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General Manager's Update

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Los Osos Water Resiliency Effort Update. Staff has been working with Rob Miller, District Engineer, on a preliminary design for a pipeline intertie to the Chorro Valley area. This document represents a significant work effort and is almost complete. On a separate track, staff has been working with the County, State Water Sub-contractors including the City of Morro Bay to discuss water issues and options for additional water supply for the community. Staff will be bringing a report forward in September or October to review the information and discuss the next steps for the project.

Save Cuesta Inlet Initiative. There is a much-publicized effort to acquire the Cuesta Inlet property which recently came on the market. The District's involvement in the overall effort has been mentioned in some of the information released by the group. Staff will be monitoring the effort and will probably invite the group to talk at our next Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee meeting on August 16th. More information will be provided to the FAC in the future.

Morro Bay Chamber Governmental Affairs Committee (MBGAC) Presentation. I was invited to talk at the July 6th MBGAC meeting. They were very interested in developing a closer relationship with the Los Osos community and the District in particular. I provided information on what the District does and some of the issues we have in common. Overall, the information I provided was well received and I look forward to future discussions with the group.

Drought Reminder. We want to remind the community it is still important to pay close attention to your water use, limit your outdoor irrigation and always check for leaks around your home and yard. If you need assistance, please call the office at 805-528-9370.

Capital Project Updates:

8th St. Upper Aquifer Well. The piping, valves and other associated work on the 8th St. Upper Aquifer Well was completed back in February. After delays, the work on the controls were recently completed. The Division of Drinking Water (DDW) inspected the well on July 11th. Water quality samples have been collected and sent to the water quality lab for final analysis. The Division of Drinking Water is processing the well certification and permit. If all goes according to schedule, it is anticipated the project will be completed and the well will be ready for service in early August 2022.

16th St. Tank Project. The 16th St. Tank project is finishing up. Contractors have been given a punch list of items that need to be finalized. Water quality samples have been taken and results are pending. The Project should be completed and the tank back in service by the beginning of August.

Program C Well. The drilling contract was awarded to Pacific Coast Well Drilling, Inc. They are a local company out of Templeton. Notice to proceed was issued with mobilization to start in August. The District was approved for a grant in the amount of \$1.5 million for the entire project. The contract for the Program C well transmission pipeline phase of the project was awarded to Water Systems Consulting, Inc. at the July 7th Board meeting. Pipeline design should be completed by the end of December 2022. It is estimated that construction of the pipeline will proceed in late spring of 2023.

Other Initiatives:

Dog Park Design. The Board allocated \$42,000 of Zone A property tax revenue for the Dog Park design phase of the project. The estimated cost for the design is \$82,000 to \$85,000. Staff will look for alternative funding options to complete the design.

Purchasing Policy. Staff is making progress in making significant changes to the District's purchasing policy. It is anticipated that the policy will come to the FAC in September.