

MANAGERS UPDATE

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VOTING ABSTENTIONS: In checking with the County, elected officials must abstain from voting if there is a financial benefit to them personally from their vote. If they work and get paid for a company doing business with our District, they could not vote on the approval of any bills paid to that company. The reverse situation does not apply. There is a form that needs to be completed for any abstention

SRF: The final loan agreement for all the current water projects is \$5,964,258. This amount is the high end of approval, and it is expected to be less when the projects are complete. Due to fluctuating prices of materials, it was better to err on the high side. I had budgeted 20 homes connecting in Pinedale to make that portion of the loan balance, and as of this date we have 31.

PRIORITY PROJECTS: One of the items is reviewing our Utility commercial rates. We are planning to start this discussion at the January Board meeting, as our financial policies has set this month for water rates and fees. We will expand it to Utility Rates and Fees. Due to the number of commercial projects considering the Rt. 98 corridor, we will have an agenda item at the December meeting for Utility staff to brief the Board. A complete list of projects is part of this month's Board Packets.

OPERATIONAL UPDATE: Randy will update the Board on his research into the trash gate and electrical issue at the pump station. The heavy rains that hit the County the week of Sept. 21st did a lot of flooding throughout the area. Thanks to the STA and the pumps, no streets were flooded and there were no drainage issues. It was reported that 256 million gallons were pumped during the storm on 9/20-21, and 183 million from the 9/23 storm.

RT. 98: I have received official correspondence from DOT that the widening of Rt. 98 is off the books until further notice. It is my opinion that this project will not be discussed again until the next decade, if then.

SURPLUS LAND: Me, Tim, and Israel met with Mr. Gary Green to review his plans and discuss a timetable and site plan. As soon as the new survey is completed, a closing will take place. Bill Nielander will update us at the meeting.

COUNTY VACCINATION STATUS: There has been no action by the County Board, and it is not on the next agenda either.

FIBER OPTIC FUNDING: I attended the Sept. 21 County Board meeting, and the BOCC approved a budget that included Spring Lake in the amount of \$1.25 million. There have been several follow up meetings, and I will be with Gene on Monday to develop the RFP. I hope to have everything done so we can award the RFP at our December meeting and start the contract in early January.

50TH CELEBRATION: There are 200 tickets that will be made available for the November 11th program at the Resort restaurant from 5:30 – 7:30 and will be priced at \$10 each. The reception will be held in the restaurant and bar areas, and several developers and new retailers will exhibit in the side room. This will be presented as a review of the last 50 years, and what is planned in the years ahead. Please secure your tickets early.

DISTRICT WEB SITE: We are having better success in keeping up to date and uploading materials. We now have over 1,000 historical pictures and articles under a new heading and divided into years. September had the highest participation ever with 37,292 page views, and 1,012 subscribers.

LEGISLATIVE DELEGATION: Has been set for November 9, 9:30 a.m. While we have no requests, I will be making a presentation outlining the projects that have been completed and the development occurring thanks to their past support.