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Seal Rock Water District

General Manager's Report:
 Board Meeting – January 9, 2025

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:

Water Treatment Plant Operators continue working closely with engineers, WesTech technicians and to schedule modifications to the Clean in Place (CIP) Tank to move the heating elements to the CIP tank. Work to improve the heating process and remove the elements from the naturalization process was performed by WesTech on January 3rd. All three heating elements were moved from the CIP pipe gallery and installed directly into the CIP tank.



Programming updates were also completed by WesTech to allow operators to place the newly installed heating elements into operation. Electrical wiring to the heating elements is being rerouted to power the elements, and this work is expected to be completed the week of January 6th.

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Mid-Coast Water Planning Partnership:

The Mid-Coast Water Planning Partnership (MCWPP or Partnership) is an inclusive community forum of regional partners working to ensure balanced water resources for the environment, the economy, and coastal communities. The Mid-Coast of Oregon is defined as the coastal region from Cascade Head to Cape Perpetua. The Partnership began as one of four pilot groups conducting place-based integrated water resources planning through a new program of the Oregon Water Resources Department (OWRD) in 2016. The Partnership's Water Action Plan was adopted in 2022. In 2023, the Partnership received an American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) grant from OWRD to conduct a prioritization of actions outlined in the Water Action Plan, to begin early implementation by developing work plans, and to continue regional coordination around water issues. The effort was led by the Partnership Convener, Seal Rock Water District, and facilitated by GSI Water Solutions, Inc. (GSI). The Partnership Early Implementation Work Plan has been developed to guide the Partnership's implementation of actions in the Water Action Plan.

The Early Implementation Work Plan is comprised of several documents, or tools, that can be utilized in the Partnership's efforts to support implementation of actions in the Water Action Plan. Together, these tools describe the process that the Partnership can use to support existing projects, catalyze development of new projects, track implementation, and continue to support regional collaboration.

The implementation support process, developed by the Early Implementation Work Group, describes a process for the Partnership to use to support projects that would implement specific actions in the Water Action Plan. The Implementation Support Process document includes a flowchart showing the pathway for supporting existing projects and for developing and supporting new projects, descriptions of how the process works depending on whether existing projects have been identified, and a list of potential types of support that the Partnership could provide. Where existing projects have not been identified, the support process would focus on launching and supporting projects that implement Priority Group A actions first.

SRWD has been serving as the lead agency for the MC-WPP for the past several years. With the conclusion of the ARPA funding for this phase of the prioritization work the district has notified the partnership that it would be best if another member of the partnership takes on the leadership responsibilities as the lead agency going forward. SRWD staff are working with consultants and the state (OWRD) to complete the grant funding conditions and submit the final report to close out the project. A copy of the December 2024 Early Implementation Work Plan can be found on the district's website.

Other notable activities for the month include:

- Attended the Mid-Coast Water Conservation Consortium Meeting.
- Hosted monthly staff/safety meeting.
- Attended OWRD Water Rights Fee Discussion December 17th.
- Attended Mid-Coast Water Planning Partnership Meeting.
- Met with Jacobs Engineers to discuss engineering services and improvements to the WTP.
- Attended the monthly Oregon Water Utility Council (OWUC) meeting.
- Attended several meetings with engineers regarding WTP operations.
- District admin staff prepared the budget calendar and budget committee appointment recommendations for the 2025 – 2026 Budget Process.