



Board Action Item

MEETING DATE:	07/20/2019
AGENDA ITEM:	5 A
PRESENTER:	Bob Arbuthnot
SUBJECT:	Chairman's Report

1. A Board study session was held on July 11, 2019. The WIFA projects schedule, USDA funding, and Staff budget preparation were discussed at length. The WIFA projects list is on tonight's agenda for possible actions. USDA Rural area funding application is in process with much work to do in regards both the application process and working our way through the impacts on the District. It is important to keep in mind that a final decision to pursue USDA funding has not been made at this time.
2. Work continues on the Pine area tanks and details will be reported on tonight by EUSI and the District Manager.
3. Any projects approved by the board will be moving forward. There has been a shift in priorities from the original from tackling each subdivision's pipes to tying the systems together with looping pipelines to provide multiple water sources to the system as a whole. This change in approach requires changes in the project list which Mr. Esquivel will present this evening for possible action.
4. Staff changes in operational practices has resulted in lower operating costs due to a lessor dependence on water sharing wells. Two employees have taken the grade one operator practice test in Globe and will be taking the grade 1 distribution certification exam. Strawberry Hollow 1 is back in service, this well has been out since May of 2012 due to failed pump and motor. This well adds 20 GPM to the system (approx. 700,00 gallons per month).