

## MANAGER'S REPORT - JUNE 2017

This report provides an overview of District issues and projects that we have been working on since the last board meeting.

**WORK CREW:** The weather has allowed the crew to continue getting some cleanup work done along with their ditchriding duties. Ben de los Santos and Ben Svatonsky are learning the water orders. They are both doing great. Adam has turned out to be a backyard mechanic that likes to get to the core of the problem. He has done work on the dump truck. We think it will pass inspection now (see note below). Main projects over the past month:

Replacing McGraw pump and electrical due to accident on Miller Road. We were down for a week. Insurance will cover most of cost.

Screen problems with Sunrise pump. Abe rebuilt the screen. We ended up replacing parts on the water line. The problem had been going on for a couple weeks; is fixed now.

The Lat 7 screen problem – basically overwhelming. We should have put the larger pump at the screen when the season started. I don't think Richard even thought about it. We noticed that last year, when the smaller pump was installed, a part for that pump that modified the power from the larger 7.5 Hp pump to the smaller 2 Hp pump was not replaced. Actually Vern brought this to our attention.

Problems with the 7<sup>th</sup> St. Pump Station. We replaced the pump this year with an upgraded model and needed to do work on the intake and discharge line. We were down for two days last week doing this work. Jeff Wise did the work on the discharge side.

Aquatic applications. We did copper in two sections – Boardman, then upper canal. Acrolien is scheduled for Friday, June 23.

Clean-up: The burn piles along the canal (except at 18) have been burned and crews are doing concrete pick-up as time allows. Mowing continues. Spraying along the main canal and several areas has been completed and is ongoing. Our spray truck system still is not working. We think it's the nozzles and design, but I haven't had a chance to get into it.

IPS: Pumps are running fine. Meter is still questionable. I haven't had time to contact IRZ, but I will.

Checkboards. We finally got all the checkboards in the canal that were not put in at start-up. Not sure how they were missed, but they are in now.

Vehicle and equipment maintenance: We've gotten the maintenance on the vehicles caught up. The backhoe needs oil change and inspection. That will get done soon. Excavator waiting for inspection. We haven't used it for awhile, but have need to. We are still waiting for Rowand Machinery. We've called them twice and they say they will stop by.

**CREW LICENSE UPDATES:** Frank could not complete this CDL test because our dump truck did not pass inspection – air brake and emergency brake issues. That, after spending two weeks at Triple M. As stated above, Adam with Frank's help, got the air leak and electrical problems repaired on the dump truck. We have not had time to give Frank anymore driving time yet. His examiner is not available until next week, so he'll try again as soon as we can get it scheduled. Ben de los Santos is studying for his pesticide license and will take his first exam by the end of the month.

**DANIELS DELIVERY:** We went a better way with Daniels. While we were down for the 7<sup>th</sup> St repair, we put a valve in for him off the line along Magic Gardens Estates. He is getting an easement to follow the roadway to his property and will put in his own line.

**STORAGE FEASIBILITY STUDY:** JUB has been gathering information and have inspected sites. They will be at our Board meeting.

**SWCD/NCRS:** So far, no results for funding from these folks. Though funds were available at the time of our meeting, the folks selected did not file paperwork. I have a meeting with them on Monday, June 26 to go over future needs. We want to be 3 – 5 years ahead on our project planning.

**BOARDMAN DRAINAGE:** A meeting was held at the Port of Morrow office on June 8. It was good discussion and we'll report at the Board meeting. Next meeting is June 22.

**ANNUAL AUDIT:** The auditors field work is complete. We just got the information for the 2016 conjunctive use the end of last week and sent it to them.

**CONJUNCTIVE USE:** Conjunctive use rates for 2016 are 13.986 acre feet at a rate of \$15.39 per acre foot. Total cost is \$215,245. We budgeted \$165,000 and did the special assessment that brought in \$53,970. During the course of calculating, Reclamation found an error in their figures for 2015. They want an additional \$9752. You will find copies of e-mails between me and Reclamation enclosed with your board packet.

**THREE MILE DAM MAINTENANCE ISSUES AND LIABILITY:** Now is the time to press the liability questions about Three Mile Dam. We asked Boris some questions at the last meeting and responsibility remains unclear. Mike Wick does not believe he has responsibility to clear the dam through his agreement with BPA. He has taken responsibility to keep the fish passage way clear. I learned that there are plans to purchase a log boom for \$12,000 and attach this to the dam. I've told the folks at River Ops that absolutely we would not approve such an action without proper review and agreements in place. Thus far, we have not seen an agreement between Reclamation and BPA or the CTUIR, but we hear there is one. I've also contacted Michael Corey, our insurance agent. Now is the time to get clarity on this matter. Once we have the responsibility and liability issues addressed, we can talk with others about getting permits or funding to do the work at the dam. This issue has "been there" for many years, unresolved, but we need to get it done now as it has the potential to affect us at the next runoff.

**VACATION:** I will be on vacation July 1 through the 9<sup>th</sup>. Ben de los Santos will be Field Supervisor during that time.