

Board Action Item

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PRESENTER:	Bob Arbuthnot
SUBJECT:	Chairman's Report

The end of 2019 has PSWID on track to complete the WIFA loan projects within the required three year window. Much progress has been made and water loss rates have been cut in half to around 13% from 30%. The Portals 2 and 3 tanks have been totally refurbished and the sites brought up to a maintainable state. At the Canyon Tank site, we have a brand new 200 thousand gallon tank in service and an additional one starting installation this month. The Canyon tank site will have doubled in storage capacity from 200 thousand gallons to 400 thousand when the second tank comes online. New pipelines have been installed in Strawberry Knolls 2, Strawberry Ranch 2. Strawberry View well site has two new tanks replacing the long leaking single tank. Installation of two tanks gives us flexibility in operations and allowed us to save money by using composite tanks instead of steel. Well work on the Milk Ranch wells, Strawberry Hollow, and Strawberry View sites is either on going or completed. Installation of flushing hydrants in various places allow us to better operate the system.

Additional work to tie the subdivisions into a looping arrangement has been done and/or will be done in various places to allow system failures to be isolated and repaired while maintaining service to much of the communities. Looping the system also keeps the water flowing by reducing areas of low flow which can cause stagnation problems.

Mainlines have also be moved into the public right of way roads from the back of the lots in Pinewood Haven and Rim View subdivisions. The former alignment behind the homes has become overgrown and been built on over the decades causing access problems.

For 2020 we have radio read meters being installed which will free up manhours in meter reading and allow us to have a stable billing cycle. Stabilizing our meter reading and billing will reduce the variation in the bills to our residents. Two major pipeline projects are on the 2020 list for Strawberry Knolls 1, a crossing line over highway 87 in Pine, and a looping line from

Wagon Wheel road back towards Old Spruce drive in Strawberry to provide a second source of water for the West end of the Strawberry service area.

All of this work has been accomplished through the efforts of our District Manager, EUSI, PSWID staff and our partnering contractors. Much of what has been done is hidden underground but you can see the impacts of their efforts at the Portals 2 and 3 tanks sites, Strawberry View, and Canyon Tank sites.

On behalf of myself and the board representing our communities, Thank You for all your work!