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TO: Los Osos Community Services District Board

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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 9th; this will probably take until April 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 11th and should be completed by the end of March or early April.

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.

California Electric Vehicle Fleet Requirements

State and local government fleets, including special district fleets, are required to ensure 50 percent of vehicle purchases are zero-emission beginning in 2024 and 100 percent of vehicle purchases are zero-emission by 2027. Small government fleets (those with 10 or fewer vehicles) like our District must start their ZEV purchases beginning in 2027.

Staff has been researching the issues of adequate electrical capacity to the 8th Street water yard with PG&E and the needed infrastructure for a charging station at the site. Though the regulations provide for a later starting timeframe for small government fleets, the incentive money for improvements on both sides of the electric meter are available now and have an uncertain future because of state budget issues. Staff will be making key recommendations to the Board by the May Board meeting on how to proceed. Updates will be provided to the UAC in April.