

HEBER PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT

REPORT TO BOARD OF DIRECTORS

MEETING DATE: May 18, 2023

FROM: Madeline Dessert, General Manager

SUBJECT: General Managers Report

Administration:

The HPUD office will be closed on Monday, May 29th in observance of Memorial Day. "Courage is almost a contradiction in terms. It means a strong desire to live taking the form of a readiness to die." -G.K. Chesterton

HPUD Board Information:

HPUD staff would like to respectfully remind the Board of the Budget meetings being held on: May 18, May 30, June 5, and June 15th at 6:00 pm.

Meetings:

GM hosted USDA for a tour of our Waste Water Treatment Plant on April 25th.

GM met with CSDA Senior Public Affairs Coordinator Chris Palmer and Field Representative for State Senator Steve Padilla on April 26th.

HPUD hosted IID Directors for 2 on 2 and tour of our Water Plant on April 27.

GM attended kick off meeting with County Executive Office to discuss DCAC grants on May 4th.

GM attended Children's Park Progress meeting with Holt Group and Three Peaks Corp. on May 9.

GM and staff attended BOS Meeting on May 16, along with other Special District representatives where proclamation recognizing Special District Week was given.

GM met County Public Works Director to discuss street sweeping in Heber on May 17.

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 was completed on March 22; phase 2 of project will be scheduled pending approval of today's change order.

HPUD Rec Center continues to host Senior Activity Day on Thursdays from 11 – 2. HPUD Sponsored a Mother's Day Luncheon for Seniors on May 11th and hosted Assembly member Garcia on May 18th.

April 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.

HPUD Operations:

Zenner Metering System was down from April 12 – May 15th. HPUD staff manually read 1,600 meters on April 28th. Meter data is back up as of 5/15, staff should have necessary information to bill for the month of May.

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. HPUD Staff has requested USDA make an exception on this project falling outside the map or even pursue having the map redrawn.