



PINE-STRAWBERRY WATER IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT

Board Action Item

MEETING DATE:	07/28/2022
AGENDA ITEM:	6F
PRESENTER:	Raymond Headings
SUBJECT:	Chairman's Report

Board Update:

External Communication Updates:

Contact with Veronica Hermosilla, Water Hydrologist with Cobre Valley Watershed Partnership.

Chris Ray from the Water Enhancement Committee will be spearheading grant requests & political contacts to acquire some of the Infrastructure monies/grants.

Reached out to Michele Ralston, Northern AZ Outreach & Constituent Services Representative to Mark Kelly to check on the progress of getting a leak fly-over arranged.

SUPPORT SERVICES COMMITTEE-Tom Reski

Legal search Update.

Moyes Sellers & Hendricks law firm was selected to provide legal counsel to the District.

Engineering Planning Meetings

Meetings were attended in June & July. Paul Hendricks will be our Operator of Record until such time that a new Field Operations Manager is hired.

Discussions have been held to develop a plan for notification purposes in the event of another power outage. A meeting has been scheduled with APS on 7/21/22 to discuss this.

A list of wells has been developed for deepening, confirming current depths, flow, and encroachments to septic systems. A meeting has been held with KP Ventures from Camp Verde that have shown interest in this activity.

Activities to prepare for the deep well in Strawberry is progressing.

Training:

The staff continues to study & prepare for certifications. It should be noted that ADEQ only requires the District to have a Grade 3 Water Distribution certification. This is the only certification required and will be the only one reimbursed and recognized by the District to increase rate of pay.

There appears to be confusion regarding certifications. The following definition is provided. Despite the similarity in Certifications & Certificates, they are not the same. Certifications are awarded by professional associations. They are standardized credentials that are intended to certify someone for work in a particular industry. Certifications may include both education & exam requirements. Certificates take anywhere from a couple of months to a couple of years to complete.

The only certificates that will be recognized at PSWID will be Water Distribution certifications, and undergraduate & graduate diplomas from recognized colleges and universities.