

SDIC Monthly Managers Report

5/11/2023

Infrastructure:

- The Honeyman pumps automated float and associated float basin water signal became disconnected from the pump sump water level for some reason. The float and switch had to be relocated directly into the pump sump.
- Energy Smart Industrial is scheduled to log the efficiency upgrades on the rebuilt Evans #1 pump May 11. This is similar to the process completed to receive the rebate after the repairs to the Evans #2 pump.
- When the rigid metal frame was built for the Johnson Pump #2 it was fabricated with a manually adjustable component allowing it to continually add downward pressure on the intake structure, with the idea of being able to regain some of the lost clearance between the pump and the intake floor by slowly pushing the structure into the soil where it was originally situated. Over the last month, we have been able to gain several inches.

Operations:

- The Osprey's seasonal nest building endeavors atop power poles briefly caused the loss of power to the Honeyman pump, all pumps are being monitored for the same issue.
- The beaver damn was once again removed from the ditch east of the Smith Pump.
- Trapping success has picked up in the last two months.
- Evans pumps are set to auto float 3.7'-4.4'
- Cherry-North-Johnson-Smith-Sternberg-Hovan-Kessi-Honeyman pumps are set to 1.5'-2.0'

Infrastructure & Operations-Looking Ahead / Action Items:

- Budgeting and Receiving bids for projects for the 2023/24 fiscal year
- Begin pump and levee access road mowing operations
- Toe Drain explorations at the Cherry Pump and Olsen Farm.

Personnel:

- The draft employee handbook has been edited and reviewed by legal and is ready for approval.

408's:

- On May 3, 2023 Heidelberg Materials (formerly Cadman Materials as of January 1st) had a restart kickoff meeting with the USACE regarding the Ellis Farm gravel mine. This was mostly an introduction and catch up of new team members since the last meeting. I attended this meeting along with our consultants. No substantive information was shared, but Heidelberg has indicated that they hope to have the information ready for a 60% submission for the 408 review in late July 2023.

Accreditation / Lomar:

- On April 25, The Columbia County Economic Team hosted a meeting that included representatives from The City of Scappoose, Columbia County, SDIC (Rob, Chase, and Gary), The Port of Columbia County and other stakeholders to review the updated Interior Drainage Analysis mapping done by WEST Consultants. This meeting seemed very productive with constructive dialog between all parties. It seems we were able to clear up possible confusion regarding the components of the SDIC system. We also shared concerns related to the timeliness of continued analysis, specifically regarding the December 2024 expiration of the SDIC levee certification from USACE. It seems the City and County have gotten to a place where they are comfortable with the revised mapping (of course nothing official yet). Currently the SDIC has not received a version of the new maps.

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Best Practices:

-Strategic Planning is progressing. During the April 13 monthly meeting the board officially adopted the list of priorities. The board and staff is currently working on the completion of these priorities and has begun to once again solicit feedback for each of these priorities from all interested parties. Please see the website for more information.

Scappoose Storm Water Master Plan:

-City staff indicated to the SDIC that it had received its draft of the storm water master plan from their consultants in late December 2022. The full draft has not been made available to the public.

Rental Home:

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Legal:

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Mercury/Temperature TMDL:

-The SDIC Willamette Basin Mercury TMDL plan was submitted, and receipt acknowledged on Sept 2, 2022. On 10/11/2022 we received follow up questions to our plan before it can be deemed complete, but were also given a 6-month extension from DEQ. The plan was resubmitted and with receipt acknowledged, on April 17, 2023.

-On January 5, 2023 we were notified by the Oregon DEQ that thru litigation they are to review and rewrite the Water Quality Management Plan that includes the Willamette Basin Temperature TMDL's that were completed several years ago. During this review process it could be possible that water conveyance entities (SDIC), not previously named, could be named as a Designated Management Agency (DMA) and must develop a plan similar to the Mercury TMDL. At this time with the current language in the draft Water Quality Management plan the SDIC and other water conveyance entities are being named as a responsible person, but do not need to develop a TMDL at this time.

GM Action Items:

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