

**Hood River Valley Parks and Recreation District  
Director's Report  
December 17, 2014**

Staff are waiting to hear from the City regarding allowing use of the property at the Waste water treatment plant for a dog park. Staff met with the City Manager prior to Thanksgiving.

Staff continue to work with FCS to update the SDC methodology. FCS staff and Ryan from MIG made presentations at the December 13<sup>th</sup> work session.

The District anticipates a letter of request for the Board to consider allocating SDC fund to the HRATs. Karen Ford submitted support at the November meeting. This is for trail extensions and safety improvements bike trail in Post Canyon.

The brochure is out for the SDAO Annual Conference which will be in Eugene; February 5-8th. Please let staff know if you'd like to attend so we can make reservations. The conference is at the Hilton.

At the December 13<sup>th</sup> work session, the board made requests for next year's budget and to proceed with Trust for Public Lands agreement. Following is TPL's response regarding sports complex: **"with regard to our TPL engagement "with an effort to acquire land that was going to be transformed into a sports complex." We're all in, and as you say, it is of course contingent on what your voters tell us through the poll. They may want a sports complex and be willing to pay for it, or we may find out otherwise. That is the great value of what we will find out!"**

We will have a contract for fees reviewed by our attorney. This is the final step into a contract with TPL. The fees will not exceed \$22,500 for the three step approach- feasibility research, public opinion survey and program recommendations.

The survey will be designed to test the following:

1. Specific ballot language and the level of voter support for a land conservation and parks funding measure;
2. Alternative funding sources and amounts;
3. Purposes for the use of funds the voters find most compelling;
4. Timing, i.e., when is the best time to bring a measure to voters; and
5. Various accountability measures that may be incorporated into the measure.
6. Other community priorities

As soon as we get the SDC update regarding the table of the potential draft parks and district improvements we will forward the SDC project list on to the Board.

Happy holidays!