

MANAGER'S REPORT - APRIL 2015

This report provides an overview of District issues and projects.

OFFICE:

- The website is substantially complete. We've had comments from water users, so they are looking at it. There are a few things left to post. Westextension.com.
- Office has been very busy with start-up, payments and all the things that go on early in the season. We are just getting to the 2015 schedules which should go out by the end of the month. As is the practice, old schedules stay in place until new ones are sent out.

WATER SITUATION: We started partial exchange on Saturday, April 11 and full exchange on Tuesday, April 14. This is 4 – 8 weeks earlier than most. Although we started on exchange in March 2005. Fish releases started April 17, which means the river is dropping past minimum fish target (150 cfs) and we will be on conjunctive use soon.

WATER RIGHT TRANSFERS: Permanent transfers have been filed and are under review by OWRD. Still very busy with temporary water right transfers.

RECLAMATION GRANT: We have been notified that we have been approved for a \$25,000 grant to help pipe Lateral 7 in Boardman. Funds will be available this fall.

TELEMETRY: Aqua Systems 2000 was here for three days working on our telemetry sites. We had several problems and needed system updates to most sites. They have not been here for this type of maintenance since 2008, so we were a few years past our five year plan for inspection and maintenance.

GLOBALLY HARMONIZED SYSTEM: There are new OSHA rules for handling various liquids and materials – the Globally Harmonized System. It replaces MSDS data and is an attempt to coordinate globally the information on hazardous materials. Bev, Ray and Derek will be attending a workshop on this in May.

CERTIFICATE 8782: We have sent a letter to Reclamation notifying them of our interest in placing a call on C87872 (McKay return flows). Our letter of October 2012 stated we would work with Reclamation and WRD for 18 months from certificate issuance on protocol for the call. If nothing is decided, we would request a meeting with Reclamation to discuss how to proceed. The 18 months ended in August 2014 and there have been no meetings or discussion with us since then, although we know that Reclamation and WRD have had at least one discussion in November 2014. We have asked for that meeting.

FLEXLEASE LOAN: We have the info on the Flexlease loan and papers are prepared for a bond sale in May. We need to approve the resolution to move forward. Financing is for \$500,000 which will be approximately \$445,000 in cash.

VACATIONS: Bev will be out of the office the week of May 3 (family visit and OWRC meetings in Salem) and on vacation June 6 through 14. Lisa will be on vacation June 12 through 21.

JUNE BOARD MEETING: I would like to move the June Board meeting from the 15th to June 22nd.