

NEWSLETTER

January 2012

New Powerhouse Update

The construction of the new Powerhouse continues and unfortunately, the completion has been delayed with an estimated February startup date. Reasons for these delays are the early problems associated with receiving all of the necessary equipment and the complexity of the project. The good news is that by all accounts the finished product will be a quality product which will serve the community well.

The plant is being installed with three 1 megawatt CAT generators and five 430 kilowatt Volvo generators. This configuration was designed to efficiently track supply with demand to achieve greater fuel efficiency.

Once complete, the 5 megawatt plant will be remotely monitored to reduce staffing costs. Items to be monitored include fire alarms, engine performance, load and temperatures and fluid levels.

The valley continues to receive electric power from the temporary generators located on the old powerhouse site.

Out-Valley Project Update

The District continues to move forward on the environmental documents needed to install an electrical connection to Kirkwood from the Salt Springs area.

On January 12th the District Board will consider approval of the project's Environmental Impact Statement/ Environmental Impact Report. Approval of this document will not commit the District to construct the project. Rather, many subsequent project development milestones will require Board approval and the Board could abandon or suspend the project at any milestone.

The timeline at this point looks like this:

January 12, 2012	District Board approval of final EIS/EIR
February 3, 2012	Publication of final EIS/EIR. Appeal period begins
February 9, 2012	District Board Consideration of Design/ Engineering Proposals
March 15, 2012	Appeal period ends. Rural Utility Services Loan Application Submittal

With this schedule, construction could commence in 2013 with a one to two year completion.

Remote Meter Reads Update

The remote read meter project for electric and propane services continues to move forward. In December all of the residential electric meters were replaced. Left to be installed are the large electric meters and the propane registers which we hope to be completed during the first two months of 2012.

Once complete and live, electric and propane meter reads will be available on a continuous basis at the District offices. This will eliminate problems with reading meters in the winter and provide a safety measure with automatic notifications of abnormal usage.

District Invoices

As was reported in the last newsletter, the District continues to work towards supplying customers with one invoice for all services provided.

On January 12, 2012 the Board will consider the purchase of a new software package which will conform to government standards, produce one invoice for all services provided and allow for automatic bank payments and email notifications. If approved, the implementation of this software package will take several months.

New Snowblower

Due to problems encountered with the District's existing large snow blower, The District's Board approved the purchase of an additional large blower in August, 2011.

In December, the District took possession of this large HS300 RPM Tech Blower with CAT 350HP engine. Total price for this piece of equipment is \$247,213. This blower will fit onto the front of our existing Loader.

Once it snows, this blower will improve the District's snow removal efficiency and provide a critical piece of needed redundancy during heavy snow cycles.

Check out this new blower on the District's website (kmpud.com).

District Officers/ Committees

At the December 8, 2011 Board Meeting, the Board elected the following Officer Positions:

Eric Richert	President
Bob Ende	Vice President
Standish O'Grady	Treasurer
Leo Smith	Secretary
Peter Dornbrook	Assistant Secretary

The District Board is in the process of revamping its Committee structure and is looking for community participation. The old 13 committee structure has been revamped to provide for five key committees, each with two Board members as reflected below:

Communications:	Standish O'Grady, Leo Smith
Operations:	Leo Smith, Peter Dornbrook
Capital Projects:	Peter Dornbrook, Eric Richert
Finance:	Standish O'Grady, Bob Ende
Planning:	Bob Ende, Eric Richert

Each Committee will be looking for community members to participate and help form the direction of the District.

If you would like to participate, please contact any Board member or Michael Sharp at the District.

Happy New Year from the Board of Directors and staff of the Kirkwood Meadows Public Utility District!