

## MANAGER'S REPORT - APRIL 2014

This report provides an overview of District issues and projects.

**OPERATIONS:** Water is up and crew is managing typical start-up problems (leaks, bad valves). We have identified one line that will need work next winter – Line 63 serving Bob Peterson, Vern Evans, Pat Deisch. Temporary fix for now. Installation of the new ultra-sonic meter at Irrigon Pump Station is complete. This replaced the non-working McCrometer meter at the site. Total cost is under \$10,000 with the vault and telemetry to the office. This will be taken from WEID Conservation Reserve account. Should have Board action on this.

**FINANCES:** We have completed the draft financial report for 2013. Typically, the Board puts “excess” funds into restricted accounts. I recommend \$8000 to equipment reserve, \$5000 to conservation reserve, \$5500 to UPS Screen reserve (leftover from the \$10,000 budgeted). The rest (about \$12,000) could be carried over in non-restricted cash.

**CONJUNCTIVE USE COSTS:** We received the final billing for conjunctive use pumping from Reclamation. Cost for 2013 was \$14.61/cfs for 6612 acre-feet. Pumping cost for 2014 is estimated at \$15.41 per cfs (same estimate the past three years).

**EASEMENT ISSUES:** I am enclosing for your review and agenda item discussion:

- 1) Copy of the Stahl draft agreement that has been drafted by Reclamation.
- 2) Copy of WEID Landowners Booklet. It contains our polices. Page 12 covers damages to facilities and pages 14 and 15 cover easements, fencing, irrigation.

**WATER RIGHT TRANSERS:** We have been very organized this year and should have both the 2014 temporary transfers and permanent transfer notices filed by the April 25.

**100<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION:** Plans are moving forward for the Thursday, May 22 event. We have gathered a lot of pictures and articles that will be displayed. JUB has offered to make some large displays for us. The Hermiston Lions will do lunch (burgers, dogs, chips, cookies and drinks). CTUIR will do most of the set-up but we will need to help. We would like to order a brass plate to be mounted at the site. We are checking into that. The fisheries, tribes, and city all plan tours, so things are moving along. We will send postcard invitations soon.

**CTUIR SETTLEMENT:** We have sent letters to CTUIR regarding the modeling effort. Copies are enclosed with the Board packet.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

**UNION NEGOTIATIONS:** We do have some movement on the negotiations. Not sure if we will have a new offer by Monday, but they are working on it. Now that we have the 2014-15 Health insurance costs, we should take a look and see what recommendations we might make.

**C87872 MCKAY CERTIFICATE:** I have a conference call with Reclamation on Monday and a meeting with WRD on Thursday to discuss moving forward with the certificate. I would like to go over the work that GSI and Marten Law have been doing for us.