

INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

Heber Public Utility District
Office of the General Manager

Date: December 18, 2018
To: Heber Public Utility Board of Directors
From: Laura Fischer, General Manager
Subject: General Manager Report to Board of Directors

HPUD EVENTS

Employee Appreciation Dinner

The dinner was not well attended. Only six of twelve employees attended and three Board members.

2nd Annual Heber Tamale Festival – January 5, 2019 at Tito Huerta Park from 10am – 5pm
Report prepared with agenda.

Office Closed Christmas Eve

HPUD's office will be closed Christmas Eve. Employees will be given four hours office with the option to take an additional four hours. The two ladies in the front office will both have those hours off and the office will be closed. Our on-call operator will be available as usual.

Christmas Tree

The Christmas tree is still up and will remain up through the Tamale Festival until Monday, January 7th. We have had some vandalism and at least three of the large red decorative bulbs have been broken.

HPUD OPERATIONS AND ADMINISTRATION

Imperial Valley Regional Water Management Group

I attended a meeting of the IVRWM Group. They are discussing the possibility of securing funding for our region. The funds are available through Prop 1 and are for Disadvantaged Communities. The Imperial Region will need about \$500,000 to update their water plan and then they will be eligible to apply for \$17M of funding for our area. The area also includes Coachella and Anza valleys. This is a very competitive grant process and there are no guarantees, even if the IVRWM finds the funds to update the water plan, the Imperial Valley would get funding for projects.

Roadway Improvements

The County of Imperial Roadway Improvement project in Heber is scheduled to start in mid-January. I am waiting to get the schedule from the County to include in our utility billing for the month. As soon as I get the information and schedule, I will forward it to you.

Cross Connection Control Survey

The HPUD just completed our Cross Connection Control Survey, which must be done every five years. The survey helps identify any water services that could be cross connected to a raw water

source or to another service. The survey identified about 20 customers that will need to either install a backflow prevention device or relocate a backflow prevention device. We have mailed letters requesting the customer make the necessary changes to their service, and have provided a deadline for compliance.

TTHM System

HPUD staff and engineers held a conference call with the new Water Board engineer assigned to HPUD. This was a meeting to get them up to date with our TTHM testing and to request that we be given permission to turn off two blowers. We submitted the data and request as required. Since that meeting, we were assigned yet another new engineer for our water plant. We are following up to get approvals.

HPUD PROJECTS

Jiggs Johnson Solar Light Project

HPUD has received the pole base and will start to install in the first of January, we are still waiting on a building permit from the County, but expect it soon. The bases are all underground support.

Water Treatment Plant Tank Inspections

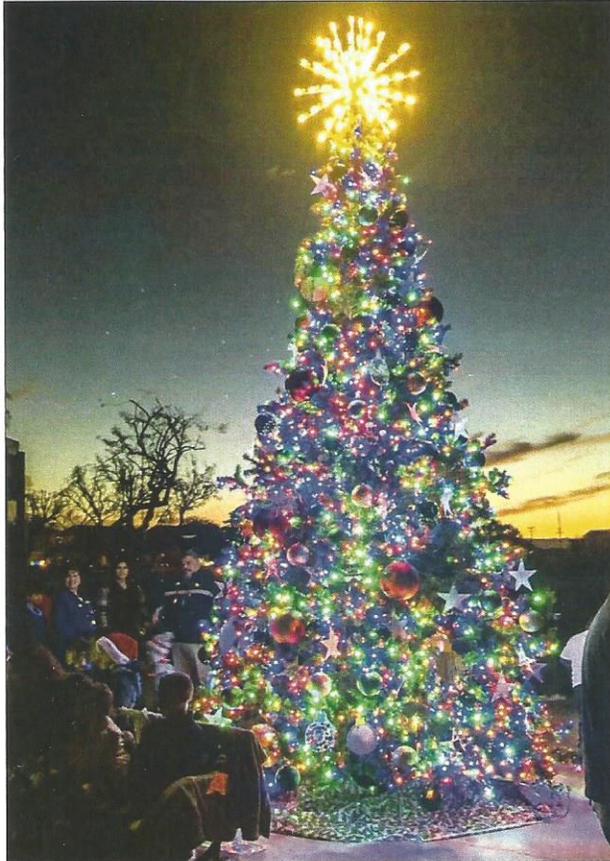
The 1.7 MG tank was drained and inspected. A few small patches were made to the coating. The tank has cathodic protection and the system was recently inspected and maintained. We should have the tank filled and back online next week.

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Heber starts new Christmas tradition

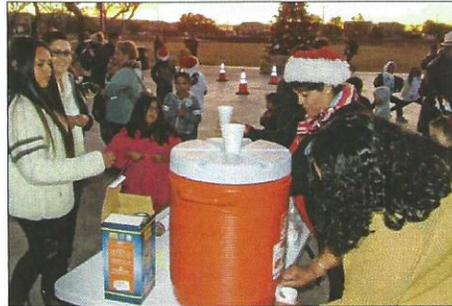
Heber on Tuesday joined the fraternity of Imperial Valley communities that kick off Christmas season with a public tree lighting ceremony. The tree lighting, Heber's first, was held at Tito Huerta Park.



The Heber community Christmas tree, shown here in all its glory. PHOTOS CRIS LOPEZ



Leaving his traditional sleigh and reindeer behind, Santa Claus arrived at the Heber Tree Lighting on Tuesday atop a bright, shiny fire engine. Children in attendance were audibly delighted.



Teachers from Heber and Dogwood elementary schools serve free cups of hot chocolate at Tuesday's tree lighting event in Heber.



Just before Santa's arrival, the drumline from the Heber School performed for the crowd.