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## Seal Rock Water District

General Manager's Report:  
 Board Meeting - October 12, 2023

This report serves as an executive summary for the Board meeting agenda of October 12, 2023. 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:

Staff would like to update you on recent developments regarding the Beaver Creek source water intake for the district. During the week of September 18th, our region experienced unusually high sea swells. This situation has resulted in an impact on the quality of our raw water due to increased salinity and organics levels. This occurrence is reminiscent of a similar event last year around the same time. Fortunately, our instrumentation has performed as designed, and it has not affected the quality of our drinking water system.

As a precautionary measure, on September 26th, our operators decided to transition to the district's secondary emergency water supply, which is sourced from the City of Newport. We anticipate that we may need to rely on this secondary source for approximately one to two weeks, depending on the stream's conditions and necessary improvements at the WTP.

During this period, our water treatment plant operators have been using the downtime to address routine maintenance tasks. Specifically, we will be replacing a failing valve on one of the filter skids and addressing chlorine feedline issues that are crucial for overall operation. Additionally, our operators will collaborate with the contractor to address warranty work identified during the 11-month warranty walkthrough. This includes addressing leaking Clean in Place (CIP) lines used to maintain the filter skids and addressing leaking chemical injection feedlines. These repairs require temporarily taking the filter skids offline.

District staff are actively working with engineers and representatives from USDA-RD to secure funding to support additional treatment processes. Currently, USDA's Emergency Community Water Assistance Grant (ECWAG) program may provide the district with up to \$1 million in grant funds towards treatment processes to protect the district's source water system.

Attached to this report is the "Pesticide Use Regulations and Water Protections in Forestry" document. This document was developed in collaboration with several Pesticide Analytical and Response Center (PARC) member agencies, including the Oregon Department of Agriculture (ODA), Oregon Department of Forestry (ODF), Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ), and Oregon Health Authority (OHA). The purpose of this document is to disseminate information and resources to individuals with questions and concerns related to herbicide/pesticide use in forestry practices. A copy of this document is included in the Board Packets for this meeting and was made available to the community on the district's website on September 15, 2023.

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**Other notable activities for the month include:**

- Attended meetings with engineers to discuss membrane module onsite testing.
- District operators hosted DEQ representatives on a tour of the district's WTP and Intake system.
- Met with representatives from USDA-RD to provide a project status update.
- Attended the Mid Coast Water Conservation Consortium Meeting.
- Met with property owners in the district to discuss water quality issues.
- 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.
- District staff met with a property developer to discuss a proposed project to construct a Tiny Home community within the district, comprising 50 to 100 Tiny Homes.
- Attended the Monthly Oregon Water Utility Council (OWUC) meeting.
- District representatives met with Oregon Food and Shelter (OFS) to discuss herbicide/pesticide application in the Beaver Creek Watershed.
- Attended the 2023 Oregon Infrastructure Summit in Corvallis, hosted by Business Oregon and USDA-RD.
- Provided public testimony regarding water infrastructure financing to the House Interim Committee on Agriculture, Land Use, Natural Resources, and Water during Legislative Committee Days at the State Capitol.
- Attended the Coastal Partnerships for Drinking Water Protection Workshop hosted by DEQ and OHA at the Oregon Coast Community College on October 4th.
- Attended the SDAO Legislative Committee meeting.