

HEBER PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT

REPORT TO BOARD OF DIRECTORS

MEETING DATE: September 21, 2023

FROM: Madeline Dessert, General Manager

SUBJECT: General Managers Report

Administration:

HPUD's annual fall fiesta is quickly approaching! We are currently accepting applications for vendors, parade entries and informational booths!

HPUD Board Information:

CSDA's Special District Leadership Academy (SDLA) will take place in Santa Rosa October 22 – October 25. Director Diaz-Molina to attend.

Meetings:

GM attended Economic Development Administration (EDA) Grants Workshop hosted by Congressman Raul Ruiz, M.D. and Assistant Secretary of commerce for economic development Alejandra Y. Castillo on August 29th

GM attended County Wide Health Care District Advisory Panel with LAFCO on August 30th and September 15th

GM and Office Manager hosted BOD training - Meeting Management through the Parliamentary Process on September 15th

GM attended Annual Defense Support of Civil Authorities Installation Brief at the NAF on September 14th

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

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.

Senior Activity days have resumed.

May Public Comment Follow up:

GM had meeting with County Public Works Director on May 17 to discuss street sweeping in Heber. ICPW to go out for Street Sweeping RFP in coming weeks.

HPUD Operations:

HPUD Aerater #2 will be repaired/replaced September 23 (under warrantee)

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, in conjunction with County of Imperial Fire Department, distributed over 5,000 sandbags to the community of Heber in preparation for Hurricane Hilary.