

MANAGER'S REPORT - JULY 2020

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

OPERATIONS: Between running water, working safely, weeds, herbicide applications and generally dealing with breaks, leaks, power issues, flat tires, and blow ups, our crews are keeping very busy. Tassie has gone to part-time.

PARTITIONS: We are caught up on partitions. All issues were settled on the three presented last meeting and we have signed the documents.

TELEMETRY REPORT: We continue to struggle with our telemetry, mainly the lack of communication from Boardman since the storm. Cecil came by and we had a brief discussion. We got GIS information to him and I gave him a copy of our "wants" (attached).

PHILIPPI PUMP STATION: The insurance company has made an offer to Blake. Review continues.

CULTURAL COMPLIANCE: I met with Reclamation on-site last week to review what is needed to move our projects forward. SHPO wants more specific information as to why our laterals would not be considered historic, such as repairs, rebuilds and so forth over the last 50 years. They want to send the report back to our consultant for more info. Lisa and I are trying to do some of the work in-house to save some money.

PROJECTS: We have an extension from 2020 to 2021 for the Lateral 12 project. I believe Reclamation will give an extension for the three-year project, which would give us another year for Lateral 17. I know folks on 15 will be disappointed if we delay that project. In any case, I will ask for the extension as it won't matter which project we do, when. I need to confirm the funding will be available thru NCRS. I also have 2 – 4 landowners in west Boardman wanting to know more about converting from flood to sprinkler, so will work with NCRS on that for the three-year period 2022-2026. These would not be big projects for the District.

FARMERS CONSERVATION ALLIANCE: Margi Hoffman, Outreach Director, reported that we have been accepted by Oregon Department of Energy for the Irrigation Modernization Program. This is good news. She wants to have a conference call with the Board to go over their program and for discussion. We are trying to set that up for Thursday at 10 am.

CTUIR INFO: We have received the draft copy of the settlement that is being prepared. The District will review this in executive session.