

Additional hydro ownership

Tribal Council approved a recommendation from Warm Springs Power and Water Enterprises that the tribes acquire an additional ownership interest in the Pelton-Round Butte hydro facilities.

The purchase will bring the tribal ownership to 49.9 percent, in partnership with Portland General Electric.

The recommendation and Council decision were based on the forecast for energy prices, which indicate the additional ownership interest will be worth the cost of purchase, said Jim Manion, Power and Water general



manager.

Pelton-Round Butte is the largest hydroelectric project within the state of Oregon. PGE built Pelton and the re-regulating dams in the mid 1950s, and Round Butte in 1964.

In 2001 the tribes entered the Global Settlement Agreement with PGE to form the joint ownership of the hydro

project, with the tribes retaining 100-percent ownership of the re-regulating dam.

The settlement agreement was the means for long-term relicensing of the facilities with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission. Since 2001 the tribes have exercised options to purchase greater ownership interests in the facilities, and approval of the latest increment the tribes own the 49.9 percent share. Fish passage above the dams has been a priority of the operation since the 2001 agreement.

Schoolie, Agency water systems

Schoolie Flat residents last week and early this week continued without running water, as repairs were being made to pumps for the reservoir.

Portable toilets and showers were in place, and drinking water was available at the S-300 road.

Public Utilities was pulling out the failed pump motor to take it for repairs as a temporary solution.

If all went well, the hope was to have water running again this week.

The long term solution is to install two new pumps with new motors and upgrade the electrical system.

Agency water issue

Utilities was also reporting issues with the Agency wastewater system due to very low flows.

With the closure of the Warm Springs Academy and most tribal Offices, low flows were causing the wastewater system to not function properly.

Biological supplements were being obtained to make up for the issues that have arisen from low flows. If you would like more information you can reach Warm Springs Utilities at 541-553-3246.

By order of the Twenty-Eighth Tribal Council of the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs, the following provisions still apply on the reservation:

All citizens on the reservation are to wear a face covering mask while in public places, where social distancing of six feet or greater cannot be maintained.

Following a test result of negative or positive, all citizens of the reservation and employees working within the boundaries are to self-isolate and quarantine as directed by healthcare professionals. Essential employees and first-responders who have tested with a negative result will have additional guidance about returning to work.



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In May, health workers and community members gather by the clinic to watch the Oregon National Guard F-15 fly-over. The health workers carried a message of safety: *Mask Up - Save Lives.* The health worker appreciation fly-over was a joint effort by Oregon's 173rd Fighter Wing in Klamath Falls, and 142nd Wing at the Portland International Airport.

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