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## Seal Rock Water District

General Manager's Report: Board Meeting January 8, 2020

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:**

District staff working with engineers, consultants and representatives from USDA-RD to satisfy final requirements of the USDA Letter of Conditions before receiving a letter of approval from USDA-RD to advertise the project. District staff along with engineers and consultants have been reviewing the second round of annual water quality and streamflow data collected from the point of diversion. Consistent with OWRD's Water Condition Report for November Statewide stream flows are considerably lower this year. For example, streamflow conditions are about 70 percent of normal east of the Cascades and only about 15 percent to the west. This recent pattern of dry weather flows in many western Oregon streams, to include Beaver Creek have continued to experience extremely low flow conditions over the past two weeks. Low stream flows and increased tides (King Tides) present water quality issues for the district's proposed intake site that need further evaluation. Phase-4 improvements project continues to move forward with several critical path tasks currently in progress:

- Staff continues working with representatives from USDA-RD, the District's finance consultant, and Bond Counsel in preparation for Phase-4 interim financing.
- On December 17<sup>th</sup> the district received authorization to advertise for bids from USDA-RD.
- Project was advertised electronically on December 18<sup>th</sup> through QuestCDN and so far, a total of 3-prime bidders has pulled contract documents.
- Final design has been adjusted to reflect comments provided by the property owner for ongoing access.
- Bond Documents have been completed and are in review by USDA-RD General Counsel, and Bond Counsel.
- RFP for interim financing has been developed by the district's financial consultant with SDAO.

## OTHER NOTABLE ACTIVITIES FOR THE MONTH INCLUDE:

- Reviewed Easement and access agreements related to Phase-4 improvements.
- Facilitated district Staff/Safety meeting on November 18, 2019.
- With the assistance of a contractor District field crews completed tree removal in the Pacific Shores community in preparation for pipeline replacement project.
- Attended on-site Beaver Creek water quality field data collection meeting.
- o Hosted the Mid-Coast Municipal and Water District working group meeting on Dec 17th.
- Worked with general counsel and title company to coordinate closing of easements.
- Reviewed annual water quality data report provided by GSI Water solutions on November 11<sup>th</sup>.