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Utilities Department Updates

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## **Utilities Department Updates**

### **2023-24 CIP**

#### ***Well Equipping Phase***

Staff is working through the County building permit process. The building application was submitted on February 9<sup>th</sup>; this will probably take until May sometime to make it through the County process. The contractor will be ordering materials and working through supply chain issues for the electrical components of the project.

#### **South Bay Lower Aquifer Well Rehabilitation Project**

The South Bay lower aquifer well is experiencing sanding issues and is in need of a complete rehabilitation which will include cleaning the louver openings, agitate and break up the filter pack to remove sediment and the installation of a new PVC liner. The project started on March 11<sup>th</sup> and completed on April 5<sup>th</sup>. Water crew is going through the process to clear the remaining sediment before putting the well back in service.

### **Other Updates**

#### **School Recycled Water Connections**

It appears that the Los Osos Middle School is on schedule for the connection to the recycled water system this summer. Baywood Elementary and Sunnyside School are on hold. Baywood Elementary might go through a significant remodel sometime in the next 2-3 years and Sunnyside School has been earmarked for sale by the school district. Plans to connect Monarch Grove are moving forward.

#### **PFAS Testing Results**

There's been a lot of information and media coverage of the EPA's rule to establish the legally enforceable Maximum Contaminant Levels (MCLs) for six PFAS contaminants in drinking water. The District followed the EPA required sampling protocol in January 2024 with results reported back to the District from the EPA water quality testing lab in early April. All District wells were below the minimum reporting limit of the established MCLs for all six contaminants. The District will be required to continue sampling twice a year with the sampling event occurring in July.