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Crews work on the first phase of the 7.9-mile Central Oregon Irrigation District piping project.

Irrigation district finishes first phase of piping project

By SPOKESMAN STAFF

Central Oregon Irrigation District finished the first phase of a 7.9-mile piping project between Redmond and Smith Rock that will help conserve water during drought.

Using an underground pipe instead of an open-air canal makes for more efficient transport of the water. That means both farmers and the Upper Deschutes can get more water in their systems, as COID and federal agencies work to meet habitat requirements for the Oregon spotted frog.

The district started releasing 105 cubic feet per second this

week to increase winter flows. The 21 cfs from the piping project are to be released later to benefit the Oregon spotted frog. A total volume of about 7,000 acre-feet can be released into the Deschutes River throughout winter.

“We accomplished what we set out to do by converting canals to pipes,” Horrell said in the release. “Our goal has always been to help our neighboring farmers, increase winter flows in the Deschutes, and enhance Oregon spotted frog habitat.”

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Oasis Village and RHS receive donation from Zion Lutheran Church

Donation to fund construction of Oasis Village home by RHS

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Zion Lutheran Church of Redmond donated \$10,350 to Oasis Village on Oct. 25 to help fund the construction of one home built by Redmond High School construction students. Oasis Village, a planned Red-

mond transitional shelter, hopes to build 20 small units to help house people in Central Oregon. Each unit is to be around 90-120 square feet and will have enough space to house one or two people.

The Redmond High School construction technology classes, taught by Alan Wheeler, plan to build one or two units per trimester. The money provided by Zion Lutheran Church will help the RHS class buy lumber and

other materials for the projects, instead of relying on pulling apart pallets.

“We are eternally grateful for the assistance that you’re giving us,” said Bob Bohac, the president of Oasis Village.

Seven students from Wheeler’s class will continue on in the next step of the construction phase. Audrey Haugan, the principal of Redmond High School, said their experiences have been very positive.

“The seven that said they want to do it are really passionate about it,” she said.

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RHS construction teacher Alan Wheeler, second from left, poses Oct. 25 with construction students and representatives of Hayden Homes as Zion Lutheran Church members donate \$10,350 to Oasis Village.

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