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TO: Utilities Advisory Committee
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Utilities Department Updates for **June 2021**

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Utility Department Updates

Program C Well

SWCA has completed the work on the project's Mitigated Negative Declaration. The public comment period closed on June 19, 2021 at 5:00pm. Once public comments are reviewed a report will be brought to the Board of Directors at the August meeting to consider the approval of the Initial Study and Mitigated Negative Declaration. Staff is continuing to work on the scope of work for the drilling phase of the project and the Minor Use Permit application with the County.

8th St. Upper Aquifer Well

This project has been in works since 2016 with 90% design documents completed in 2018. The estimated cost of the project at that time was approximately \$315,000. This cost did not include construction management and other project management costs. The project was put on hold while the District applied for a Department of Water Resources grant through the County's Integrated Regional Water Management program. The grant amount is for \$240,000. Though the grant documents haven't been signed, the District was given the go ahead to start the project with the anticipation of being reimbursed at a future date. Since the engineering estimates for the cost of the project are over three years old, staff authorized the design engineer to update the costs and complete the design to ready the project to go out to bid. The revised cost of the project, including construction management costs, is \$366,500. At the Board meeting on June 3rd the notice to invite bids was approved. The construction cost estimate was \$310,000. Bids were accepted until July 13, 2021, at 3 pm. The District received four bids that were all lower than the engineer's estimate. The lowest bid was \$207,300 and is now being reviewed to ensure the bid was complete and responsive.

16th Street South Tank Project Kickoff Meeting

On July 9, 2021 at 8:00 am staff and consultants had a kickoff meeting at the 16th Street Tank to review information needed for the preparation of a bid package for the recoating and maintenance work that needs to be done. We will bring the bid package to the UAC in August. The plan is to have the bid package for this work authorized by our Board of Directors at the September 2021 meeting.

16th Street North Tank Fill-line Project

At the kickoff meeting, staff and consultants discussed the North Tank Fill line that has sprung a leak. Utilities crew placed a band-clamp on the spot where the breach occurred. That fill-line was replaced in 2005 after the San Simeon Earthquake and paid for by FEMA and OES. At that time, it was priced at \$37,800. So, we will work with our District engineer on current pricing for this project.