

Motion: Approve Resolution 2018.

Moved by: Mr. Sjothun

Seconded by: Mr. Mylenek

Roll Call: Commissioners Anderson, Dailey, Mylenek, Sjothun, and Wright voting yes.

Motion carried and so ordered.

7. Leadership Team Reports

- Beau Belikoff, Finance Manager
 - Arbitrage Update – An update was provided on arbitrage and IRS spending requirements for the 2024 Water Revenue Bonds. It was reported that all project expenditures are tracking ahead of required federal spending benchmarks, placing Medford Water in full compliance. Also noted were the positive interest earnings accumulated during the investment period and that a formal arbitrage compliance report will be completed as part of the bond close-out process.
- Julie Smitherman, Water Resources & Customer Service Manager
 - Watershed update – Snowpack levels in the Upper Rogue Basin are significantly below normal, with the basin at 9% of average, creating conditions similar to 2015. Precipitation at Big Butte Springs is approximately 30% below normal, and the Medford area is about 15% below normal for the water year. Springflows have supported operation at two full pipes, but due to increasing irrigation needs and lower creek flows, operations will transition to pipe and a half on April 20. Current system demand is approximately 21 MGD. Willow Lake is 73% full, and releases are being managed to ensure EPID receives its full water right. Rogue River flows are around 1,500 cfs, lower than typical for this time of year due to Lost Creek Lake refill operations. Irrigation reservoirs in the region remain strong at 105% of normal, while Lost Creek and Applegate continue seasonal filling. Jackson County has declared drought, and the state review process is underway. Staff are preparing coordinated customer communications, emphasizing efficient water use and maintaining awareness of emerging seasonal conditions
- Brad Taylor, General Manager
 - Upcoming Board Schedule – April 15 – Switch Gear Update; May 6 – SDCs/CLAs/Special Fees; May 20 – Annual Budget Preview & Approval

8. Propositions and Remarks from the Commissioners

Commissioner Mylenek commented on the upcoming staff transition to the new Medford Water Operations Center and emphasized communicating with employees and highlighting the benefits of the new workspace. Commissioner Wright noted he would be absent for the April 15 meeting. Commissioners thanked staff for their preparation and information provided.

9. Adjourn

There being no further business, this meeting adjourned at 1:39 p.m. The proceedings were recorded and are on file along with the complete agenda of this meeting.



Amber Furu
Assistant Clerk of the Commission