Item description/summary:

**Reinstating lien process for delinquent utility accounts.**
The District uses the lien process to allow the collection of delinquent utility accounts through Yuba County property tax rolls. With executive order N42-20 and the moratorium on water shut-offs, district staff temporarily suspended placing liens. The decision, intended to alleviate hardships caused by COVID19, exposes the District to losses when properties with delinquent bills are sold. A lien “clouds” the property title and prompts the escrow agent to send a demand for delinquent amounts to OPUD. Liens are the first in a two-step process. Without liens, we cannot do the annual direct assessments on these accounts. Staff recommends reinstating the lien process to prevent future losses.

Fiscal Analysis:

To be determined.

Employee Feedback

Front office staff is in favor of reinstating the lien process.

Sample Motion:

Authorize staff to reinstate lien process

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