

MANAGER'S REPORT - MARCH 2015

This report provides an overview of District issues and projects.

OFFICE: The office has been extremely busy getting ready for the water season.

- Bills out the first week in March
- Landowners reviewing and completing their RRA forms
- Preparation of Ditchrider logs and books
- Setting up customer payments
- Working on website

CONTRACTORS ALONG CANAL:

We had five contractor work areas on our canal. Here is the status:

- 1) City of Hermiston contractor below Three Mile Dam – canal work complete. Pipeline hookup yet to do, but will not impact water.
- 2) City of Hermiston contractor replacing Lateral 0 (Reffett line). Canal work was complete 10 days prior to start-up. Then we discovered they had closed OFF the wrong line. They corrected the problem immediately. The work on the pipeline needs to be finished, but they are out of the canal.
- 3) HG 41- We used some good 10-inch PVC removed from the Lateral 63 project to replace a flood ditch that will convert to sprinkler next year. This new line puts deliveries 41 and 42 on the same headgate, so one delivery from the canal is removed. This improved the service in this area. Wes Wise Contracting did the work. They are outside the main canal and one hook-up remains.
- 4) Port of Morrow for Kaizen Farms – New pipeline crossing the main canal at Miracle Bridge. Pipe work is done. Some road work complete sufficiently to get the equipment through the area. They have pipework left to do and will complete the road work as soon as that is done.
- 5) Port of Morrow – Lateral 11 – the Port upgraded their pipeline crossing at lateral 11. This work destroyed our old delivery line, which we knew about. Our delivery has been upgraded to a 18-inch PVC and an old concrete sump was eliminated. Some road work remains and they will get that done.

We expect all this work to be completed within the next few weeks.

WATER RIGHT TRANSFERS: We are very busy with both permanent and temporary water right transfers. The notices for permanent transfers have been prepared and two of four are filed (one for each of the certificates). Our deadline for request of temporary transfer is March 13, so we will start those right away. This is priority in the District office.

CITY OF HERMISTON WORK: As stated above, the pipeline is not complete, but they are on it. DEQ has not issued its permit to the City yet, so we won't see the water until August 1 or later.