

SUNLAND WATER DISTRICT

Commissioners Meeting

April 2018

Manager’s Report by Mike Langley

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Financial Report by Karen Shay

Water Reclamation Facility

- The sludge tank has been removed from the old truck, painted white, and installed on the new truck. Rich, Dutch, and Jay have been hauling sludge to Sequim with the new truck. It looks like it’s going to do the job for us as planned, and for a very long time. We will be installing an emergency spill kit, a fire extinguisher, and a commercial grade first aid kit in the new truck this week. Also, we will be making some minor modifications to improve driver safety for accessing the tank hatch at the rear of the truck. The old truck is at Herman Brothers awaiting brake parts. After the brakes are repaired again, the truck should be safe to move and surplus out.
- Mike Cays no longer works at the Water Reclamation Facility. Thank you Mike for your years of service to the District. Turning the clock backward, we have asked Willy Burbank to come back and be our Lead Operator at the Water Reclamation Facility. Willy is a re-hire who worked for the District from 1990 until he got hurt in 2015. Also, Pat Osborne will be coming back to work at the WRF part time. Dutch Williamson, who primarily works in the drinking water end of things, is training to help out at the WRF as needed. This is a lot of change for the District but the result should be a stronger, more cohesive team.

Water Meters/Meter Setters

- Scott has just completed the second water meter read for all of SunLand. The next water meter read is planned for the first week in May.
- Dutch has begun to map the water meter box locations. This will be a great tool for the District to have as the meter boxes continue to be covered with gravel, bark, or vegetation.

Water Production/Consumption Results

- Static water levels in the groundwater wells remain unchanged, but are expected to drop slightly as we move into irrigation season.

Other

- The county road crew seems to be finished replacing street signs in SunLand, now WAVE Cable is doing some extensive digging and line replacement work on lower Hurricane Ridge Drive.
- Jay, Scott, and Dutch worked with Denny Secord's crew to move and replace a fire hydrant in Division 17 East.
- Mike Langley attended a Water/Wastewater Operator workshop in Tacoma.
- Mike Langley will be attending an emergency preparedness workshop in Blaine on May 15/16.

- The District is considering some changes to IT service.
- Judy and Karen are continuing to work diligently to get all the customer contact information into our data base at the office, so we can better utilize the One Call Now Notification System.
- The District has been requested to increase the amount paid to the owner of the land leased for the Water Reclamation Facility and spray field. Mark Sundt would like that amount to go from the current \$75.00/acre to \$150.00/acre. According to the Clallam Conservation District and the US Department of Agriculture, the average amount paid for leased soil (land) of the same soil type is currently 167.00/acre. I shared with Mark that the 2018 budget for this expense is 2100.00, but that I would ask the Board if we could increase the amount per acre from \$75.00 to 100.00 this year. Mark then requested that the lease amount per acre for 2019 be \$175.00/acre. I told him I would share that with the BOC and that this item would be discussed at the 2019 budget work session in the fall.