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Seal Rock Water District

General Manager's Report:

Board Meeting December 12, 2019

This report is an executive summary provided with this Board agenda to Commissioners with recommended actions if any. Detailed information, staff reports, and supporting materials are provided within the full agenda packet.

PHASE-4 SOURCE WATER PROJECT:

District staff continue working with engineers, consultants and representatives from USDA-RD to satisfy final conditions relative to the USDA Letter of Conditions before receiving approval to advertise the project. District staff along with engineers and consultants have been reviewing the second round of annual water quality and streamflow data collected from the point of diversion. Consistent with OWRD's Water Condition Report for November Statewide stream flows are considerably lower this year. For example, streamflow conditions are about 70 percent of normal east of the Cascades and only about 15 percent to the west. This recent pattern of dry weather flows in many western Oregon streams, to include Beaver Creek have continued to experience extremely low flow conditions over the past two weeks. Low stream flows and increased tides (King Tides) present water quality issues for the district's proposed intake site that need further evaluation. Phase-4 improvements project continues to move forward with several critical path tasks currently in progress:

- Staff continues working with representatives from USDA-RD, the District's finance consultant, and Bond Counsel in preparation for Phase-4 interim financing.
- Final design has been approved by the State of Oregon, Health Authority (OHA) Department.
- Lincoln County Conditional Use Permit process has been completed, staff and consultants are working with LC Public Works to complete the work in the right-of-way permit.
- US-Corp of Engineers permit for work in the waterway was received on September 30, 2019.
- District counsel and staff are working with property owner to address concerns related to easement access at the intake site.
- Final design has been adjusted to reflect comments provided by the property owner for ongoing access.
- Final easement agreement for the intake site has been approved and easement have been recorded for the intake location.
- Bond Documents have been completed and are in review by USDA-RD General Counsel.

INVESTING IN OUR WATER FUTURE:

Many areas of Oregon are known for clean and reliable water. This is due to both favorable climate and the infrastructure we built in the 19th and 20th centuries to effectively move water from its source to where it is used. As has been identified in Oregon's Integrated Water Resources Strategy, 3 forces combine to place significant stress on Oregon's water:

1. Climate change and associated increases in fire, drought, and flooding;
2. A half century of underinvestment in built and natural water infrastructure; and
3. Our changing population and associated development – growing in some areas, shrinking in others.



These factors impact the quality and quantity of water for our communities, including water in our rivers, lakes, reservoirs, and aquifers. Simply put, if we are not willing to roll up our sleeves and work together to invest in our natural and built water systems, we place the safety of our communities, the health of our people and environment, and Oregon's economic future at risk. Share your thoughts and learn more by viewing the videos @ <https://www.oregon.gov/oweb/resources/OregonWaterVision/Pages/default.aspx>

OTHER NOTABLE ACTIVITIES FOR THE MONTH INCLUDE:

- Attended OWRD Board of Commissioners meeting in Salem November 21st and 22nd.
- Met with legal counsel in Salem November 21, 2019.
- District staff presented the benefits of the district's smart meter technology to the 100-year Water Vision technical working group November 14, 2019.
- Reviewed Easement and access agreements related to Phase-4 improvements.
- Facilitated district Staff/Safety meeting November 18, 2019.
- District field crews hosted regional pipe fitting training December 9, 2019.
- Attended Governor's 100-year Community Conversation October 30th.
- Reported to LC Court House for jury service November 20th.
- Attended on-site Beaver Creek water quality field data collection meeting.
- Hosted the Mid-Coast Municipal and Water District working group meeting Nov 19th and Dec 3rd.
- Attended SDAO Board Joint SDIS Trust Board Joint meeting in Salem November 6th and 7th.
- Attended SDAO Personnel Committee meeting in Salem December 11th.
- Worked with general counsel and title company to coordinate closing of easements.
- Met with City of Toledo Mayor Mr. Rod Cross November 13th.
- Met with property developers to discuss design details for system improvements December 4th.
- District staff met with Sensus contractor to coordinate installation of additional radio read infrastructure to improve signal in the north end of the system November 26th.
- Met with Commissioner Morris to review annual performance November 18th.
- District staff attended a cyber security discussion with the district's IT support service provider OrcoTech November 8, 2019.
- Reviewed annual water quality data report provided by GSI Water solutions November 11th.