

MANAGER'S REPORT - DECEMBER 2021

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

OPERATIONS:

Project - We are waiting for parts. One 45 degree 18-inch elbow has slowed us down. The pipe is installed from the canal to the Madrigal property on Kunze. Crew is working on the Holmes property now, from Wilson Road to the south. Just 2.5 men working project right now.

Equipment – The International dump truck is at Woodpecker for repair. The backhoe is down wanting for parts – a hub cap actually broke. The mower was down for repair for a couple weeks, but is running now.

O&M – Mowing continues. The main canal headgate inspections are complete. Several small projects have been completed. Work orders are caught up except for where we need equipment. We hope to have the main canal inspected before our holiday shutdown.

Training – All employees needing pesticide certification were able to get that done on-line. The State has resumed testing for applicators, so we anticipate that Tassie will get her right-of-way license for the 2022 season. The BOR O&M training will be done on-line this year rather than in person in Denver. We have signed Ben up for that (no cost).

HORSESHOE PUMP STATION: We have received two bids for the new turbine pumps at the Horseshoe. They are enclosed and are on the agenda for your review as a Contract Review Board at the meeting. We will have a recommendation from the engineer by then. **ACTION ITEM.**

POWER TO NEW PUMP STATION: UEC came back with a quote of \$27,499 for the three-phase power to the new Horseshoe Pump Station. This was \$7,000 less than the quote two years ago. District crews will do the trench work for the project, which helped save money. The invoice and plan for the work is attached.

IRRIGON PUMP STATION UPDATE: The 300 Hp motor has been pulled by Kern Brothers, who will do the retrofit work on the motor. The pump has also been pulled and River Tech will take it to Portland for the new pump to be made. Cost of this work will be in the 2022 budget.

PARTITIONS/SUBDIVISIONS: No new partitions have come in over the last month. We have interacted recently with Garton on Riley Lane, Dunn & Anacapa in Irrigon, Hearn, Double TT & Marston in Boardman recently as they are all trying to move their projects along. We have reached out to Vandecar in Irrigon and Rothrock in Umatilla who have not met with us yet. These eight plus Gale and New Dreams who are in a holding mode mean 10 active developments for us. That is definitely a new record.

FARMERS CONSERVATION ALLIANCE: I met with Farmers Conservation Alliance in Hood River ahead of the OWRC conference. Information from them is included in the packet and

will be on the agenda for discussion. Please review the information in the Board packet. There are several drafts that we can provide comment back to FCA. **REVIEW & DISCUSSION ITEM.**

RECLAMATION PERMITTING PROCESS: The Board is aware that we haven't been pleased with Reclamation's change of policy on its crossing and licensing permits. These are to third parties for encroachments on the federal facilities or ROW. Since the last Board meeting, I discovered two crossings that had been permitted during the summer and the District was not notified. We discovered this when UEC was using our road north of the siphon and had built a temporary bridge over our spillway. Fortunately, UEC shut the contractor down immediately upon receiving a phone call from us. This incident and the following conversation with Reclamation inspired me to put a packet together, write a letter and set up a meeting with Reclamation. The letter and packet is in the Board packet for your review. **ACTION ITEM.**

CTUIR WATER RIGHT NEGOTIATIONS: I received an email from Joe Ely a few weeks ago and he plans to be back in the area early 2022. He wants to meet with us. I think it's a good time for the Board to review the negotiation efforts and bring our new member up to speed. This will be in Executive Session. **EXECUTIVE SESSION ITEM,**

BUDGET/FINANCIALS: I am working on a proposal for 2022 with an overall 3% increase, as recommended by the Board at the last meeting. I will bring it to the Board meeting. The budget discussion will be last on the agenda and we will plan to order lunch in for the meeting.

OFFICE CLOSURE: The office will be closed December 20 through 31 for the holidays. Crews will be out December 24 through 31.