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Seal Rock Water District

General Manager's Report:
Board Meeting October 11, 2018

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.

OREGON HEALTH AUTHORITY – OUTSTANDING PERFORMER RECOGNITION:

The State of Oregon Health Authority, Drinking Water Program recently recognized Seal Rock Water District as an "Outstanding Performer".

The Drinking Water Program (DWP) has identified criteria for determining whether a Community Public Water System should be considered to have outstanding performance. This designation is given to systems at the completion of a Water System Survey. A water system survey is an on-site in-depth evaluation of system sources, treatment, storage facilities, distribution system, operation and maintenance procedures, monitoring procedures, and management, for the purpose of evaluating the system's capability of providing safe reliable drinking water to the community. The District received this recognition with a certificate from the State of Oregon Health Authority.



PHASE-4 SOURCE WATER PROJECT:

District staff and engineer are working continually with representatives from USDA-RD to certify the District's Biological Assessment (BA) for the Beaver Creek Source Water project. Environmental consultants provided a revised Beaver Creek Biological Assessment to National Marine Fisheries Services (NMFS) on August 28, 2018. NMFS have notified the District that they are in receipt of the revised information and will respond within 30-days with a notice that the BA is complete and acceptable.

District surveyor has surveyed the new route to access the proposed treatment plant site through the Makai Community. This option avoids impacts to the conservation easement, but obviously adds additional cost to the overall project. Staff have been in contact with one property owner affected by this option to allow the District to access the property for the installation of the raw water line to access the Makai Community. Property owner is willing to allow the District to use the property as long as improvements do not prevent the property from being developed in the future.

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District staff will continue to work with representatives from NMFS to provide additional information, in an effort to expedite the review process. Phase-4 improvements project continues to move forward with several critical path tasks currently in progress:

- Biological Assessment (BA) was reviewed and final submittal to NMFS occurred on July 26, 2018.
- District received a letter from NMFS notifying the District that the BA was insufficient in several areas.
- On August 28th the District consultants submitted clarification to NMFS regarding the BA through USDA-RD.
- Geotechnical investigation was completed in June 2018.
- Easement and access agreements for construction and maintenance have been revised by the engineer for the development of legal description.
- District staff will continue coordinating with USDA-RD funding representatives to provide information and updates related to the source water project.
- District crews continue working with consultants to begin the Sampling and Analysis Plan (SAP) required as a condition of the District's water right permit for use of water on Beaver Creek.
- District staff sampled the Beaver Creek point of diversion (POD) for Cyanotoxins (Blue/Green Algae). Results of the samples indicate that Cyanotoxins are not present at the POD.
- Engineer continues to provide water quality and treatability testing in preparation for developing specification for membrane procurement. Treatability sample were taken on October 2, 2018.
- Final Design was approved by the Board in June and District staff attended a kick off meeting with the Jacobs design team on July 24, 2018. Staff attended a 30% completion briefing on October 2, 2018.
- Membrane Procurement RFP was advertised in the DJC on June 29, 2018, Proposal opening was scheduled for August 2, 2018.
- On August 29th and 30th District staff and engineer interviewed two membrane suppliers.
- A notice of intent to award the purchase of membrane filtration equipment was released on September 21, 2018.

• **OTHER NOTABLE ACTIVITIES FOR THE MONTHS OF SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER INCLUDE:**

- Met with USDA-RD representatives to provide a project update and site visit related to the USDA-RD funded AMI Metering Project.
- Facilitated District personnel staff/safety meeting.
- Attended Mid-Coast Integrated Water Resources Coordinating Committee meetings.
- Hosted regional municipal and water district working group meeting.
- Attended SDAO Board of Directors meeting in Salem.
- At the request of the Mid-Coast Water Planning Partnership I attended a meeting with the Governors' Environmental Taskforce Director to discuss challenges to regional water planning with Benton County representatives.
- Participated in Membrane supplier site visits on September 20th and 21st.
- Attended site visit to Beaver Creek with our regional OWRD Water Master to discuss water monitoring activities.
- Met with Makai community Road District representative to discuss Phase-4 project details.