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February General Manager’s Report

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Fiscal Year 2024-25 Budget Preparation

Staff has started the initial preparations of the FY 2024-25 budget. Several of the advisory committees will be involved. The Utilities Advisory Committee began working on the Capital Improvement Plan for next year’s budget at their February meeting since that is the most complicated part of the Fund 500 budget. The other advisory committees will be previewing the appropriate funds in April and May.

Solid Waste Rate Setting Manual Update

Partnering with the City of San Luis Obispo, a Request for Proposals was released in February with submittals due February 28th. Only one proposal was received but, fortunately, it was from a very qualified firm. Staff will be providing the Board an update once the manual update process starts moving forward.

SLO County Title 19 Update

The SLO County Board of Supervisors adopted the amended Title 19 ordinance at their February 27th meeting. In general, the updated program is improvement over the old program. The County contracted with a reputable consulting firm to assist in the update process. Though there are a few areas that could be improved upon, the updated Water Offset Program will provide better assurances that the water savings estimations from the required retrofits will be achieved.

Recycled Water Connections to the Schools

Staff met with the School District and County to finalize the plans to retrofit Los Osos Middle School. Final details have been worked out and it is anticipated that the middle school will be connected this summer. Baywood Elementary was scheduled to be the next school connected but has been put on hold pending a decision to either reconstruct parts or all of the school in the coming years.