# Cross Creek Metro District Manager Update April 2024

## **UPDATES FROM LAST MEETING**

- Met with Megan Murphy and Tate Crosby from WBA (White Bear Ankele Tanaka & Waldron). Talked through some of the history and parameters of the district, and started to send them files and information.
- The annual Conservation Trust Fund (CTF) report has been submitted and accepted.
- New PDPA Account number has been received.

### **FINANCE**

- New signature cards ready for one more signature from Gerry.
- Discovered that Haynie & Co., our auditors for the past several years, has been fined for improper procedures. The fines and censure are in regard to a different type of audit, but we may want to change auditing firms as a result. We had not yet signed an engagement agreement for the 2023 audit. We paid \$7,285.50 for last year's audit.
- Many auditing firms are not taking new clients. I did approach Biggs Kofford, who was CCMD's auditing firm in the past, and they are willing to perform the 2023 audit for \$14,000. They state that the cost might come down in future years, but they expect a more complicated first year. They also would only be able to do this with an extension. **Decision?**

### HALE RESERVOIR - PARK MASTER PLAN - FINANCING

- Met with Troy Johnson, Fountain's attorney, and went over the existing IGAs to refamiliarize ourselves with the terms. Discussed possible negotiation points a little bit.
- Met with Chris Lieber (NES) and Dave Breindel (Applegate). Now that the reservoir design is at 30%, they need to work together regarding the design of the perimeter of the lake.
- Met with City of Fountain: Scott Trainor, new finance director, Troy Johnson, Gerry Martinez, Megan Murphy, Tate Crosby. Discussed Hale being at 30% design and the new cost projections. Talked about possible financing alternatives, including forming an authority.
- Have invited MRMD representatives to meet with us as a next step.

### **NEW/FUTURE MANAGEMENT NEEDS**

Piezometers: Water level meter has been ordered.

### **PUBLIC OUTREACH/EDUCATION – Brittany**

- Great American Clean-up
- Community Garden
- Website/Facebook/Instagram
  - o Instagram page: crosscreekparkco
  - Facebook page: crosscreekregionalpark
  - o Website address: www.crosscreekpark.com