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Meeting Schedule

9 a.m.

Monday 06/18/12

Monday 07/02/12

Monday 07/16/12

Monday 08/06/12

Monday 08/20/12

Capital Improvement Projects Underway

...a glimpse of what the PUD is currently working on.

Underwood Substation Expansion

The Skamania PUD service area has five substations feeding into the electrical system, providing reliability and redundancy throughout the county. The Underwood Substation is the first line of power distribution services to the county. The PUD is adding another transformer and voltage regulator to provide backup transformation services in the event of a transformer failure to reduce time needed to put the substation back into service. The initial work on the substation expansion will begin around July 2012.

Carson Water System

The Carson reservoir is being inspected by prospective contractors to repair and repaint by late fall.

Additionally, leak detection on water lines will be conducted to determine the location of damaged and aging pipes that require repair work to gain control over water loss and reduce the costs of maintenance and water system operational costs. Pressure reducing valves are being installed in the Columbia Heights Area to protect older pipes from damages. We project this to be completed by late fall 2012.

Underwood Water System

The Water System Plan Update study is underway and is expected to be completed before the August budget preparation for 2013. The engineering study will identify and prioritize capital improvement projects for the next 5 years to base each budget on a more in-depth analysis. The planning and identification of water leaks in the system will allow for reduction of water loss to reduce the pumping costs and have more water available in peak use periods.

Planning is underway for the waterline replacement from Scoggins Road to Little Buck Creek. This replacement will eliminate the need for one reservoir and two pumping stations. An expected outcome of the planning will be a two-phase approach so that available funds will not be exceeded. The initial phase is expected to be complete by late fall 2012.

Of course, there are many other projects the PUD is working on, but these are the major ones for this year.

Robert Gentry, Interim Manager

Water Conservation Tips

Saving water is easy and it starts with you! When you use water efficiently, you save money on your water, gas, and energy bills too.

- Never pour water down the drain when there may be another use for it. Use runoff water to water your indoor plants and garden.
- Make sure your home is leak-free. When you are certain that no water is being used, read the water meter. Wait 30 minutes and then read the meter again. If the meter readings change, you have a leak!
- Know where your master water shut-off valve is located. This could save water and prevent damage to your home in the event of a water leak.
- The average bathroom faucet flows at a rate of two gallons per minute. Turning off the tap while brushing your teeth in the morning and at bedtime can save up to 8 gallons of water per day, which equals 240 gallons a month!

Insert power poles here...

Ever wondered how our electric rates compare with other PUDs?

Here's a quick rate comparison to help put things in perspective.

Cost of 1,000 kWhrs per month					
	Skamania PUD	Clark PUD	Klickitat PUD	Hood River Co-Op	Pacific Power & Light
Basic Charge	\$ 9.18	\$ 12.00	\$15.65	\$12.00	\$ 6.00
Energy per kWhr					\$ 0.05858 (first 600 KWH)
	\$ 0.0666	\$ 0.0816	\$ 0.0730	\$0.0615	\$0.09264
Energy - 1,000 kWhrs	\$66.60	\$ 81.60	\$ 73.00	\$ 61.50	\$72.20
Total	\$75.78	\$ 93.60	\$ 88.65	\$ 73.50	\$78.20

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