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The proposed wastewater projects are all worthwhile and necessary projects. However, from a financial perspective, it makes no sense to pay for the lower cost projects with 30-year installment financing.

For example, the ECM #2.0 Influent Lift Station Baffle Plate project is estimated to cost \$18,261. The District does not need 30-year financing to pay for that. Similarly, each project, starting with the lower cost projects, must be considered for payment from annual wastewater revenues. Only the higher cost projects, such as the lift station projects, require long term financing.

The District should reduce the overall cost of the proposed wastewater projects by arranging long term financing only for the high cost ECM projects, while paying for the lower cost projects with annual revenues.

The District should reduce the overall cost of the proposed projects even further by shortening the term of the financing from 30 years to 15 or 20 years. Some of the equipment associated with these projects may require replacement before the loan or installment agreement is fully repaid. The District could end up paying for the new equipment, replacements for the new equipment and interest on financing all at the same time.

Quoting from the 8-19-21 Bartle Wells proposal: Evaluate possible combinations of financing methods, such as pay-as-you-go cash funding supplemented by debt when needed. Please consider this good advice as you discuss ways of paying for needed wastewater projects.