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Use proposed for tribal land in Madras

Project to reduce municipal waste, generate energy

Tribal Council and management are in a preliminary stage of considering the possible development of a municipal solid waste gasification facility. If the project moves forward, the facility would be located on the tribal trust property at the Madras industrial park. The tribes would lease the property to the developer-operator of the gasification plant, said Jim Manion, manager of Warm Springs Power and Water Enterprises.

The presence of the rail line at the property is a key reason why the proposed operator is interested in the site, Manion said.

The project would generate revenue for the tribes, and create some employment opportunities, he said. The amount of revenue to the tribes is being negotiated; the number of jobs is not yet determined, Manion said.

Gasification is a process utilizing bio-mass, he explained. The process involves the heating of municipal solid waste, or household garbage.

Gas is produced by the heating, and the gas is then used to power a steam turbine, generating energy for sale.

The facility would be licensed in accordance with federal Environmental Protection Agency air-quality regulations and the tribal Integrated Resource Management Plan (IRMP), Manion said.

Besides energy production, a benefit of gasification is the reduction of material that ends up in landfills. After the waste material burning process, what is left is ash-like material, which is then transported to a landfill. The remaining material is a much smaller volume

than the original municipal waste.

The tribes would look to form a lease agreement with the owner-operator, with the tribes having an option to own at the end of certain number of years.

The proposed developer now working with the tribes is licensed with franchise rights for this type of technology, said Manion.

The tribal site at the Madras industrial park has not been used for several years. In the past it was an operation of Warm Springs Forest Products Industries.

See GASIFICATION PLANT on 10

Bio-mass going forward

By Dave McMechan
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Tribal Council agreed last week to move forward with a plan to develop a bio-mass energy plant on the reservation.

Council extended the site license for the company, Oregon Bioenergy LLC, that is planning development of the facility. The bio-mass plant will be located south of the landfill-transfer station, in the Dry Creek area.

The Council was informed last week that the Warm Springs Power and Water Enterprises Board of Directors took action releasing grant money to Oregon Bioenergy to sub-contract for the manufacture of the boiler for the facility.

The Confederated Tribes received a \$5 million grant in 2009 through the federal American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, or Stimulus act, to develop a bio-mass energy facility.

The grant money was at risk of reverting back to the federal government later this year, if the money had not been obligated for its intended purpose.

Fuel source

The planning and public comment process identified the Dry Creek site as the preferred plant location. The site has gone through and cleared the Integrated Resource Management Plan (IRMP) process, allowing for the plant to be located at this site.

The Oregon Bioenergy company will own and operate the facility, while the tribes will receive payment as landlord. Eventually, the tribes would become owners of the plant.

The terms are still being negotiated, but the payment to the tribes may be in the range of \$1 million to \$1.5 million per year, said Jim Manion, manager of Warm Springs Power and Water Enterprises.

"The tribes can anticipate a revenue source over the course of 20 years," he said. This will help the Confederated Tribes to diversify its revenue stream, increasingly important in the current economic climate.

"We will also have a fuel supply agreement that will allow us to develop a fuel collection business," said Manion. "It is anticipated to create up to 15 jobs."

The bio-mass power plant itself will also create a number of job opportunities. The tribes will work with the developer to create employment opportunities for tribal members, Manion said.

The facility will burn plant and woody biomass, including residuals of the tribal annual cut, to produce the electricity. Ensuring a sufficient amount of burnable material was a key part of negotiations leading to a development agreement.

By the agreement, the tribes will provide some of the material needed for fueling the plant. Other material would come from off-reservation sources such as BLM, National Forest and other nearby public and private lands.

Construction timeline

Potential impact on air quality is one reason why some have voiced opposition to the project. The facility would operate in compliance with Environmental Protection Agency standards, through the EPA air-quality permitting process, said Manion.

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Appreciation Day at resort

The Confederated Tribes and Kah-Nee-Ta High Desert Resort and Casino hosted the Annual Community Appreciation Day on Saturday, Sept. 24. There were prizes, swimming, a barbecue, mini-golf and bingo, all free to tribal members and their families—a fun-filled day for those who attended.

Village Pool staff held belly-flop contests, penny dives and prizes throughout the day. At the Lodge bingo doobers were flying as adults played blackout for a laptop computer. The kids were not left out of the bingo action; they played for a Nintendo 3 DS bundle that included a game and carrier. There was a light crowd this year so everyone had a very good chance of winning. Bingo ran a little late, but nobody seemed to mind, as they left for the evening hauling their winnings with a smile.

— by Yvonne Iverson



Yvonne Iverson/Spilyay

Community discussion starts on 2012 budget

Tribal Council has posted a proposed general fund tribal budget for 2012. The proposal includes a projected decrease of approximately \$8.8 million from the current year budget.

The district meetings on the proposal are scheduled for later this month: Seekseequa on Oct. 17; Agency on the 18th; and Simnasho on Oct. 20.

A drop box is available in administration lobby for budget questions or comments. Or members can send e-mail comments to:

Dates for the district meetings on the 2012 tribal budget are:
Seekseequa District: Monday, October 17.

Agency District: Tuesday, October 18.
Simnasho District: Thursday, October 20.
Dinner at 6 p.m., meetings at 7.

budget@wstribe.org

The proposed budget includes a projected use of the revenue reserve (the "rainy day fund") of \$4 million, resulting in a posted budget with a \$1.64 million deficit.

This deficit requires further decisions to either increase revenue or decrease expenditures to balance the overall budget.

The proposed budget includes the following budget categories: operations,

community assistance, debt service, enterprises and capital projects for the Tribal government organization.

The 2012 proposed budget is posted at the administration building, Warm Springs Market, the Post Office, IHS, the Agency and Simnasho longhouses, the Seekseequa Fire Hall, Three Warrior's Market. (A summary of the budget is on page 10 of this publication; and the posting is on page 11.)

Member Art Show



Duran Bobb/Spilyay

Sandra Danzuka won the Judges Choice Award at this year's Tribal Member Art Exhibit, with her beadwork (above). An opening reception and awards ceremony will be held Thursday, Oct. 13 at 5:30 p.m. in the museum lobby. All are welcome.

Accident claims W.S. man

William J. Trimble of Warm Springs was killed in a two-vehicle accident Saturday evening, Oct. 1, on Highway 26 at Fir Lane. Three other local residents were injured in the wreck, one of them seriously.

Mr. Trimble, 43, was a passenger in a Ford pickup driven by Anthony Blueback, 19, of Warm Springs.

At about 7:45 p.m. on Saturday, Blueback was heading south on Fir Lane, about four miles northwest of Madras.

Three passengers were in the vehicle: Mr. Trimble, David LeClaire, 23, and Apaullo LeClaire, age 3, all of Warm Springs.

Blueback apparently failed to stop at the stop sign at Fir and Highway 26, colliding with a semi-truck, according to police.

The pickup struck the right side

of the westbound Freightliner truck, driven by Charles McConaha, 55, of Auburn, Wash.

After impact, the pickup left the highway and came to rest on the north side of Highway 26. Mr. Trimble, the right-front passenger, was pronounced deceased at the scene.

Blueback was flown by AirLink helicopter to St. Charles Medical Center with serious injuries, though he was later listed in fair condition.

Rear passengers David LeClaire and 3-year-old Apaullo were taken by ambulance to Mountain View Hospital in Madras. Both were treated and released. The semi truck driver was not injured. The highway was shut for about five hours. OSP troopers are continuing the investigation into the crash.

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