

MANAGER'S REPORT - DECEMBER 2017

This report provides an overview of District issues and projects that we have been working on and where we will be heading in early 2018.

CREW: Kasey Kroske has agreed to stay on with the District and understands that we want to put some training into him. He has agreed to take welding classes at the local college. He'll work on his pesticide applicator license. He can pass his CDL, but wants to wait until he's 21 to take the test. We'll be training him as the Boardman ditchrider and on pump maintenance this season. Ben plans to take his Laws and Safety for his pesticide license in January. Walt has been working on the project and will help with canal cleaning. He's working 30 hours a week right now.

LATERAL 11 PROJECT: The main project will be completed by the Christmas break. The pump station will be installed this winter.

LATERAL 5 PROJECT: We have the pipe and are waiting for Reclamation to issue a contract for this grant. We hope to get this part of the project done by water start-up and will do the second phase (Lateral 9 pump and piping) fall of 2018.

WINTER WORK: We will be shut down from Dec. 25 through Jan. 1. Right after the Christmas break the crews will get on the main canal and lateral work. The prison crew will start Jan. 9 for nine weeks. We'll start the Headgate inspections and get to the canal repairs. We have a full crew, plus Walt, Tassie (4 days a week), Brandon (temp) and Damon (our high school kid working after school and on Fridays).

BUDGET: The budget worksheet is in the Board packet. I am requesting an increase this year. We need a minimum of \$20,000 to cover the increased and anticipated costs. I would recommend that increase to be \$10 on the base fee and \$1 per acre. This leave us with no buffer, so I would ask that we consider a \$2 increase on the per acre cost. We have been whittling at our cash accounts and I think we should try to build them back up.

CTUIR WATER RIGHTS SETTLEMENT: We understand that hydrological work is being done by Reclamation in preparation for the settlement. HID is waiting to hear about costs of operations and who will pay the ongoing pumping costs.

PORT OF MORROW ET AL: The Port of Morrow has continued working with us on the "nuisance water" project in Boardman. We are ready to submit a permit for pumping that water. We need to decide if this will be for supplemental water or for primary water use (new lands). We have folks wanting the water – Joe Taylor, Glenn Chowning and others. There is a higher cost to this water than that served by the rest of the District. We have considerations to make at this time. Miff Devin from the Port of Morrow will be at our meeting for discussion.

JOHN PARTLOW: He would like to make plans to pump water onto his property and cease flood irrigation. I think this will involve a "bulge in the system", some type of pond along our spillway. Once the Board approves, we'll figure out how to get it done. He may work with NRCS on this and this will happen a few years out. We are just seeking Board approval to move ahead.