

INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

Heber Public Utility District
Office of the General Manager

Date: January 12, 2018
To: Heber Public Utility Board of Directors
From: Laura Fischer, General Manager
Subject: General Manager Report to Board of Directors

HPUD EVENTS

Ribbon Cutting at Tito Park Soccer Lights

We will be holding the ribbon cutting on *Saturday, January 20th at 12:00pm noon at Tito Huerta Park*. This is in cooperation with the Heber Tamale Festival. We hope to have a good number of people attending to recognize the effort and support the HPUD Board has put into our park system.

HPUD OPERATIONS AND ADMINISTRATION

LAFCO Meeting on January 10th at 6pm

On July 1, 2018, some 400-redevelopment agency (RDA) oversight boards will be consolidated into one oversight board in each county. When this happens, each county's Special Districts Selection Committee will be granted the authority to appoint one member, representing the special districts, to this board. If the special districts in this county (collectively) do not make an appointment, then the Governor will make that appointment. The Special District Association has strongly urged that the special districts make the appointment and not let it default to the governor. For the special districts in this county to make the appointment, a Special District Selection Committee needs to be formed. Since the special districts in Imperial County have never been represented on LAFCO, no such committee to our knowledge has ever been constituted. A Special District Selection Committee is formed by having one member from each special district which shall be the "presiding officer from each of the independent special districts" located in the county.

The Executive Officer to LAFCO has the responsibility to call for and give notice of such a Special District Selection Committee meeting. During that meeting the representatives attending the meeting may make the appointment to the RDA oversight board. This meeting took place on January 10th at 6:00 pm and President Nolasco and I attended.

Discussed during the meeting were the following issues:

- Formation of the Special Districts Selection Committee
- Appointment to the I. C. RDA Oversight Board
- Special District representation on the LAFCO Commission.

I will bring this issues back to the Board in February for further discussion and action.

Local Entity Grant – IID

We received word that the IID has a check ready for us to pick up on Tuesday, January 16th from the Local Entity grant. Staff is meeting with District Engineers on Wednesday, January 17th to begin the project development. Staff will have a report to the Board in February on this project.

County of Imperial Community Benefit Program Funds

We received a check from the County of Imperial for \$10,000, which was their commitment of Community Benefit Program Funds towards the athletic field light project at Tito Huerta Park. Some of the Board members have accepted our invitation to attend the ribbon cutting ceremony on Saturday, January 20th at noon at Tito Park. This is a good opportunity to thank them for their efforts.

Tito Park Soccer Field Re-Seeding Project

The soccer area was disturbed during the installation of the athletic field lights. Staff contacted our community neighbors at Torrence Farm Implements and requested use of a tractor and equipment. Mr. Matt Hester, owner of Torrence Farm Implements, offered HPUD the use of a tractor with a scarifier and float. His staff trained HPUD parks crew on how to drive the tractor and use the attachments. HPUD staff scarified the disturbed construction area, then floated it to make it level. After they finished working the ground, we planted winter grass seed. The planting was done just before the rains. I expect the grass to be visible by the Ribbon Cutting Ceremony, but won't allow the field to be used until the grass has a chance to take root.

Water Board Operating Permit

We received the updated permit from the State Water Board. Staff is reviewing it as there are new testing and monitoring conditions that must be met. HPUD's water quality meets and exceeds all state and Federal standards.