

# SDIC Monthly Managers Report

5/9/2024

## Infrastructure & Operations:

-As I mentioned last month, I worked with the CET and staff from Senator Merkley's office for a grant application for funding for a combination of our infrastructure improvement projects. Last month the grant application opened for the House side through Congresswoman Bonamici's office, albeit for only 48 hours. I was hoping to submit the application under the FEMA hazard mitigation category as we did with the Senate, but the requirements were much more stringent that we could not meet, so I submitted the project under Rural Development, come to find out later after meeting with USDA RD staff that new revised statutes preclude special districts, specifically drainage and irrigation districts from eligibility. Thankfully, our application through the Senate is still active.

-The Sternberg catwalk had become rotten and was replaced. While there we stabilized the access steps and added handrails as a safety upgrade.

-The access roads to the North, Cherry, Sternberg, Smith and Honeyman pumps was mowed along with the roads that parallel the Santosh Slough near the Honeyman and Smith pump stations.

-The Evans and Santosh Sloughs water level is being maintained between 3.7-4.4'

-Johnson, Smith, Sternberg, Hovan, Honeyman, Kessi, Cherry, and North pumping stations are operating at 1.5'-2.0' water level.

## Infrastructure & Operations-Looking Ahead / Action Items:

-Toe Drain explorations at the Cherry Orchard Pump and Olsen Farm, weather permitting.

-Thru levee culvert inspections (North Tide Gates, Sub-Levee Sluice gates and South Tide Gates).

-Relief well testing

-Mechanized blackberry and brush removal scheduled for late May

-Perimeter levee crest and landward slope mowing scheduled for early June

## Personnel:

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## 408's:

-The Heidelberg/Ellis gravel mine 408 is still moving through the process; it currently stands at the 60% submission level. After the most recent 408 meeting on March 22 the USACE has indicated that the project will need to complete a Risk Assessment Analysis. As part of this analysis, an independent third party will review the related permit materials. Heidelberg has asked the SDIC to submit any comments prior to this third-party review scheduled for July.

## Accreditation / LOMR:

-On April 25 we met with City and County staff regarding the progress of the LOMR. It appears that most the hesitation regarding the updated FIRM's has been relieved and both entities would like to move forward. The county believes that the process completed by Multnomah County for their updated FIRM's for Sauvie Island can be repeated. It also appears that the Business Oregon grant funding that was secured for the review of the maps by the City and County has enough funds in it to complete this process through FEMA. We are waiting on WEST to compile a final publishable version of the maps to present to the public; once this is completed the County will hold a public meeting to discuss the updated maps.

## Best Practices:

-I completed the inventory of SDIC ditches and ditch maintenance activities and combined it into one spreadsheet that can be tracked through time. I also included the most recent field survey of the Evans and Santosh sloughs.

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-With the completion of the SDIC ditch inventory log, all the priorities identified in the SWOT analysis with a timeframe have been completed.

-I was able to attend the Scappoose annual town meeting, I visited with several members of the County and City staff. This year's event seemed much lower key than last year. It was a pretty brief overview of current workings of the city, mainly focused on the hiring of a new city manager.

## **Rental Home:**

-Annual review by the BOD needs to be completed at the May meeting.

## **Legal:**

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## **GM Action Items:**

-Annual Assessment

-2024-25 Budget