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Seal Rock Water District

General Manager's Report:
Board Meeting – November 12, 2026

This report provides an executive-level update on district operations, source water management, staffing, and ongoing initiatives. Additional details and supporting documentation are available in the full agenda packet.

- **Water Treatment Plant Operations Update:**

Source water conditions at Beaver Creek continue to be impacted by elevated conductivity. The district's emergency intertie with the City of Newport remains in operation to supplement the district's water supply while these conditions persist. Operators will continue operating the intertie until source water conditions improve sufficiently to support a return to normal operations.

During this reporting period, District staff also completed maintenance of the water treatment plant's backwash basins. This work was completed while the emergency intertie remained in operation, allowing the district to address necessary facility maintenance while maintaining reliable water service for our customers.

Staff will continue monitoring source water conditions and will evaluate when conditions are suitable to discontinue use of the emergency intertie and resume normal operations at the water treatment plant.

- **2026 Drinking Water Source Protection Award:**

Seal Rock Water District has been selected to receive the 2026 Drinking Water Source Protection Award, presented jointly by the Oregon Health Authority (OHA), Drinking Water Services, and the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ). The district received formal notification of this recognition on October 30, 2026.

This award recognizes the district's commitment to protecting its drinking water source through proactive planning, effective source-water protection strategies, and activities that substantially reduce contamination risks to the public water supply. In its award notification, OHA and DEQ specifically acknowledged the district's efforts as an inspiring example for water systems throughout Oregon.

This recognition is particularly meaningful because it reflects the district's continued investment in long-term drinking water protection and its commitment to safeguarding public health, environmental stewardship, and customer confidence. The district's recent Drinking Water Protection Planning efforts, supported through Oregon's Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) program, demonstrate the value of proactive planning and collaboration among local, state, and federal partners.

Beyond the recognition itself, this award reinforces the importance of protecting Beaver Creek and the District's long-term drinking water resources. It also provides positive statewide visibility for Seal Rock Water District and demonstrates that smaller community water systems can take a leadership role in advancing drinking water source protection.



Staff would like to highlight that funding to support this work was made possible through a forgivable loan administered by DEQ Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) program. The district is honored to receive this recognition and remains committed to continuing the work necessary to protect its drinking water supply for the customers and generations who depend upon it.

Additional District Activities & Updates:

Staff/Safety Meeting: Continued emphasis on safety culture and best operational practices.
Water Conservation Coordination: Participated in discussions with the Lincoln County Water Conservation Committee.
SDAO Board Meeting: Participated in the SDAO/SDIS Joint Meeting in Salem on November 5th
Water Master Plan: Staff met with engineers to discuss progress on the development of the WMP.
Oregon Water Utility Council: Chaired the OWUC committee meeting on October 22nd.
SRWD Fall Newsletter: Staff met with consultant to collaborate on the Fall Newsletter.
Beaver Creek Monitoring Period: District met with consultants from GSI Water Solutions to discuss streamflow monitoring on Beaver Creek.
SDAO Regional Training Summit: Attended SDAO regional training hosted in Newport on October 13th & 14th.
DEQ Source Water Protection Workshop: District provided a presentation at the DEQ Source Water Protection Workshop on October 29th at the OCCC on our recently approved Source Water Protection Plan.
Newport Island Annexation: Staff is working collaboratively with the City of Newport in response to the Island Annexation of several properties in the South Beach City Service Area (CSA).
Jay Street Mainline Replacement: Field crews are in the process of replacing several hundred feet of 2-inch mainline on Jay Street north and south of Cross Street.

SRWD continues to actively manage operational challenges, regulatory responsibilities, and infrastructure needs while maintaining our commitment to delivering safe, reliable water service to the community. Staff remain focused on continuous improvement and advancement of district goals.

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