



## ***SOUTH FEATHER WATER & POWER AGENCY***

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**TO:** Board of Directors

**FROM:** Michael Glaze, General Manager

**DATE:** October 19, 2006

**RE:** General Information (regarding matters not scheduled on the agenda)  
10/24/06 Board of Directors Meeting

### **Assistant Engineer Recruitment**

Five applications were received for the vacant Assistant Engineer position previously occupied by Chris Crown Lewis. Four of the applicants were interviewed on October 2 by me and our three division managers.

Subsequent to the interviews, Alex Brown was the superior candidate who was offered the position. He accepted and began work on October 16.

Alex had been working for the City of Oroville as an Assistant Civil Engineer prior to accepting our offer of employment. He earned a B.S. in Civil Engineering from C.S.U., Chico with an emphasis in water resources management, and is presently licensed by the State of California as an Engineer in Training (EIT, first step in the professional-engineer registration process).

After spending eight years (1989-1996) with the U.S. Army as a Senior Combat Medic in the U.S., Korea, and Panama, Alex joined the National Guard. With only several months left in his National Guard commitment he was sent to Iraq for 14 months, returning home just last November.

We will be augmenting his university engineering studies with specific additional training in water-system computer modeling and geographical information system software.

Whereas Chris Crown Lewis worked almost exclusively with GIS, we will be adjusting the focus of this position now that Alex is on board so that he spends approximately 25-30% of his time doing GIS work, and the remainder will be spent on more traditional engineering applications in both the Water and Power Division. A significant amount of planning and engineering is needed between now and 2011 to ensure that we are ready to commence the capital improvement projects that will begin being funded at that time and beyond.

### **Relicensing**

The draft license application was distributed three months ago, per the Board's authorization, to regulatory agencies, tribes, and other interested parties. Comments from these entities are due next Wednesday, October 25. We, then, are required by FERC to hold a meeting to discuss with respondents any comments with which we do not agree. This meeting is scheduled for November 30 and December 1. Meetings are scheduled thereafter through December, with more to be scheduled in January and February, to resolve as many issues as possible before the license application is filed with FERC in March.

### **Office Remodel**

The addition and remodel are complete – and what a wonderful addition it is! Bob Cherry and his crew have surpassed my expectations (and they were high to begin with) in the quality of the finished product. Feel free to wander upstairs before or after the Board meeting for a tour of the finished project.