



ALAMEDA COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT, ZONE 7

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ITEM NO. 17a

SUBJECT: GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

SUMMARY: The following highlights a few of the key activities which occurred last month. Also attached is a list of the General Manager (GM) contract(s) executed during September.

Engineering and Flood Control:

- Preparation for winter rains continues. New drop inlets were installed between Inglewood and Stoneridge along Chabot Canal. Contractors continued working on compacting and sealing longitudinal cracks that developed along the top of the embankment along the Alamo Canal and Line G-1-1. Another crew was working along Martin Canyon Creek (Line J-3) removing vegetation and repairing concrete cracks in the concrete-lined channel in preparation for winter storms.
- Two of the first five samples collected from shallow wells along Tesla Road came back with nitrate concentrations above the drinking water standard. These results suggest the nitrate groundwater plume may extend further east than previously estimated.

Environmental & External Affairs:

- National Marine Fisheries Service published the long-awaited public draft Coastal Multispecies Recovery Plan for salmon and steelhead, including the Alameda Creek watershed (http://www.westcoast.fisheries.noaa.gov/protected_species/salmon_steelhead/recovery_planning_and_implementation/north_central_california_coast/coastal_multispecies_recovery_plan.html). Staff are reviewing the draft and will prepare and submit technical comments.
- The City of Dublin hosted a creek cleanup event on September 12th. Zone 7 staff served as a "site captain" for the 30 volunteers working on the reach along South San Ramon Creek between Amador Valley Boulevard on the south and the county line to the north. Over a hundred volunteers participated and the team recovered roughly one hundred pounds of trash with another 400 pounds of trash from a homeless encampment in the same area.

Operations and Maintenance:

- At Patterson Pass, Powdered Activated Carbon (PAC) was used at a low dose to minimize generation of the disinfection byproducts, total trihalomethanes (TTHMs) during the alternate coagulant testing with aluminum chlorohydrate (ACH) plus ferric chloride.
- Cawelo Water District is working on the installation of a pipeline to return water to the Friant Canal. In the meantime, Cawelo advised Zone 7 that it is unable to recover any water until next Spring. This should not impact proposed operations as no such recovery is planned.

- In preparing for the winter, staff reviewed Best Management Practices at the treatment plants to satisfy requirements related to Zone 7's Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plans (SWPPP) and associated Regional Board permitting.

Administration:

- Construction has begun in the Pleasanton Sports Park area for the Pleasanton Recycled Water Project. The first step was potholing; this allowed the contractor to successfully cross the pipeline from Hopyard Well No. 9 without causing any damage.
- In early August, there was a vehicle accident near Camp Arroyo that damaged an electrical cabinet providing power to the Boys Ranch. Working with East Bay Regional Park District, the water supply was restored quickly to the camp facilities but the box was found unnecessary once power to the Boys Ranch bypassed it. As a result, electrical service through the box was terminated, the wiring removed and the cabinet scheduled for demolition.

Monthly List of GM Contracts

September 2015

Contracts:

IEDA	\$28,800	Labor Relations Services
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Total September 2015	\$28,800	
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