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5-Year Capital Improvement Plan

AMWC's capital improvement plan for fiscal year ending April 30, 2027 (FY 2027) anticipates $7.6 million in expenditures, with the majority of the expenses going toward the design, permitting, and construction of a water treatment facility to remove per- and poly-fluoroalkyl substances (PFAS); most of the expenses for construction are expected to occur in FY 2028. Other projects programmed for FY 2027 include repainting the Rojo Tank, upgrading the Random Oaks Booster Station, demolishing the Pine Mountain Tank in anticipation of its replacement in FY 2028, upgrading the electric distribution system in the main well field, upgrading pumps and motors in the main well field, information technology upgrades, replacing defective water main valves, replacing aging water service laterals and meters, installing new water service laterals and meters, upgrading fire hydrants, installing new fire hydrants, and numerous other projects. Many of these projects related to the distribution system are done in conjunction with and ahead of city and county road improvement projects to avoid cutting into roads that were recently improved. The cost of these capital projects is in addition to the ongoing expenses associated with the operation and maintenance of AMWC's wells, booster stations, tanks, the distribution system, and the Nacimiento Water Project.

Capital investment expenditures for FY 2028 are forecast at $36 million and are primarily related to construction of the water treatment facility. Forecast expenditures for FY 2029 – 2031 average $3.3 million and include implementation of an automated meter reading system, replacing defective water main valves, replacing aging water service laterals and meters, replacing aging vehicles and equipment, upgrading pressure-reducing stations, installing new water service laterals and meters, upgrading fire hydrants, installing new fire hydrants, and numerous other projects intended to offset the depreciation of the water system.

Debt service, operating, and maintenance costs for the Nacimiento Water Project have had a significant impact on AMWC's budget. These costs are anticipated to average $3.2 million per year over the next five years. Debt service payments of $2.6 million will continue through year 2041.