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Seal Rock Water District

General Manager's Report:
 Board Meeting February 14, 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:

Significant delays as a result of the Federal Shutdown are placing pressure on the project schedule. Several time sensitive items are being delayed causing the district to risk the in-water work period generally scheduled for July 1, 2019. District staff and engineer are working with representatives from Oregon Department of State Land (DSL) in a preparation for extending the in-water work period before permit approval. Consultants and USDA-RD continue to work with representatives from National Marine Fisheries Services (NMFS) a division of NOAA in an effort to complete the Biological Opinion (BiOp) originally expected in early January. However, due to the 38-day Federal Shutdown a significant delay is now expected before the District receives the completed BiOp. This delay has the unintended impact to affect some time sensitive items. The District learned last week that the BiOp is now in legal review, which could take an additional four to six weeks. While there are no official details from NMFS regarding any conditions that might be placed on the project, it sounds like there isn't anything major that would alter project design. Other permitting updates:

- The revised pipeline route was surveyed for cultural resources, none were identified. An addendum to the previously submitted report has been submitted to the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO).
- The Joint Corp of Engineers, Department of State Land (DSL) permit application is drafted, and staff is working with the Lincoln County Planning and Development Department to complete the 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 in review with the county.

Due to the 38-day shutdown of the Federal Government we have received no movement on the BiOp from NMFS, or the District's funding package from USDA-RD. On January 28, 2019 after federal offices opened District staff and engineers immediately began corresponding with USDA-RD in preparation for the release of the BiOp. 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:

- 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 access agreements.
- In an effort to explore alternative options for funding this project without using USDA-RD District staff and financial consultant (David Ulbricht) met with representative from Oregon Business Development

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Department (OBDD) Infrastructure Finance Authority (IFA) to discuss the option of IFA'S safe Drinking Water Program funding the remaining portion of the project.

- 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 in completing 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.
- 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. Purchase of membrane equipment was approved by the Board in November 2018.
- Engineer presented 60% final design at the December Regular Board Meeting.
- Staff is working with the engineering team to provide additional modifications for the completion of the 90% final design.

- **DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM LINE FAILURES NORTH END OF THE SYSTEM:**

District crews have responded to several line failures in the Pacific Shores and Surfland communities in the north end of the system. Line failures triggered the repair of a 8-inch main feed line to these communities along with the replacement of one failed fire hydrant, and two service lateral connections. Crews also took advantage of the shutdown to install one Air Relief Valve (ARV) on NW Abalone Street, and abandon the old intertie with Newport no longer being used.



Ruptured pipe 01/16/2019:



Permanent repair 01/16/2019:

District crews spent a considerable amount of time in this area in an effort to remove entrained air impacting the system due to multiple shutdowns during the month of January. The replacement of the failed FH and the ARV installed at the highest elevation allowed crews to improve water quality to the community. As a result of the mainline repair in the above photo the District crews coordinated with the City of Newport for use of the Emergency Intertie to reduce service outage to District customers.



FH replacement 01/31/2019:

● **OTHER NOTABLE ACTIVITIES FOR THE MONTHS OF DECEMBER/JANUARY INCLUDE:**

- Attended Mid-Coast Integrated Water Resources Coordinating Committee meetings.
- Hosted regional municipal and water district working group meeting.
- Attended SDAO Legislative Committee meeting in Salem.
- Participated in project team meeting to discuss Phase-4 permitting and 60% final design.
- Attended Toledo City Council meeting January 16, 2019 to provide a project update.
- District Commissioners and staff attended a meeting in Toledo to discuss proposed actions by the city to adjust the wholesale water rate to the District.
- Provided testimony to the House Energy and Environment Committee regarding the Mid-Coast Water Planning Partnership, in Salem January 31st.
- Provided input for the completion of the Management Discussion and Analysis (MD&A) report in preparation for completing the June 30, 2018 audit report.
- Attended a meeting with consultants working on the Sampling and Analysis Plan (SAP) report for DEQ and OWRD. First year report information has been developed and submitted to State agencies as part of the District's conditions for withdrawal of water from Beaver Creek.
- Hosted kick off meeting with consultants providing 5-year regulatory update for the District's Water Management and Conservation Plan due in March 2019.
- Met with representatives from USDA-RD and Oregon Business Development (IFA) to discuss Phase-4 funding options.
- Participated in the SDAO Water Committee meeting on January 14th.
- Met with Beaver Creek property owners impacted by Phase-4 improvements to discuss pipeline alignment and easement access.
- Field operations crews worked with GC System to rebuild and calibrate several Pressure Reducing Valves (PRV'S) throughout the system.
- District staff hosted a meeting with Oregon Association of Water Utilities (OAWU) circuit rider consultant to discuss District projects.
- Represented the District at the annual SDAO conference in Sunriver Feb-6th through Feb-10th.
- District staff and Commissioners attended a meeting in Toledo to discuss proposed rate recalculation.

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