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A NEWSLETTER FOR BEND CITIZENS

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SURFACE WATER IMPROVEMENT PROJECT: STAY INFORMED

New tools are available to help residents stay informed and involved in the Surface Water Improvement project, including a revised website, a monthly email update and an online comment form.

Online visitors will easily find information on the project's website: www.ci.bend.or.us/surfacewater. The content has been reorganized and updated to include a monthly update from the project manager and a Frequently Asked Questions page. The updated website also features an online comment form. Residents also can submit comments

and questions about the project by emailing surfacewater@ci.bend.or.us.

The City will update the Frequently Asked Questions web page monthly, in response to comments that are submitted.

In addition to regular website updates, the City will begin distributing project updates and

public meeting announcements via email. Interested community members can sign up to receive project email updates by visiting the website.

Hydro Update

The City Council has approved plans to incorporate a hydroelectric facility in the Surface Water Improvement Project.

The City estimates it will save more than \$500,000 in construction costs by bundling the facility with the project now instead of building it at a later date. The City expects to gain \$580,000 from electricity revenues in the first year alone. Bend residents will benefit from the revenues generated by the hydroelectric facility which could be used to reduce water rates in the future.

The new hydroelectric facility will generate renewable energy for approximately 1,000 homes by taking advantage of the gravity-fed surface water already in the drinking water system. No additional surface water intake will be needed to operate the facility. The renewable energy source will offset the equivalent greenhouse emissions of over 900 cars in its first year of operation.

The City filed an Initial Consultation document on July 8, 2011, with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) requesting an exemption for the small conduit hydroelectric facility. The document is currently under agency review and is available on the project's website: www.ci.bend.or.us/surfacewater.

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We'd like your feedback:

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What is the Surface Water Improvement Project?

The Surface Water Improvement project will update the City's Bridge Creek water supply system by:

- Replacing failing water supply pipelines
- Adding flow-control features to the new pipeline to minimize environmental impacts
- Providing fish screening and passage facilities at the intake facility site
- Building a water treatment plant to meet new federal drinking water regulations
- Building a new hydroelectric facility

SURFACE WATER IMPROVEMENT PROJECT OPEN HOUSE

When: Tuesday
September 27, 2011
6:00 – 8:00 PM

Where: Bend City Hall
Council Chambers
710 NW Wall St.
Bend, OR 97701

Stop by to learn more and talk to project team members about:

- Planned pipeline and intake facility improvements
- Hydroelectric facility
- Next steps and construction schedule

Can't attend the open house? Check out the project website: www.ci.bend.or.us/surfacewater.

CITY WORKS TO REMOVE ROADBLOCKS TO JOB CREATION

The Bend Economic Development Advisory Board (BEDAB) promotes a supportive and innovative business environment designed to foster economic growth in the City of Bend. An important strategy in achieving these goals is to advocate for local business needs in City policy and procedures.

The Bend Business Advocate, through BEDAB, actively works with other city staff and the community to review processes and procedures which may act as a deterrent to economic growth. Once identified, solutions can be found to remove these challenges.

An example of this is the recent change to the pre-development application meeting process. The pre-application meeting allows a developer to meet with City staff to discuss potential projects prior to submitting applications. This allows City staff and the potential applicants to identify challenges that may affect the project. BEDAB has worked closely with the Community Development Department (CDD) to waive the \$1300 pre-development meeting fee because it was seen as a deterrent to such early interaction. As a result, CDD has seen a large increase in the amount of pre-application meetings scheduled. This benefits both sides because they are better informed about the project before the formal review process begins.



BEDAB and the Bend Business Advocate will continue to work with City staff and the business community to identify roadblocks that can prevent economic growth and work collaboratively to remove such challenges.

City Council

The Bend City Council meets the first and third Wednesdays of each month. For upcoming meeting dates, agendas and more information, visit www.ci.bend.or.us.

