

MANAGER'S REPORT - DECEMBER 2023

This report provides an overview of District issues and projects that we have been working on since the last board meeting.

OPERATIONS: Ben will be at the meeting to provide updates on the various operational issues.

DISTRICT CREW: Since our excavator was picked up from Bailey on Tuesday, we finally brought in the operator and he started on the canal on Wednesday, the 6th. We won't be bringing in any labor until needed, and after the start of the New Year.

CROSSINGS: The only pipeline crossing the canal we have this winter is the Umatilla County crossing for the Westland project. That work was started in November. The contractor is Tapini, who we have worked with before. They are a top shelf company and keep good communication.

Joe Taylor still does not have his crossing contract with Reclamation. I think they are reviewing it. I believe he has kept in contact with them and certainly sends a reminder to me often. I have done what I can to move this one along.

We have several contracts with Windwave for winter work – on both sides of Kunze from Tower to Main street. I have signed off on these. I am reviewing their work down Wilson Road.

Lumen is doing work from Peters (where they will cross the canal overhead) then along the south side of Kunze to Paul Smith. I have reviewed that request and provided comments back to Reclamation.

UEC is doing work in several areas – from their sub-station south of the canal at Division, down Division and to the west. That contract was signed last summer. We just signed a new contract for crossing the canal overhead at Root Lane.

LOCAL PLANNING ISSUES: No update to report. Continuing follow-up with attorneys. However, I did get a message from the City Manager regarding facilities did not meet their depth or separation standards. We will craft a response.

PHILLIPS' BRISTOL ESTATES: Once Al and Barb sign off the Shared Water Delivery Agreement (which they've had for awhile now) and pay the hookup fees, we are ready to sign the plat. They hope to have it completed by the 20th. The Phillips were disappointed to learn they did not have water rights on the most southern 50-feet of their property, as it was vacated in 2012 from the County to the property.

Because of this, and comments made by the Phillips, I have added discussion of water right enforcement and practices to the agenda.

From: Boylan, Kayla <Kayla.Boylan@lambweston.com>

Sent: Tuesday, September 12, 2023 10:16 AM

To: Bev <bev@westextension.com>

Subject: Lamb Weston Treated Process Water

Hi Bev,

I am the Environmental Manager for the Hermiston Lamb Weston facility. I talked to Bill Schmittle from the City of Hermiston on their project with West Extension Irrigation District to send their treated wastewater to you during irrigation season. We have been evaluating different options for our treated process water and would be interested in meeting with you and your team to discuss if there is any potential of Lamb Weston discharging to West Extension Irrigation. Please let me know dates that would work for you and I can coordinate a time to meet at our site.

Thank you,

Kayla Boylan

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City of Irrigon Utility Provider Notice

Subject: City of Irrigon Utility Provider Notice

From: Aaron Palmquist <aaron.palmquist@ci.irrigon.or.us>

Date: 11/29/2023, 8:49 AM

To: Bev Bridgewater <bbridge@oregontrail.net>, blawrence@windwave.tc, Denny Whitsett <denny.whitsett@cngc.com>, Erik Lundby <erik@bluemountainnet.com>, Justin Samp <justin.samp@umatillaelectric.com>, Kurtis Hansen <Kurtis.Hansen@cngc.com>, Michael.Roberts@lumen.com, "Morrison, Wanda (Wendy)" <wmorrison@usbr.gov>, Nubia Loera <nloera@bluemountainnet.com>, Rosa Ortiz <Rosa.Ortiz@umatillaelectric.com>

CC: Aaron Palmquist - CM Irrigon <aaron.palmquist@ci.irrigon.or.us>, Jerry Dyer <jerry.dyer@ci.irrigon.or.us>

You are receiving this email as you are a utility provider, with attached memo, providing clearer and consistent messaging and standard. We have been experiencing several areas where utility depths and separation are not clear or to standard within the public ROW.

Thank you for correcting any area needing attention and going forward all items are to standard(s).

Regards,

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Aaron Palmquist, MBA/PA

City Manager

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— Attachments: —

City of Irrigon Utility Provider Memo 11.29.23.pdf

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November 28, 2023

Irrigon Utility Provider

RE: Utilities within the Public Rights of Way - ROW (CenturyLink/Lumen, UEC, Windwave, EOT/Blue Mountain Networks, CNG, WEID/BOR)

Dear Utility,

For some time and especially as of late, with major public improvement projects, utilities have been encountered that do not meet the minimum industry depth and/or separation requirements. The City of Irrigon also has utility requirements, attached for ease of understanding.

Utilities with less cover than required as shown on the City's Standard Drawing, *U-1 Utility Plan Typical Section*, attached to this letter, poses potential limitations and problems for damage to the utility or the City of Irrigon's infrastructure. Utilities are hereby notified that if such utility is not in accordance with the DWG: U-1 Typical Plan attached may be liable if failure or damage takes place to any infrastructure, such as roadway or public water and sewer infrastructure.

Additionally, locates have a standard and if they are not within the required locate distance or the City's U-1 utility plan, utility providers will be held responsible if such utility is damaged due to improper/insufficient locate or less than the required DWG: U-1 depth minimum of 30 inches of cover.

It is recommended that utilities with less cover or required separation, as noted in the typical city DWG: U-1, seek out ways and plan with a timeline to relocate their respective utilities to ensure the City's and utility's interest are protected. For any utility work within the public ROW a permit is required, as attached.

Sincerely,

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Attachment: Irrigon Utility Plan Typical Section
Right of Way (ROW) Permit