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Seal Rock Water District

General Manager's Report:
 Board Meeting April 11, 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:

On April 3, 2019 after significant delay the District received the long-anticipated National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Biological Opinion Letter. The Biological Opinion (BiOp) provided by the United States Department of Commerce, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), concludes that the proposed action in the development of the district's primary source water supply project on Beaver Creek is not likely to jeopardize the continued existence of Oregon Coast coho salmon or result in the destruction or adverse modification of designated critical habitat for this species.

District staff continue working with consultants and representatives from USDA-RD to complete the final underwriting steps to qualify the project and complete the certification required to issue the Letter of Conditions funding package provided by USDA-RD. Phase-4 improvements project continues to move forward with several critical path tasks currently in progress:

- Staff is working with the engineering team to provide additional modifications for the completion of the 100% final design.
- Final design and contract documents are being reviewed by the OT State, USDA-RD engineer.
- District staff and representatives with USDA-RD are reviewing final finance information to satisfy USDA underwriting.
- On March 26, 2019 the District received a letter provided by USDA-RD notifying the District that the source water project was eligible for financing.
- Staff is also working with representatives from USDA-RD, the Districts finance consultant, and Bond Counsel to discuss Phase-4 interim financing.
- On April 4th, 2019 the District received the USDA-RD Public notice Announcing the Availability of an Environmental Assessment which will be published locally beginning April 10, 2019.
- Final design is also in statutory review by the State of Oregon, Health Authority Department.

ALTERNATIVE WATER SUPPLY DEVELOPMENT WITH THE CITY OF WALDPART:

District staff have been working with City of Waldport representatives and engineers to discuss alternatives to provide connection between the both systems to provide emergency source water. Comprehensive, publicly-vetted water planning is necessary to respond to the challenges of climate, infrastructure, conservation, and development in the Central Oregon Coast Region. The Mid-Coast Water Planning

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Partnership (MCWPP) is working to understand and balance both instream and out-of-stream water needs for communities, environments, and economies. Rooted in Oregon's Integrated Water Resources Strategy (IWRS), the Place-Based Planning approach provides a space for communities like ours to work collaboratively with agency partners to understand and articulate their water resources challenges and needs, as well as identify and implement potential solutions to those needs. These efforts bring water issues and solutions together ahead of a natural hazard and provides a value to the region. Alternative water supplies can only be recognized through understating the value of interconnection between neighboring suppliers.

The District received an invitation to attend a field tour with representatives from the City of Waldport and ODOT to explore the option of sleeving a pipe through the raceway below the driving deck of the Alsea River Bridge. With the permission of ODOT and guided by ODOT representatives a team of City, District, ODOT and engineers walked the raceway underneath the bridge from both sides and concluded that there is ample space to consider a pipeline through the bridge to connect both Systems.



Enclosed Access beneath the Alsea River Bridge:



Exposed Access beneath the Alsea River Bridge:

Besides the connection the District currently uses for the supply of source water, the District also has a connection with the City of Newport for the emergency supply of source water. The connection being considered with the City of Waldport is being developed considering the same possibilities. Consideration for alternative regional water supply opportunities is also a subject of discussion within the Mid-Coast Water Planning Partnership and is currently being explored by the municipal/district working group.

OTHER NOTABLE ACTIVITIES FOR THE MONTHS OF MARCH/APRIL INCLUDE:

- Attended Mid-Coast Integrated Water Resources Coordinating Committee meeting.
- Attended Joint SDAO/SDIS Meeting in Hood River.
- Participated in project team meeting to discuss Phase-4 permitting and 90% final design.
- Attended a meeting with consultants working on the Sampling and Analysis Plan (SAP) report for DEQ and OWRD.
- Attended meetings to discuss the implementation of the Mid-Cost Water Consortium.
- Met with representatives from USDA-RD to discuss Phase-4 funding options.
- District staff and Engineer worked to provide USDA-RD with requested information related to project cost, short-lived assets and ongoing operation and maintenance documentation.
- Reviewed documentation
- Attended annual meeting with the District IT provider to discuss system upgrades and vulnerabilities.
- Attended a field meeting with representatives from the City of Waldport and ODOT to assess the Alsea River Bridge conditions for the potential installation of water pipe infrastructure.
- Coordinated a Special SRWD Board Work Session with Consultants working on the District's Primary Source Water Project.
- Attended the Eastern Oregon AWWA/PNCWA to provide a presentation on the successful implementation of the District AMI metering project.
- Provided support for the draft 2019/2020 annual budget, in preparation for the April 18, 2019 Budget Committee Meeting.
- Attended staff level planning meeting for the installation of new PRV's in Bayshore and Sand Piper communities.
- Worked with representatives of the Makai Special Road District to develop language for a replacement and repair easement.
- Worked with District staff to complete the 2019/2020 budget message and budget books.
- District crews completed replacement of waterline in the Surf Land Community.
- Provided a Beaver Creek project update presentation to the Mid-Coast watershed Council Technical working group at the March regular meeting.
- Attended strategy meeting to discuss option related to the pending NMFS BiOp release date.
- Attended Phase-4 power supply coordinating meeting with representatives from Consumer Power, Inc. (CPI) to discuss power supply to the Beaver Creek intake site.
- Reviewed NMFS Beaver Creek Biological Opinion.
- Reviewed Bond Counsel documents to include; memorandum of closing, closing certificate, legal opinion and resolution for financing phase-4 improvements.
- Met with District financial consultant with SDAO to discuss RFP process to engage lenders for interim project financing.