

**SEASIDE GROUNDWATER BASIN
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Newsletter for Friday, February 23, 2007:

This being the first of what I hope will be a relatively routine communications device is being sent to you today for your information, advise, comment and suggestions. Here are a few of the major items that have been or are in the process of being worked on or completed.

- 1) The Court Ordered **Annual Report** required to be filed by February 15, 2007 for the first year (2006) was completed and filed on February 14, 2007. Much time and effort went into this project and thanks should be extended to Sandra Dunn and Nick Jacobs for their invaluable effort in making sure this document was completed correctly and on time.
- 2) A **contract not to exceed \$850,000** was completed and entered into with Mr. **Martin Feeney** on February 20, 2007. This contract is to implement the seawater monitoring wells work plan and is an aggressive plan to drill four wells at selected sites to measure the water levels and collect water quality samples in the Santa Margarita Sandstone, and collect conductivity/resistivity (Induction) surveys of entire sediment column providing indirect measurement of water quality and water quality changes. Scheduling will be controlled largely by the permitting process. Best case scenario would be to complete the permitting in a ten (10) week period. After the permitting process is complete the monitoring wells can be installed in an additional ten (10) weeks. If this best case scenario pans out the sentinel wells could be in place and operating by late summer or fall of this year (2007).
- 3) A copy of the Chief Executive Officer's **Job Description and Employment Contract** was sent out by e-mail on February 21st. This was the second attempt as the first one failed for some reason I cannot explain.
- 4) We are putting together a listing of "**milestone dates**" that should help everyone keep in touch with key court decrees and other significant dates. This list will be continually updated as time passes and different events occur. This list will be kept up to date and will become a part of the Board's regular monthly agenda packet.
- 5) **Replenishment Assessments** invoices were prepared and sent out by certified mail on Friday, February 23rd. The invoices went to California American Water

for \$2,106,652 for the natural yield over production of 1,861 acre feet and to the City of Seaside for the natural yield over production of 149 acre feet and for the operating yield over production of 45 acre-feet for a total of \$219,608. There is still an issue of the (411 or 412 acre-feet) of water credit for California American Water still outstanding.

- 6) We are planning on developing a **web site** for the Seaside Basin Watermaster where interested parties can have access to public documents. This web site concept is still in the exploratory phase and will be discussed later as we gain more cost and time information.
- 7) As mentioned at the last regular monthly Board meeting this month has seen a **significant increase in the number of hours required** to keep up with increasing demands of the job. To help offset some of the increased demands I have been using more administrative support from Laura Dadiw. Laura has been taking and transcribing the minutes of the Watermaster Board meetings since last October. She has done a great job and has the experience and expertise to help in many other administrative areas. With the administrative demands of the job increasing we will be keeping track of the time involved and will work with the Watermaster Budget and Finance Committee to determine what additional resources will be needed before reporting back to the Board.
- 8) Agenda items are being collected for the **March 7th regular Board meeting** to be held at Soper Community Center at 1:30 PM. I will be out of town, but; Laura Dadiw will be there to take the roll and the minutes.

This newsletter is an attempt to communicate with the Board some of the activities that are going on with this office between Board meetings. If there are any other items that you would like to see in this newsletter please let me know.

Thank you,

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