

HEBER PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT

REPORT TO BOARD OF DIRECTORS

MEETING DATE: October 19, 2023

FROM: Madeline Dessert, General Manager

SUBJECT: General Managers Report

Administration:

HPUD office will be closed in recognition of Veterans Day, November 10, 2023. Duty, Honor, Country: Those three hallowed words reverently dictate what you ought to be, what you can be, what you will be. -Douglas MacArthur

HPUD Board Information:

CSDA's Board Secretary and Clerk Conference to take place November 6-8th, Office Manager will attend.

Meetings:

GM attended the Grand Opening of Heber Elementary Schools new Soccer field 9/27.

GM attended first meet and confer with NRTA re negotiations for 2024 contract on 10/2.

GM spoke at BOS meeting re Heber representation on County Wide Hospital Board on 10/3.

GM attended meeting at LAFCO re Special District Representation on 10/9.

GM continues to meet with LAFCO, IID and corresponding agencies in pursuit of Special District Representation on the LAFCO Board.

GM and Board President met with Assemblymember Garcia and team to discuss 918 and the future of the Countywide Hospital District on 10/12.

Parks/Rec:

Preconstruction meeting for Children's Park has been completed, design choices have been submitted, orders have been made for long lead time items. Estimated ground break date: late September/ early October, estimated completion date: mid-April 2024.

Updates have been made to Estancia Pak.

Signs have been posted at Tito Huerta that include schedule of reservations as requested by members of the public.

September Public Comment Follow up:

Signs, along with schedule of reservations, have been posted per request from Soccer teams. Minor repairs have been done to Estancia park including replacing benches; work will continue.

HPUD Operations:

Mixer in Tank #3 needs repair. Roof repair on storm damage underway on main HPUD water tank.

HPUD WWTP Funding Search:

Management met with USDA rep on April 25th. USDA Rep originally offered a \$4.5 million Colonia Grant with no match, but upon looking into the Colonia map, realized the Wastewater Treatment Plant falls just outside of the Colonia boundaries. Rep then offered a \$4.5 million grant with a 25% match: USDA: \$3,375,000 HPUD: \$1,125,000. .

Staff submitted Community Resilience Grant in pursuit of funding for the Waste Water plant project on September 18th.

Hurricane Hilary:

HPUD, will be seeking reimbursement from FEMA for various damage caused by storm.