

Public Works Report
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LID re-bids were opened on October 21, 2010. Low bid was W.W. Construction from South Beach at \$242,946. City Council accepted bids and awarded the contract to the low bidder at the Special City Council meeting on October 24, 2010. The Dyer Partnership was instructed to send out notification of the bid award on October 25, 2010. Acceptance of bid award and any pre-construction meeting will start and there is a 60 day time frame for project completion.

Public Works will be overseeing construction and will participate doing several tasks including:

1. Rock and grade upper reservoir site.
2. Install gate and chain link fence at upper reservoir site.
3. Pressure test and disinfect distribution system including reservoirs.
4. Television inspection of sanitary collection system.

I will be working closely with the Dyer Partnership, WW Construction, and the City Recorder to insure the money spent in each of the three schedules are tracked, so at the end of the project the proper assessments can be made concerning each lot.

Water

Starting November 1, 2010 Public Works is doing our annual flushing of the water distribution system. Notification was sent to customers on any issues that might develop while performing the task, such as low water pressure, or any discolored water.

This project is to scour distribution pipes and remove any sediment built up in system as well as to flush out dead ends to insure water quality.

Samples for analysis are taken as we go through the system to check for disinfection, PH, clarity and any taste or odor issues. If all goes according to plan flushing should be completed in week to ten days.

Public works continues to monitor Yachats River flow and hope to have report from the Dyer Partnership sometimes in December. I am in contact with Schroeder Law offices, PC Water Rights specialists, to work with the City and City engineer once report is completed. This is the next step in securing water rights on Yachats River.

I am in the process of researching the issue of watershed protection in regards to both Reedy and Salmon creeks.

City Council is aware in regards to this topic and has had conversations with watershed property owners.

Wastewater

Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) will be at the WWTP on November 22, 2010. The purpose of this visit is the final inspection of the project. The DEQ representatives are the Regional Engineer and staff plus the DEQ Financial Officers that helped with funding and monitoring of the projects.

Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator Dave Buckwald was in Bend for the Pacific Northwest Clean Water Associations annual conference the week of October 25th. Dave received the State's highest award as "Oregon's 2010 Wastewater Operator of the Year." I was able to attend the awards banquet the night of October 26th and am very proud of Dave's accomplished and recognition by the PNCWA and his peers.

Streets

Public Works is rocking and grading unimproved streets and continuing ditch work in the storm water system. We will be doing shoulder work on several of the newly paved streets by spreading and compacting shoulder rock to reinforce asphalt edges.

We are also, once again, monitoring storm water flow to confirm information for storm water projects.

OSHA (Oregon Safety and Health Association) will meet with Public Works on December 14, 2010 at 9am. This is a requested OSHA "consultation." They will be inspecting Public Works, the Wastewater Treatment Plant, the Water Treatment Plant and City Hall to help with bringing us up to date on any safety issues or requirements so we may help insure employee as well as visitor safety at City locations. The process entails going thru OSHA check lists and the City will receive a written report with OSHA recommendations.

The contractor Quayle Builders has started the final phase of the upgrades to the exterior of the Commons building.

I attended the annual ORWARN (Oregon Water and Wastewater Agency Response Network) annual conference in Ashland, OR, on October 27-29, 2010. The main topic at the Conference was "Tsunami Response." There were a number of presentations that obviously were important to the Yachats Community as well as the Oregon Coast.

I will be sharing this information with the Yachats Emergency Management committee and including a very large portion of it in our recommended "Emergency Response Plan."

*On a personal note I will be out of the office starting November 2nd, but will be available starting November 8th by phone. City Hall Staff will have my numbers.