

## **Old and New Business 6-10-25**

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### **Septage Receiving Station Rehab Project**

- The first virtual progress meeting for the Waste Tank Rehab meeting was held on 6/5 with Donohue and Lunda along with subcontractors. There have been challenges getting the fiberglass tank cover submittals corrected and approved so those materials can be ordered. The District's intent was for all necessary items to be received so the project could go from start to finish without any delays waiting for arrival of equipment or parts. Lunda has suggested they start with moving the blowers and relocating them which will not affect daily septage receiving station operations – to this we don't disagree but are not in favor of starting before the fiberglass cover is ordered. We are hoping that the fiberglass cover and submittals can be fast tracked (this week) and the order placed so we can at least have an anticipated shipping date. We will pick up discussions on timing and a start date once the fiberglass cover is ordered.

### **Sewer User Charge Review – Trilogy**

- Trilogy continues to make progress on the User charge review. We met virtually on 6/4 to go over questions from Trilogy and move ahead in the analysis. Initial findings and discussions have revolved around the proper allocation of costs, loadings analysis, and that a large percentage (greater than most utilities) of the District's budget are being met with "variable" cost revenue versus "fixed" cost revenue.

We will want to work with Trilogy on review and resetting the annual equipment replacement fund for 2026. The last WWTF upgrade is now paid off and we need to integrate the filter project equipment into the 2026 equipment replacement fund. The ERF was discussed with Erickson and they encouraged us to closely review the Equipment replacement fund as now is the time to adjust funding levels and make additions/deletions.

### **Permit Renewal Status**

- No updates or communication from DNR this month. The DNR has not yet published the permit for public comment. District staff have reviewed and discussed new requirements and concerns contained within the proposed new permit. District has begun formulating written comments to DNR that communicate concerns or questions with new requirements. There are no shocking changes as we anticipated most of the changes with the exception of the reduction in the District's TMDL allocation. We will continue to document our concerns in writing so we are ready for the public comment period.

### **Filter Project Open House**

- The open house was held on 5/20 and was well received by the local media. Channel 5 and Channel 11 both ran stories on the project. Local interest was disappointing and amounted to Commissioners Sundelius and Hennessey along with Bruce Corning of the Darboy Sanitary District.