

MANAGER'S REPORT - NOVEMBER 2022

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: None of the previous ideas for new employees worked out. I put an ad on Indeed for both the permanent positions and temporary labor, We had 25 applicants, 17 were rejected outright and others contacted for interviews. Our goal was to hire 3 workers. Several backed out of interviews or didn't respond. We interviewed five and hired three. Ryan Patrick Stewart is our permanent hire. Johnny Lopez is a temporary through the winter. Austin Kittler is also temporary with possibility of becoming permanent based on budget and skills. All employees are through Express Employment right now while we verify information and references. Finally, Ben has a crew to work with.

ADULT IN CUSTODY: The AIC crew from Two Rivers will be here for two weeks right after Thanksgiving to work on the Relocation lateral and Boardman laterals. There is so much silt that we wanted to get a head start. I asked Strebin to add additional bales along the Relocation to keep the sand and corn husks out. Just want to go on record with that.

CROSSINGS: More Windwave crossings and Zayo along Rippee in Boardman. A main canal crossing downstream of the dam for Amazon. Keeping us all busy working on these documents and making sure our facilities are protected.

BOARD MEETING. Here are my comments about several items on the agenda.

BUDGETS: I will try to have a preliminary 2023 budget for the meeting. Our grant budgets are up-to-date and I will bring copies.

BOARD POLICY: I have substantially added to the Board Director policy, which you have in your Board meeting notebook. Special Districts Association of Oregon (SDAO) has put a template out and I used it to add many things. I actually like it as much clarification is provided. Part of the SDAO Best Practices this year is to update the Board policies and to have every Board member either attend a training or do on-line. We have until Dec. 31 to complete and will get 2% off our insurance for the policy and for Board member on-line work.

CTUIR SETTLEMENT: There has been movement on the settlement as they get ready to go to Congress. Reclamation has a team now evaluating the components of the settlement and putting the information together for OMB (Office of Management and Budget). I have had several conversations with Joe Ely. This will be reported and discussed in Executive Session.