

General Manager's Report: Board Meeting – November 9, 2023

This report serves as an executive summary for the Board meeting agenda. It provides recommendations for actions to be taken if necessary. Detailed information, staff reports, and supporting materials can be found in the full agenda packet.

PHASE-IV BEAVER CREEK SOURCE WATER PROJECT:

Due to persistent and unusually high sea swells, which have had an impact on the raw water quality due to increased levels of salinity and organics, the district is continuing to use our secondary emergency water supply, sourced from the City of Newport. It is anticipated that we may need to rely on our secondary source until conditions improve. During this period, water treatment plant operators continue working with the contractor to complete final warranty work identified during the 11-month warranty walkthrough, as well as responding to routine water treatment plant maintenance. The contractor has successfully completed several punch list or warranty-work items identified by the engineer.

EPA/OHA Lead and Copper Rule Revision (LCRR):

The LCRR requires Public Water Systems (PWS) to develop a publicly available service line inventory that includes material classifications (Lead, Galvanized Requiring Replacement (GRR), Non-Lead, or Lead status unknown) of all service lines connected to a public water distribution systems. This inventory must define service line ownership, and where dual ownership applies, materials must be defined on both the PWS and customer portion of the line to accurately provide a single classification per service line.

While we continue to work towards compliance, a Preliminary Service Line Inventory or *Records Based Inventory* has been developed. This is an initial evaluation of all records that are publicly available and widely available within the Utility. Establishing a Preliminary Service Line Inventory is the first step in achieving compliance with the Revised Lead and Copper Rule.

Further study of the unknown classification will require additional effort on the part of district staff to verify the presence/absence of potential fittings in approximately 1500 service laterals. Here is our inventory breakdown:

- Total number of service laterals: 2,667
- Service lines classified as non-lead by the EPA Classification: 1,183
- Service lines classified as unknown by the EPA Classification: 1,484

Other notable activities for the month include:

- Attended meetings with engineers to discuss membrane module onsite testing.
- Met with representatives from USDA-RD to provide a project status update.
- Attended the Mid Coast Water Conservation Consortium Meeting.
- Attended the OWRD Place-Based Planning Coordinating Committee Meeting.
- Met with GSI Water Solutions to review progress on MC-WPP, the Water Management and Conservation Plan, and Beaver Creek streamflow and temperature monitoring.
- Attended the Monthly Oregon Water Utility Council (OWUC) meeting.
- Attended the SDAO Legislative Committee meeting.
- Attended Aerial application demonstration hosted by OFS Oregon Department of Agriculture.
- Participated in a webinar hosted by the National Special District Coalition Federal Advocacy Director.
- Presented at the USDA-RD Northwest Rural Investment Strategy Summit in Stevenson WA.