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## Seal Rock Water District

General Manager's Report: Board Meeting December 13, 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.

## **PHASE-4 SOURCE WATER PROJECT:**

District staff and engineer are working continually with engineers to complete 60% final design in preparation for the December 13<sup>th</sup> SRWD regular Board Meeting. 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 9th. While there is 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 will be ready for review and submission to the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) soon.
- The Joint Corp of Engineers, Department of State Land (DSL) permit application is drafted, and staff is working with the County to get a 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:

- 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 28<sup>th</sup> 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's legal counsel is working with property owners to execute 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.
- 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. Most recent Treatability samples 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 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> 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.
- Staff is working with the engineering team in preparation for the review and completion of 60% final design.

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

- o Facilitated District personnel staff/safety meeting.
- Attended Mid-Coast Integrated Water Resources Coordinating Committee meetings.
- o Hosted regional municipal and water district working group meeting.
- o Presented the District's AMI project in Newport at the AMI Users conference Nov. !4<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>.
- o Provided support for the Districts Municipal Auditor Nov-27<sup>th</sup>.
- Attended a planning meeting with engineers representing OSU's Wave Energy Project.
- Attended SDAO Legislative Committee meeting.
- Attended the Oregon Health Authority Public Health Division Drinking Water Services Stakeholder Meeting Nov-30<sup>th</sup>.
- o District staff provided support for SDIS Insurance evaluation and property site visit.
- District staff participated in interviews with Capital Video in preparation for the SDAO Award Video to be shown at the SDAO Conference.
- o Attended Toledo City Council meetings in November and December.
- Provided testimony to the House Energy and Environment Committee regarding the Mid-Coast Water Planning Partnership, in Salem December 12<sup>th</sup>.
- o Analyzed data provided by the City of Toledo related to the annual wholesale water rate adjustment.