

## MANAGER'S REPORT - JUNE 2015

This report provides an overview of District issues and projects.

**IRRIGATION MANAGEMENT:** Crews have been working with local landowners to understand conservation methods and the need to schedule water. So far this year, we have used up to 128 cfs in the canal. We are generally running less water than last year, due to folks really paying attention. I am enclosing some historic water reports. Due to fluctuations in the river and problems with the state measurement site, I really do not have a handle on what we've used so far this year in pumping. My feeling is that we are pumping the same amount, but we started earlier and will likely go later. The water management has taken a lot of time from all staff at all levels, and we believe it is paying off. Most folks seem to pay attention to their water and are trying to conserve.

**DROUGHT:** The Governor has declared a state-wide drought. This action allows for some creative water management and some funds for idling land, but really nothing that the District would use. If we can find funds for metering, we'll look at that. Realistically, we won't rank high in any drought funding opportunity due to our ability to get water from the Columbia River.

**DISTRICT WATER SUPPLY GOALS AND CERTIFICATE 87872:** We and BOR are probing WRD to develop their draft of the protocol. We met with our attorney in Portland last week. He recommends we concur with a set of goals that will be used as we move our project forward. Discussion and review of his comments in executive session.

**FLEXLEASE LOAN:** I have enclosed the purchase agreement and attachments for the bond sale through the Special Districts program. The pricing/rate setting occurred on June 10 and our municipal advisor felt that the bond sale went well, considering the current market (his words). No action is required as we have already passed the resolution. This is for your information. Funds will be distributed on June 23.

**BANNER BANK ACCOUNT:** I recommend we open a new account at Banner Bank – Project Management Account. You will see a resolution on the agenda and a copy of the proposed letter to Banner Bank. Since we already have signatures at the Bank, we do not need new signature cards.

**FUNDING:** I have been reviewing several grant funding opportunities as well as potential loans. I met with NCRS earlier this week regarding applying for a cooperative grant to assist with Lateral 7 and we will likely do that. OWEB is focused on fisheries restoration for the upcoming cycles and may entertain some water conservation funds, if there is a fisheries benefit. That is a harder sell for us as we use the water we conserve. I have contacted DEQ about the Clean Water Revolving Loan program. Their Pendleton representative has moved on and they are not sure who I need to meet with yet. In the meantime, once things settle I will get back to the Boardman Master Plan discussion.

**VACATION:** Lisa is on vacation from June 11 through June 19.

**NEXT BOARD MEETING:** Monday, July 20.