting on June 3rd the notice to invite bids was approved with a construction cost estimate of \$310,000. The bidding period closed on July 13, 2021. The District received four bids that were all lower than the engineer's estimate. The lowest bid was \$207,300. Notice of Award and notice to proceed have been issued Hartzell General Engineering Contractor. The start date of the project is still to be determined. There have supply chain issues mainly with the electrical components of the project. Staff will keep the committee posted on the project schedule when available.

16th Street South Tank Rehab and Coating Project

The District Engineer prepared bid packets for the major rehab and coating of this South tank. Three bids were submitted by the October 14, 2021 deadline. The work is comprised of providing re-coating of the entire tank exterior including appurtenances, complete tank interior re-coating including dollar plate and rafters, and other miscellaneous items of work. The engineer's estimate for the project is \$350,000. The lowest bid submitted was \$400,343. The other two bids were over \$500,000. Staff and the District consultant are in the process of evaluating the lowest bid in order to determine if the project submittal should be forwarded to the Board for consideration and award.

Upcoming Work Efforts

- CIP Five Year Program Update
- Water Rate Study
- Water Conservation Program Update
- Water Shortage Contingency Plan Review and Update