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Seal Rock Water District

General Manager's Report:
 Board Meeting February 15, 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-3 USDA-RD GRANT FUNDED AMI PROJECT:**

District crews and contractor have completed several meter installations in the south portion of the District. Approximately 800 new meters have been installed and programmed to be read remotely. District administrative staff have begun the process of receiving remote meter read information electronically.

District customers can continue to expect a brief disruption in service to occur as individual meters are replaced, this typically takes 15-minutes or less. Our community's drinking water system will remain safe throughout the project. AMI installation is a \$1.5 million-dollar project, fully funded through a grant provided by the United States Department of Agriculture Rural Development (USDA-RD) through its Water and Waste Disposal Loan and Grant Program.



LOST CREEK AMI COMMUNICATION TOWER:

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

District staff and engineer are working cooperatively with representatives from USDA-RD to certify the District Biological Opinion for the Beaver Creek source water project. Site preparation at the proposed Water Treatment Facility located at the Makai Tank Site began with the demolition of the 1MG decommissioned concrete storage tank. Using specialized equipment Seal Rock Water District crews safely removed the tank in January. The Makai Reservoir was a 1-million gallon prestressed concrete reservoir that was constructed in the 1970's. Due to the type of construction used at the time it is cost prohibitive to rehab the tank to today's seismic requirements. Therefore, the tank was removed to make room for proposed future improvements. Cost to remove the tank using internal forces, less than \$19,000.00. Next steps at the tank site include removing a small number of trees to make room for geotechnical investigation.

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Phase-4 improvements project continues to move forward with several critical path tasks to qualify for funding through USDA-RD, which includes:

- Environmental Permitting, Biologist have completed wetlands delineation field work necessary to complete a Biological Opinion (BO) necessary for review by the States engineer.
- Easement and access agreement for construction and maintenance have been completed by the District's Legal Counsel. Draft copies of the easement agreements have been provided to the various property owners effected by the project.
- District staff continue to work with USDA-RD funding representatives to provide the remaining documentation necessary financing the improvements.
- District crews have begun working with consultants to begin the Semiplaning and Analysis Plan (SAP) required as a condition of the District's water right permit for use of water on Beaver Creek.
- Engineer continues to provide water quality and treatability testing in preparation for developing specification for membrane procurement.

- **OTHER NOTABLE ACTIVITIES FOR THE MONTHS OF JANUARY/FEBRUARY INCLUDE:**

- Attended weekly meetings with engineers and contractor to discuss Phase-3 schedule for AMI improvements.
- Hosted Beaver Creek Project update with Lincoln County Public Works representatives.
- Facilitated District personnel staff/safety meeting.
- Met with engineer and representatives from USDA-RD to discuss Phase-IV Preliminary Engineering Report and Environmental Report.
- Attended Mid-Coast Integrated Water Resources Coordinating Committee meetings.
- Met with consultants to complete cultural resources filed survey work in the Beaver Creek project area.
- Hosted Kick-off meeting with consultants from GSI Water Solutions working on the Beaver Creek Sampling and Analysis Plan (SAP).
- Attended the Lincoln County Natural Hazards Mitigation Plan (NHMP) Stakeholder Committee Meeting.
- Attended the Annual SDAO conference in Seaside.
- Attended the SDAO Water/Wastewater Committee Meeting to discuss legislative issues effecting water providers throughout the State.
- Worked with Mid-Coast Water Planning Partners to develop outreach materials for updating the partnership at council meeting and board meetings.
- Met with Waldport and Newport officials to discuss water related issues and potential opportunities for collaboration.
- Attended the SDAO February Board Meeting.