

**Public Utility District No. 1 of Okanogan County Announces:
“Board Authorizes Interim Manager to Sign a Phase 1 Contract for Enloe Dam”**

Public Utility District No. 1 of Okanogan County (District) Board of Commissioners authorized Interim General Manager Don Coppock to sign a contract for Phase 1 of the Enloe Hydroelectric Project (Project) on Monday, April 9th. The contract, in a not to exceed amount of \$1,794,346, was authorized after several months of review with Design-Build contractor Max J. Kuney Co. (Kuney) of Spokane, WA in partnership with Tetra Tech, Inc. of Bellevue, WA.

In late 2016, the District applied for and received unanimous approval from the Washington State Capital Projects Review Committee (PRC) to use the Design-Build contracting procedure on the Enloe Dam Hydroelectric Project. Though the decision of the PRC was appealed and rescinded, resulting in a delay of several months, the PRC reheard the proposal and unanimously granted approval again. The process culminated in a unanimous decision of the Board of Commissioners to authorize the General Manager to proceed with negotiating a Design-Build contract. Over the past year, qualified contractors were solicited, proposals reviewed and a Design-Build partner was selected.

A Design-Build method was selected for multiple reasons; one being that hydropower project development is a highly specialized field that requires early contractor involvement to address constructability issues, develop practical construction plans, and to address environmental plans and protection measures. It is truly meant to be a collaborative process. The contract is for six months, and at the conclusion the goal would be to move forward with a Phase 2 not to exceed contract for construction. During Phase 1 a 30% design will be finalized, not to exceed project costs will be developed, and a construction schedule will be set.

The Project is to restore power generation at Enloe Dam, which is located on the Similkameen River near Oroville, WA. Enloe Dam and its 3.6 MW hydroelectric power plant were constructed in the early 1920s and supplied power until 1958, when the power plant was shut down due to availability of lower cost electric power from Bonneville Power Administration. In 2013, the District received a license from the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) to construct a new power plant at the dam. Electric energy generated by the new facility will be delivered to the District’s customers via its existing electric distribution system.

New facilities to be constructed include the following: a river intake upstream of the existing dam, intake channel, penstock structure and steel penstocks that will divert water available for power generation to the new power plant; a new 9 MW hydroelectric power plant, a tailrace channel that will return flow to the river downstream of the dam; a new substation and a short transmission interconnection to the District’s existing 13.2 kV electric power distribution system. Improvements to the public recreation facilities and development of new fish rearing facilities are also part of the project. Estimated average annual generation of the licensed project is 45 GWh/year, which is equivalent to the typical annual electric energy consumption of about 3,600 homes.