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## Seal Rock Water District

General Manager's Report: Board Meeting January 10, 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:**

Consultants continue to work with representatives from National Marine Fisheries Services (NMFS) a division of NOAA in an effort to receive a Biological Opinion (BiOp) in early January. The BiOp is now in review but has three legal reviewers to pass through, so we may not receive the BiOp before their statutory deadline of January 12th. While there are no official details from NMFS staff regarding any conditions that might be placed on the project, it sounds like there isn't anything major that would change the design significantly. Other permitting updates:

- The revised pipeline route was surveyed for cultural resources, none were identified. An addendum to the previously submitted report has been submitted to the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO).
- The Joint Corp of Engineers, Department of State Land (DSL) permit application is drafted, and staff is working with the Lincoln County Planning and Development Department to complete the Land Use Compatibility Statement (LUCS).
- Consultant/Hydrologist is pulling information together to complete the Backwash Outfall, National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit application.
- The County Floodplain Development Permit and Utility Permits will be completed after the Conditional Use Permit (CUP) is drafted and in review with the county.

District staff continues to work with representatives from multiple State and Federal agencies 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:

- Easement and access agreements for construction and maintenance have been revised by the engineer for the development of legal description. District's legal counsel is working with property owners to execute access agreements.
- 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 and have completed the first-year conditions of the Sampling and Analysis Plan (SAP) required as a condition of the District's water right permit for use of water on Beaver Creek.

- 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. Purchase of membrane equipment was approved by the Board in November 2018.
- Engineer presented 60% final design at the December Regular Board Meeting.
- Staff is working with the engineering team to provide additional modifications for the completion of the 60% final design.

### • DECEMBER STORM DAMAGE:

December storms generated power outages affecting the south end of the District, disabling communication at a few pump stations. These locations self-corrected as the power came back online. District crews worked to clear several downed trees preventing access to systems in right-of-ways located in the north area of the District.

The most significant issue crews responded to, included a downed tree over the Thiel Creek Chlorine Generation pump station located east of Hwy-101 off 98th Street. Crews removed a portion of the tree blocking access to the area and the building. Due to the size of the tree and attached root-ball, crews worked with a local contractor to provide the necessary equipment to safely remove the tree and prevent further damage to the building. Along with structural damage to the exterior of the building, there is some minor internal damage to both rooms of the pump station, to include damage to the SCADA cabinet.





Crews are working with a licensed contractor to complete permanent repairs. Estimated cost to replace a portion of the roof and rewire the SCADA system is \$5,000. Crews hope to have all repairs completed by the end of January.

#### OTHER NOTABLE ACTIVITIES FOR THE MONTHS OF DECEMBER/JANUARY INCLUDE:

- Attended Mid-Coast Integrated Water Resources Coordinating Committee meetings.
- Hosted regional municipal and water district working group meeting.
- o Attended SDAO Legislative Committee meetings in Salem.
- Attended SDAO/LOC emergency water preparedness meeting in Salem.
- o Participated in project team meeting to discuss phase-4 permitting and 60% final design.
- Attended Toledo City Council meetings in January.
- Provided testimony to the House Energy and Environment Committee regarding the Mid-Coast Water Planning Partnership, in Salem December 13<sup>th</sup>.

- Provided input for the completion of the Management Discussion and Analysis (MD&A) report in preparation for completing the June 30, 2018 audit report.
- Attended a meeting with consultants working on the Sampling and Analysis Plan (SAP) report for DEQ and OWRD. First year report information has been developed and submitted to State agencies as part of the District's conditions for withdrawal of water from Beaver Creek.
- District staff met with Newport Fire Chief and Municipal Airport Manager to discuss fire flows to the Airport.
- o Met with representatives from USDA-RD to discuss Phase-4 funding application.
- Met with SDAO financial advisory services consultant to discuss options for financing Phase-4 improvements.