

**SUNLAND WATER DISTRICT**

**Commissioners Meeting**

June 2018

**Manager’s Report by Mike Langley**

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**Financial Report by Karen Shay**

**Water Reclamation Facility**

- Rich took the new sludge truck to Tacoma to address a re-call issue. It was a quick trip, he was back by noon. He’d left SunLand at 5:00 a.m. SWD personnel have made a few minor improvements to the truck for operator safety.
- Both reclaimed water filters at the WRF are having problems with automatic control computers. This has required personnel to come in after hours and manually backwash the filter cloths. Consequently, we can expect to see some overtime on time cards. Willy has been working with the hardware and software folks to figure out how to resolve the problems. We may be looking at deferring the decanter replacement project until next year, when we’re out from under the filter issues. In the mean time, Willy is working with our electricians to rig up a temporary float control system to eliminate the need to come in and manually start the backwash process.
- Farmer Smith has harvested the first hay cutting from the spray field.
- Herman Brothers (the guys that are repairing the brakes on the old sludge truck) have been busy and have not yet completed the repairs. The folks at Lincoln Welding, who installed the tank on the new truck, are advertising our old truck for sale.

## **Water Meters/Meter Setters**

- Scott has just completed the fourth water meter read for all of SunLand. The next water meter read is planned for the first week in July.
- Scott tried out an electric assist bicycle to read the water meters this time, and after trying this transportation alternative he thinks the e-bike may work well for this application.
- Scott is continuing to search for a lost water service connection on Hogan's Vista.

## **Water Production/Consumption Results**

- Static water levels in the groundwater wells are dropping slightly as we enter the irrigation season.

## **Other**

- Rich and Jay have finished exercising all the isolation valves in the water distribution system.
- SWD personnel completed a First Aid/CPR/AED class conducted at the administration building.
- At the emergency preparedness workshop presented by the American Water Works Association it was recommended that all water purveyors partner up with WAWARN. This is free membership entity in Washington that shares contacts, equipment inventories, and personnel abilities for helping each other as needs arise.

- Scott, Jay, and Rich repaired a failed water service connection at the end of Fairway Place.
- SWD and Evergreen Rural Water, Inc. will be conducting the second phase of testing the sewer lines in SunLand for breaks, leaks, blockages, etc. on June 13<sup>th</sup>. Remember using this method smoke is pumped into manholes and comes out roof vents if all is well. If smoke comes out gutter downspouts it means the homeowner has plumbed their roof drains into the sewer system, and if smoke comes up out of the ground this often times indicates a failure in the sewer mainline. This phase will involve the southeast quarter of SunLand. Field staff has placed notices at the homes in this area, and office staff has contacted all of SunLand regarding this action. The blanket notice is to let those living outside the smoke testing areas know not to be alarmed by the smoke rising from a roof.

