

Water: Each asset was measured based on potential losses to the community

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After legislation to keep the nation's drinking water safe, the government addressed a wide range of security concerns with the U.S. Bioterrorism Preparedness Act. Each city of more than 3,300 people is required to complete a risk and resilience assessment focused on the risks of its water system vulnerabilities and send a copy to the Environmental Protection Agency.

Murraysmith visited Seaside water system assets with city staff in April and delivered their report in late June.

The assessment focuses on malevolent acts, natural hazards, monitoring practices, infrastructure and maintenance of the system, which in Seaside includes the water intake source, treatment plant, the city's four reservoirs and 10 pump stations.

Each asset was measured based on potential losses to the community, vulnerability and threat likelihood, based on the level of losses in a range to 125. A rating of 75 or

greater was determined to be a priority asset-threat pair to be analyzed further in the risk assessment process.

For vulnerability to earthquakes, the water treatment plant, Peterson Reservoir and piping all rated at a risk level above 75. The water treatment plan was also rated at 75 in the event of wildfire. Chemical damage could threaten the intake area, according to the report, which rated the risk at 75. The rated risk to the water system was 75 for the risk of loss of key employees.

Potential countermeasures were selected to address each asset-threat. The report calls for expenditures to update physical security, like alarms and locks, employee training and documentation of standard procedures of operations.

"This is a living document," McDowell said. "We continue to work on this."

The next report update is anticipated at the end of December.

The City Council unanimously approved the plan.

City purchases new drain cleaning truck

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Two years of research has brought a suitable replacement for the city's vactor truck, Public Works Director Dale McDowell said at a July City Council meeting. The 2012 Enviro-Clean vactor truck comes with 5,300 hours on it, at a total cost of \$203,000. The city's truck, dating to 1999, has 49,000 hours on it.

The vactor truck is used by all city departments from cleaning catch basins, excavation of broken waterlines and cleaning sewer mains, McDowell said in asking the City Council for a capital outlay of \$150,000 for the purchase. Using

the vactor truck eliminates the need for opening large areas in the street, and repairs are completed much faster with minimal damage to the roadways.

Public Works staff searched for a replacement over two years before finding the replacement. "Our research over the last two years has finally found a suitable replacement, a truck that is capable of being used in all three departments and at a reasonable cost," McDowell said.

The city-owned truck will be sold, with an estimated value of \$30,000 to \$60,000.

The City Council unanimously approved the truck replacement.

MEMORIAL NOTICE

Wednesday, Aug. 25

FURNISH, James (Jim) — Celebration of life and memorial at 1 p.m., Sons of Norway Hall, Nidaros Lodge No. 16, 2910 U.S. Highway 101 N. in Gearhart.

DEATH NOTICE

Aug. 10, 2021

WARD, John Douglas, 83, of Cannon Beach, died in Seaside. Ocean View Funeral & Cremation Service of Astoria is in charge of the arrangements.

Homeless: 'The city cannot solve this problem'

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Over 1,000 people are homeless in Clatsop County, said Viviana Matthews, the executive director of Clatsop Community Action.

About 35% to 40% of homeless services in the county are focused in Seaside.

The nonprofit agency matches people to social services agencies and volunteer groups. The liaisons help the homeless fill out government forms and medical documents and provide vouchers to those in need.

Even when housing is found, the work often continues.

"Working with the unsheltered population, we do measure if they go into housing and retain housing after six months," Matthews said. "The people that do find housing, we try to support them as much as we can. So they stay housed, with any kind of services that we might be able to provide. Any we don't provide, we look someplace else. But our goal is to, when somebody goes into housing, to stay in housing."

Seaside's push to address



Cheryl Paul, Jody Anderson and Viviana Matthews, all of Clatsop Community Action, address the City Council.

homelessness grew amid reports of people living in cars, the streets and in the woods. The topic was among the top identified issues at a City Council goal-setting meeting in January.

City Councilor Tita Montero and Mayor Jay Barber, who organized the homelessness forums, met with Police Chief Dave Ham, Fire Chief Joey Daniels, Public Works Director Dale McDowell and Library Director Esther Moberg in late June to get a better understanding of how homelessness affects city management and staff.

"What are they having to do?" Montero asked. "What

are they having to face?"

The think tank — a smaller group designed to consider strategies — will consist of Matthews, Montero, Barber and McDowell. Homeless advocates Rick Bowers and Nelle Mofett and Monica Steele, the assistant county manager, are also signed on.

Ariel Nelson, a lobbyist from the League of Oregon Cities, will participate, Montero said.

"We're going to make recommendations for which strategies we think the City Council should consider for implementation," Montero said. "We hope to have that

to the City Council by the end of October."

A Facebook page will aim to bring diverse voices together to meet the need.

"This was not an effort to solve the homeless problem," Barber said. "It is an effort to gain greater understanding of the homeless issue in our community, and to help us to begin to work together. The city cannot solve this problem. It takes a village and takes all of us working together to really begin to address the issue in a way that progressively helps."

"But that's really what this is all about."

Volleyball: 185 courts set up on the beach featured over a thousand teams

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Allison and Brenna Meehan in the women's AA championship match.

Jacobson and Weber, from the Seattle area, led 14-12 in the second set before the Meehans rallied to tie it at 14-14.

The match saw ties at 15, 16, 17 and 18, before Jacobson and Weber caught a wave of momentum and scored the final three points for a 21-18 win.

Weber will be a senior

with the University of Washington beach volleyball team. Jacobson played collegiately at Central Washington University.

In the men's AA north division, the team of David Aspidov and Vitaly Aspidov swept Team Enriques, 21-17, 21-19.

In the south division, No. 1 seed Colin Kim and Marshall Rooney lost the first set of the finals, but rallied to win in three sets over No. 10 seed Mark Bejan and Vitaly Martinov, 15-21, 21-15, 15-10.



Brittany Tiegs, left, and teammate Megan Nash celebrate their victory in the women's open final.

Hood to Coast: Race came to Seaside in 1989 with 750 teams

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arrive at the finish line at the beach. Music begins at 1:45 p.m. Trophy presentations begin at 5 p.m. At 6:45 p.m., Hit Machine performs onstage, and at 8:30 p.m., a laser light show begins.

Brian Owen, the CEO of the Seaside Chamber of Commerce, said the event is running full steam ahead.

There are fewer teams this year because of international travel. Participants will likely start arriving into Seaside a little bit earlier and be a bit more staggered, Owen said.

"We'll have a full beer garden," he said. "Down at the event space, the runner's party will be the same footprint but won't have as many VIP sections in it. It's built for social distancing, so

that you can be in a nice outdoor area with space."

The first Hood to Coast Relay, in 1982, ran from Mount Hood to Pacific City with eight teams participating. The race came to Seaside in 1989, with 750 teams participating.

In 2018, Seaside and Hood to Coast signed a five-year contract, delivering \$25,000 to the city in the first year, and increasing 5%

a year through 2022, when Hood to Coast will pay the city more than \$30,000.

In the past, residents and the City Council had asked organizers to provide an active toll-free number for residents to report concerns before and during Hood to Coast weekend. Residents can call 844-428-8327 during the week of the race. For an emergency, people are urged to call 911.

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