

FW: Tri-Town Report for November

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Good Morning,

As usual, please distribute the attached to the standard distribution listing.

Thank you.

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October 28, 2022

To: Tri-Town Councils

Cc: BCWA Directors, Tri-Town State Senators and Representatives, and Key Staff

Subj: Monthly Report for November Town Council Meetings

Following are highlights and actions taken during the October Meeting:

On the Kickemuit Dam Removal Project, it was noted that CRMC granted approval for the Lower Dam removal and the US Army Corp of Engineers has granted approval for both Lower and Upper Dams removals. The Upper Dam remains in permitting phase at RIDEM's Division of Wetlands and its Office of Water Resources.

BCWA has a practice of approving qualified parts vendors such that they will receive Purchase Orders when projects dictate needs. In analogous fashion, upon recommendation of Staff, Directors approved qualified Firms for 3-Year On-Call Engineering Services. These included 7 categories: Business, Dam Engineering, Water Utility Information Management, Transmission and Distribution, Water Quality, Environment Services, and Construction Management Services. When projects require, these firms will be asked to submit task order costs, and the most beneficial to BCWA will be recommended for Director approval. Directors similarly approved Firms for 3-Year On-Call Surveying Services.

Directors granted approval to Amendment No. 2 to Beta Group for \$35,018 on their contract for construction administration and inspection services associated with the Phase 1 Pipeline Project.

Upon discussion, Final Approval was given to the updated Personnel Handbook. At issue was the matter of Directors having to follow specific restrictions. This stems from the recent requirement urged by BCWA Auditors that instead of receiving 1099's, all Directors became part-time employees, and thus receive W-2's. For a variety of reasons this has significantly rankled many, and Staff were encouraged to investigate what other Authorities situations are.

Directors also approved Staff moving towards using lap-tops for all Meeting Agenda matters, including providing BCWA-based Director email addresses (*similar to that employed by Town Councils*) and eliminate or at least severely reduce reliance on paper.

The November session will be devoted to Budget Review and should include detailed reviews of the Employees Pension Plan (both in Actuarial Valuation Report and Government Accounting Standards formats).

As usual, please note that this report contains personal views of considerations and actions and is not an official publication of the BCWA.

Respectfully submitted,

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