

MANAGER'S REPORT - MARCH 2020

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

WATER STARTUP: We held the start-up for a week due to the freezing weather we are experiencing. The crews spent that extra time getting the canal ready so we can go right into Boardman when the water comes in. Water in the main canal was started Tues, March 17 and will go into Boardman Wed, March 18. Irrigation and the pump stations will start April 1 – 3.

LATERAL 12 PROJECT: This project is on hold until after the season and we have a one-year extension for this project. We understand Reclamation has submitted the cultural and historic review to the State Preservation Office and to CTUIR. However, with the flooding in Pendleton a few weeks

PROJECT FUNDING: We are working with two banks on a line of credit. Will have up to date information at the Board meeting.

SHOP: The contractor has finished his work on the shop, and we've made the last payment.

SAND BLOW INTO CANAL: We had three main areas where sand blow entered the canal or ROW. This was an extremely big wind.

- 1) Off the Stahl property east of Patterson Ferry. They prepared the field, actually clearing it to the canal. They removed existing sagebrush in that area. This is where the sand blew and entered the canal. Stahls removed the sand and put in large hay bales 25-feet from the canal. They laid straw on the easement.
- 2) Sand blowing off Terra Poma field right next to Wilson bridge onto our canal road. This was very unusual. We will clear it during the season as the road is passable.
- 3) Sand into the canal off the Kerslake (formerly Smith) property. 3300 feet of canal was affected. Ben and I had met with them a week earlier as they had plowed right up to the canal in several places. Kerslake started removing the sand and spent 5 days on it. Another wind brought more sand. We came in for three days, assisting them. Sand was pulled out of the canal and hauled away. This was an overwhelming amount of sand for sure.

Several operational items are being worked on:

IPS automatic start for small pumps. Gary Moore may need to order a part.

Cleanup at Wendlers pond – it is already full of weeds.

Work on Sunrise pumps station to provide more pressure – upsize inlet

Cleaning of laterals 17, 18, 21, 24, 28. Inmate crews have been cancelled.

METERS: I have a question about the meters for the Payne and Cleaver properties. Our policy requires all landowners above 20 acres to have meter. With their flood ditches gone, they will need a meter. Just confirming that they will need to pay for that meter.