

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 Presidents' Day, February 19, 2024. "Change is the law of life. And those who look only to the past or the present are certain to miss the future."- John F. Kennedy

HPUD Board Information:

CSDA's Annual Conference scheduled for September 9-12 in Indian Wells.

Meetings:

GM and Chief Operator had call with FEMA to discuss Hurricane Hillary reimbursement 1/23

GM attended Heber Townsite Improvement Project Groundbreaking 1/24

GM attended Appropriations Workshop hosted by Leg. Director for Congressman Ruiz 1/24

GM attended Countywide Oversight Committee Meeting on 1/29 – named Chairperson

GM attended NAF El Centro Community Leadership Luncheon 1/31

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

GM and Chief Operator met with IVC to discuss start of water operator internship placement 2/6

Parks/Rec:

New flag has been purchased for Tito Huerta Park. Staff is getting quotes for spotlight.

Children's park groundbreaking has been delayed to mid-April – Awaiting restroom building delivery. Amendment to grant contract, extending liquidation date to June 2028 has been signed.

Improvements to Jiggs Johnson park are underway.

January Public Comment Follow up:

Painting of the Mural at Tito Huerta park will commence with a community event on February 18th. Mural should be completed by the end of the month.

HPUD Staff has continues the sewer cleaning and flushing process.

NRTA Negotiations continue.

The Heber Tamale Festival was held on January 20th and was very well attended.

HPUD Operations:

Mixer in Tank #3 has been installed by HPUD staff and is running. Staff is currently cleaning pond #1.

HPUD WWTP Funding Search:

Staff submitted Community Resilience Grant in pursuit of funding for the Waste Water plant project on September 18th. We are still awaiting outcome of application.

Staff is waiting for the appropriations project search application to be published and will apply for funding for the WWTP, Water meter project and Children's Park supplement.

Hurricane Hilary:

HPUD is seeking reimbursement from FEMA for damages cause by Hurricane Hillary. FEMA will be visiting February 21st.