



District Update 10/21/2017

1. A Brief outline of the current state of the Crescent Sanitary District's progress:

The Project is still in the Planning and Development stage. The Facility Engineering Report, Environmental Report, and the Land Use Compatibility Statement have been completed. These documents are available on the CSD website. The Environmental Report shows no negative impacts to the environment, air quality, or endangered species at the facility site. The site is located southeast of town. The bulk of the facility will be located east of the Cascade Pipeline and will consist of the treatment and chlorination facility, two treatment ponds, a larger storage pond to provide storage during the winter months, and 80 acres for irrigation of the treated effluent during the summer months. The facility will be completely fenced, the pond levees will be landscaped. The facility will have a wind monitor so that mixing of the ponds will not be done if the wind blows in the direction of residents or town. It will also have leak detectors to monitor if any of the ponds should leak so that they can be repaired prior to any effect on the ground water.

2. A list of Grants and other financial info that have been approved or waiting approval and will receive:

The total budgeted cost for the Project is \$7.2M. \$800K of that is a contingency fund for any changes or extra costs that may be experienced during design and construction. To date the following monies have been raised;

- A. \$ 1, 470,000 from the IFA-OBDD. This consists of \$675,000 in grant and the remainder in a low interest loan.
- B. \$ 5,000,000 in money from the State of Oregon. It consists of \$2,000,000 from the General Fund which has already been appropriated. \$3,000,000 will come from the Oregon State Lottery Bond sales and will be dispersed to CSD in early 2019. This is all grant money.
- C. The CSD is working with the Oregon DEQ to appropriate the remainder of the budget. The actual amount that will need to be raised from ODEQ is around \$900,000. Since the Lottery Grant will not be available until 2019 the District will also need to secure a short-term loan of \$3,000,000 from the ODEQ which will be paid off when the Lottery Bond is available. The Project may not actually cost what is budgeted and the CSD will only secure what is needed for the actual engineering design and construction costs.

3. What is left to do before we can break ground:

- A. The CSD is working with the Engineering Firm on satisfying a Condition Use Permit from Klamath County. Time line for completion is December or January.
- B. Finish requirements for ODEQ loan or if necessary obtain interim funding from another source.
- C. Complete applications for all permits required for the Project.
- D. Co-ordinate with all other agencies including ODOT, Cascade Gas, Midstate Electric and phone services.
- E. Finish negotiations with private landowners for the utility easement to the Treatment Facility.

F. Finalize purchase of the property from the Oregon Department of Forestry. The CSD has agreed to provide a water source to the ODF for dust abatement during the summer months and fire abatement if needed. A fire hydrant will be made available for this as well as providing water from the storage ponds for fire fighting.

G. Finalize engineering plans.

4. Information regarding location of the treatment plant:

CSD took great care and concern to locate a site with the most minimal or no negative impacts to the town. The fact that Crescent Sanitary District and the town are surrounded by state and federal forest lands restricted what was available. One site on the southwest side of town was deemed non-usable by the ODEQ due to its close location to the Little Deschutes River watershed as well as it being in a location that prevailing winds may send odors into town. Two other private sites were looked at on the east side and bordering Highway 97. These sites were also located too close to town and deemed unfit for a treatment facility. The CSD not being able to find a suitable site, then approached the ODF about purchasing a site from the state forestry as no other alternative was available. The forest service selected the current site. The site was tested and ODEQ reviewed what if any impacts it may have to the community (required Environmental Report). It was endorsed by the ODEQ, ODF, CSD, Klamath County, and other citizen environmental groups, and the Office of the Governor as a suitable site. CSD will have to meet very stringent requirements by the ODEQ to make every effort to make the site safe for the community. The CSD will also have to have on-going monitoring for the ODEQ during its operations.

5. A brief closing statement:

The ground breaking date is not known at this time, but is expected to be in the spring or early summer of 2018. The completion of the project should take about 3 to 4 months. All existing private primary residents will have their homes hooked up at no cost to the resident. This will also include the decommissioning of their septic systems. The septic systems will be disconnected from the residence and filled with sand. They will not be removed so as to not cause too much of a disruption to the residence. Should for some reason the CSD cannot provide services to the private septic systems and be re-commissioned. As soon as the facility is completed the CSD will be open for business.

The CSD is making every effort to keep the monthly bills for wastewater treatment affordable to the community. At this time we do not have the final costs analysis available to let you know what your monthly bills will actually be. We hope to have tentative billing information available by December 2017.

As we complete these above mentioned steps we will post informational bulletins at the Crescent and Gilchrist Post Offices. We also will conduct future Public Awareness meetings and provide information on KITC radio station. The CSD holds its Board Meetings every second Wednesday of the month at 5:00p.m. at the Crescent Community Center. The Public is invited to the Board meetings. All input is welcomed by the Board.

CSD is dedicated to provide a "Clean" solution to the town's wastewater problems at an affordable cost.