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From: Cody Rosander, PWD
To: City Mayor, City Council
RE: Council update
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Hello City Mayor & City Council

I wanted to take a few minutes to provide an update of the public works department since we met last month. I will briefly touch base on all the PW departments but overall will focus on storm issues and projects.

Water: Crews have been engaged with final steps of corrosion control update to the well. Once these are completed, better monitoring, chemical control, as well as additional chemicals will be available for the time the well is running. Currently the status is waiting for final electrical work, and final connection of monitoring equipment into the waterlines themselves.

Sewer: We have been experiencing issues with the lab who completes the DOE mandated test. Over the last several months they have lost samples as well as ran over hold time, making that sample unreportable. Multiple times crews have had to engage in overtime to start samplers or get samples to the lab. Our permit requires us to complete 10 samples every week; with all the issues we did unfortunately miss one and receive a permit violation. It is also likely that we will receive another violation due to the lab not running either of our samples from the first week of January.

I have been in direct communication with the lab to ensure they have processes in place to correct these issues. They have stated for the last several months samples were being flown to California for processing and delays were causing the missed hold time. As of this week, they are back to processing in house which should stop these issues. Prior to this, we rarely had an issue with their company.

I have also been providing updates to DOE, and the wastewater crew have been in communication with another lab in the area if these issues do not straighten out.

Storm: Over the month of December, we received over 25" of rain, half of this coming in just two storm systems. We received a fair share of damage; many I will list below:

- Tree damage/removal RC bridge
- Steel sheet damage on the North side of Rock creek bridge
- Water line damage Rock Creek bridge
- Sewer line and shoreline repair (rip-raf) on West side of RC bridge
- Lots of gravel used to firm up road shoulders and for repair of gravel roads

- Tree damage to the Sedimentation basin
- Slide/tree concerns at High Level reservoir
- Kanaka Creek lift station pump issues

We are currently working on mitigating and repairing what we can, and I am working on requesting funding for all the above work through the State and FEMA. This request comes as a County wide spanning multiple other agencies.

Projects:

- **Cascade Ave:** The water, storm and sewer work is done, and the project is now substantially completed. We held a punch list walkthrough this week and will have a lengthy list to go back to the contractor. Additionally, permanent asphalt and sidewalk work will take place in the spring.
- **LTWS 1B:** We kicked off the project last month and discussed the project goals and introduced different individuals involved. City staff met this week and completed a very lengthy survey of all the equipment we have in WTP and intake systems. We are expecting to meet with engineers to discuss those findings next week.
- **High Level Logging:** The PUD has agreed to assist us in taking down the timber threatening the reservoir, we will be operating equipment to ensure safety of the crew and reservoir. After the PUD falls all the timber, I am working with a local contractor to clean up the site and haul off the merchantable timber.
- **Lasher:** Currently still at 90% and mostly paused, we have funding through two agencies and are pursuing it through a third. The goal is to fully, or nearly fully fund the project through grants. This project would bring new surface to the road, sidewalks and street lighting, as well as updated storm system. Lasher sees a fair number of pedestrians walking on the road, and this would greatly improve safety.
- **Middle Russell Striping:** We are still receiving positive feedback about the restriping project, but the City staff still has some final tasks to complete prior to the project being completed.
 - Relocate the Post Office drop box further to the South for better car access, crews have been waiting for right weather window as this will involve pouring concrete.
 - Install 1 hour parking signs in front of the Post Office.
 - Provide better communication with truck traffic to enter Ash Alley from either the Seymour or Leavens side.
 - We additionally have a request for a loading zone parking space dedicated to Blooms berry; this is still in the process of discussion among staff. My concerns are we completed this project to add parking, and by allowing this, we would be taking away from that. If it does move forward, it will be limited to business hours only.

Please let me know if you have any questions!