

# HEBER PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT

## REPORT TO BOARD OF DIRECTORS

**MEETING DATE:** June 15, 2023

**FROM:** Madeline Dessert, General Manager

**SUBJECT:** General Managers Report

### **Administration:**

The HPUD office will be closed on Monday, June 19 in observance of Juneteenth. "Juneteenth has never been a celebration of victory or an acceptance of the way things are. It's a celebration of progress. It's an affirmation that despite the most painful parts of our history, change is possible." — Barack Obama

### **HPUD Board Information:**

Heber Public Utility District Board of Director's will go Dark in July. Regularly scheduled, monthly meetings will commence August 17, 2023.

### **Meetings:**

GM, OM and Water Operators toured the City of Imperial newly renovated Waste Water Plant on May 23.

GM met with Berkeley Economic Advising and Research (BEAR) researching the Colonias project on June 6.

GM attended 2 on 2 with the City of El Centro Mayor and Mayor Pro Tem alongside Director Molina.

### **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

HPUD Recreation Center Patio Project-Phase 2 is under works

HPUD Rec Center continues to host Senior Activity Day on Thursdays from 11 – 2

HPUD to host School's Out Cool Down Event June 16, 2023 with a generous donation from the IID

### **May Public Comment Follow up:**

GM had meeting with County Public Works Director on May 17 to discuss street sweeping in Heber and informed Ms. Curry of the outcome. ICPW to go out for Street Sweeping RFP in coming weeks.

**HPUD Operations:**

Aerater #4 in tank #3 of WP is out of order. We need all four aeraters running during the month of July in order to stay below MCL (Maximum Contaminant Level) per State requirement. Quote for replacement motor and installation has been requested.

**HPUD WWTP Funding Search:**

Management met with USDA rep on April 25<sup>th</sup>. 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. HPUD Staff has requested USDA make an exception on this project falling outside the map or even pursue having the map redrawn.

Staff will submit application for Community Resilience Grant (pending today's approval) in pursuit of funding for the Waste Water plant project.