

General Manager's Report: Board Meeting – November 21, 2024

This report serves as an executive summary for the Board meeting agenda. It provides recommendations for actions to be taken if necessary. Detailed information, staff reports, and supporting materials can be found in the full agenda packet.

PHASE-IV BEAVER CREEK SOURCE WATER:

Due to maintenance issues and raw water quality concerns the district suspended operation at the Water Treatment Plant on October 14th and resumed operation on October 29th. During this time period, the district was receiving water from the district's secondary source water supply, the City of Newport. Water Treatment Plant Operators continue working closely with engineers, WesTech technicians and suppliers to further evaluate ongoing heater element failure at the WTP. Options for installing new heating elements made of materials capable of withstanding the neutralization chemistry process are being evaluated.

District field crews have begun the process of performing annual meter maintenance throughout the distribution system. According to the manufacturer's recommendation field crews will visit every meter in the district and perform a system evaluation of the meter and surrounding area and perform any routine maintenance at that time. Because the district no longer visits each meter on a monthly basis it is recommended to perform annual meter maintenance in an effort to catch problems in the field before they occur.

Other notable activities for the month include:

- Attended the Mid-Coast Water Conservation Consortium Meeting.
- Hosted monthly staff/safety meeting.
- Attended Mid-Coast Water Planning Partnership Meeting field tour and partnership meeting.
- Attended Rules Advisory Committee (RAC) hosted by Oregon Water Resources Department (OWRD) regarding Place-Based Water Planning Funding on November 15th.
- Attended the monthly Oregon Water Utility Council (OWUC) meeting.
- Operators met with engineers and power professionals from CPI to evaluate electrical feed to the Beaver Creek Source Water Intake and Pump Station.
- Attended additional meetings with OWRD and OWUC regarding water rights process improvements.
- Staff met on site with consultants preparing this year's Beaver Creek streamflow and temperature monitoring.
- Participated in the Pacific Northwest Section, Tri State Water Utility Council Meeting on November 10, 2024.
- Attended SDAO Public Meeting Law Course on Friday, October 11th.
- Participated in the SDAO/SDIS Joint meetings on November 13th and 14th.

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