

## 509-J LEVY DEFEATED FOR SECOND TIME

Voters of Jefferson County School district 509-J once again defeated the \$3.5 million tax levy proposed by the district, this time by a much larger margin than in the April 4 election.

The levy was defeated in all precincts except Warm Springs where it passed 36 "yes" to 11 "no". Voters of Warm Springs also passed the proposed tax levy the first time in the April 4 election.

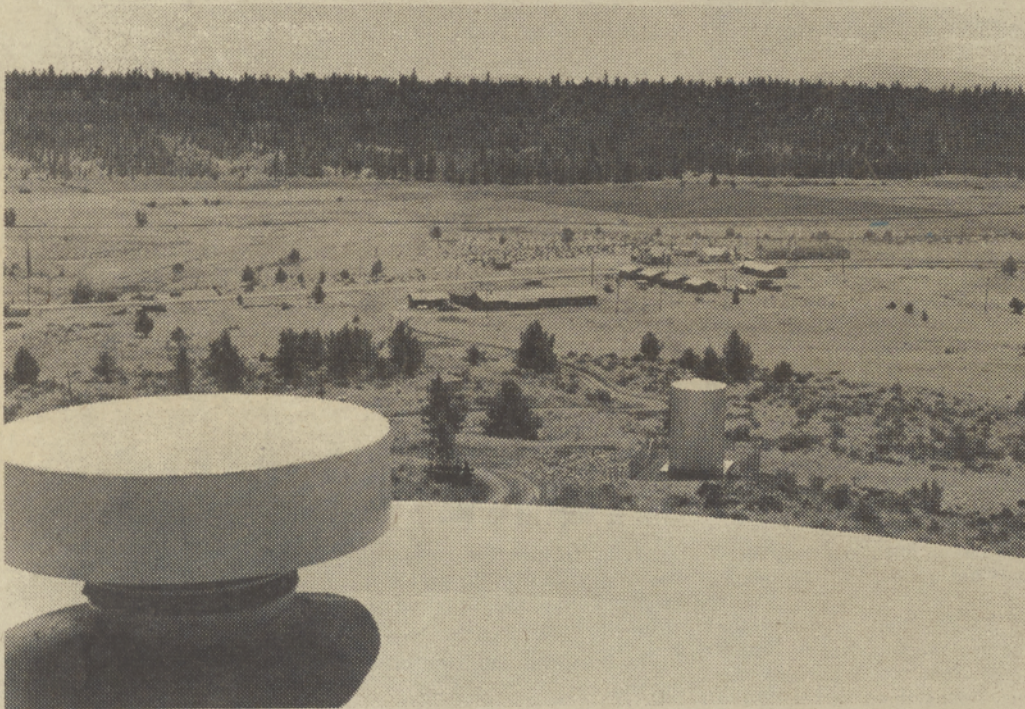
In a telephone conversation, school superintendent Darrell Wright stated that the admini-

stration was looking at different ways to reduce the budget and that a revised budget will be presented to the school board July 10.

School board members had already voted Monday night to set the next budget election for September 19, in the event that the levy was defeated Tuesday. They had apparently anticipated the defeat, particularly in light of the current mood of most tax payers following California's overwhelming support of Proposition 13.

### Simnasho-Schoolie Water

## New Reservoir Springs Leak, But News Not All Bad



Filling of the new Simnasho reservoir began on June 22, but after a leak was discovered crews ran the water from it into the other new reservoir at Schoolie Flat. **Sandy Rangila Photo**

On Thursday, June 22, water from the new Simnasho-Schoolie Flat water system started flowing into the recently constructed reservoir at Simnasho at a rate of 80 gallons per minute.

But by the next day, it had

become apparent that water was also flowing out of the reservoir through a leak in one of the lower seam welds.

"This is something that just never happens," said Don Rohde of Tenneson Engineering. "It's

embarrassing that it had to happen on this particular project," he remarked.

Crews are now in the process of draining the 100,000-gallon Simnasho Reservoir and pumping the water from it to the other new reservoir at Schoolie Flat. They are using the booster pumps to transfer the water, so it's not a matter of wasting any water, according to Rohde.

Rohde said that the reservoirs would both have to be drained and chlorinated anyway, so it doesn't even really represent any loss of time.

Reservoir crews have been notified of the leak and will begin repair work on the seam after it has been drained completely dry.

On the brighter side of the pipeline news, Rohde said that a "change order" has been turned in to replace the old one-inch pipes going to individual homes. This will not cost any additional money since it is still within the budget. Costs have run less than anticipated, allowing this kind of a bonus.

Also, by mid-July, all the home hookups should be completed, enabling residents to enjoy that long-awaited strong flow of tap-water this summer.

## Council Gives Go-Ahead On Powerhouse Timetable

The Tribal Council gave its backing to continuing a study which will determine the feasibility of constructing a hydro-power plant at the Pelton Regulating Dam, and they approved the concept of a tentative timetable for the project at their June 20 meeting.

In presenting the tentative schedule and progress report to the Council, tribal engineering consultant Jerry Dibble remarked that the project requires a far-sighted approach on the part of both the Council and the Tribes.

Dibble also noted that the development of such a valuable natural resource would give the Tribes a lot of flexibility. A hydropower plant at the dam

could provide the reservation with a dependable source of hydroelectric power, with enough left over to sell on the open market.

Dibble's progress report covered a number of details which the feasibility study has initially indicated. Because of uncertainty as to the condition of the foundation of the dam, engineers are conducting exploratory core drilling into the bedrock foundation.

Also, the question of how to handle fish so they will not get caught up in the turbines needs to be addressed and is under consideration.

Following the progress report, Dibble presented for approval the preliminary schedule for the hydroelectric powerhouse project, a graph, and a summary of cost estimates he had prepared.

The tentative key action points for the project were okayed by council and are outlined as follows:

June 1978 - Department of Energy Grant to Complete Feasibility Study.

Dec. 1978 - Completion of Feasibility Study.

Jan. 1979 - Review by Tribal Council.

Feb. 1979 - Submit Application to FERC for Project License to build powerplant.

April 1979 - Tribal Election to Authorize Project.

May 1979 - Commence detail Design & Specifications.

Aug. 1979 - Place Tentative Orders for Turbines & Generators.

Feb. 1980 - FERC Issue License.

Mar. 1980 - Form Power Agency or Corporation (possibly Cooperative or Public Utility District)

May 1980 - Sell Bonds, or other financing.

May 1980 - Advertise for Bids for Construction.

July 1980 - Award Construction Contracts.

April 1982 - Complete Construction, Test, and Start Up.

## Council Okays Two-Year Priorities

With the understanding that the list is not iron-clad and can be altered, the Tribal Council June 21 approved the Tribes' two-year development priorities.

This is the first time that the priorities have been broken down into three groupings — Municipal and Community, Economic and Natural Resources, and Health, Education, Social, and Cultural.

It is also the first year that tribal planning and the council have developed the priorities together. Previously, two separate lists had been drawn up.

There is also a separate list devoted to studies, some of which are now underway and others which are being planned.

Proposed for this fall is a referendum calling for approval on the Criminal Justice Center, the Community Learning Center, and a new domestic water system to serve Warm Springs and Kah-Nee-Ta.

The following is a list of two-year development priorities approved by the Tribal Council:

### Two Year Development Priorities

#### Municipal and Community

1. Complete Criminal Justice Facility
2. Develop Deschutes/Warm Springs Domestic Water System
3. Complete Community Center Flood Control
4. Expand Landscaping Program
5. Complete perimeter and Cemetery fencing
6. Complete preliminary design and budget for:
  - A. Community Center and Park Completion
  - B. Administration Building Addition
  - C. North End Fire Protection
  - D. Warm Springs Sewer system improvement

#### Economic and Natural Resources

1. Develop Deschutes/Warm Springs Irrigation System
2. Develop further Housing
  - A. Community and Rural subdivisions
  - B. Employee Apartment/Duplex complex
  - C. Expand Mobile Home Park
3. Complete Kah-Nee-Ta priority Improvements (EDA # 1)
4. Complete preliminary design and budget for:
  - A. Hydropower plant (if feasible)
  - B. Shopping Center (EDA #2)
  - C. Tribal Garage relocation and/or improvements
  - D. WSFPI improvements (EDA #3)

#### Health, Education, Social, Cultural

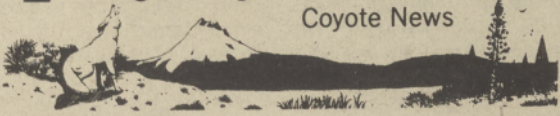
1. Complete Community Learning Center
2. Complete Alcohol Treatment Center and Residential Facility
3. Longhouse improvements
4. Clinic expansion and improvements
5. Complete preliminary design and budget for:
  - A. Nursing Home (if feasible)
  - B. Youth Camp

#### Studies

- 1978
1. Educational Needs Assessment
  2. WSFPI Development Plan
  3. Logging Road Plan
  4. Hydropower Feasibility

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