



Memo to: Board of Directors

From: Chuck Etwert

Subject: Program Status Report for August 2015

Date: August 17, 2015

High river conditions have slowly receded during the last month, thus limiting construction and pushing back project completion times an additional thirty days. Approximately 59% of the \$61.2 million of construction, involved in all nine current construction bid packages, has been completed thru July. Slightly less than one million dollars' worth of construction was completed in July. The total amount of construction completed is \$36.5 million.

We have three change orders on this month's agenda. They involve BP #3 for additional pollution insurance coverage and pilot hole drilling, and BP #6 for collection Pipe P 145X. Amec Foster Wheeler will be explaining them at the meeting.

AMEC Foster Wheeler and I continue to meet with the Corps of Engineers regarding the process of the Council moving ahead with 500-year level of protection projects and ensuring that work the Council does is eligible for future Work In-Kind Credit.

The Corps of Engineers has suggested (letter attached), to avoid potential procedural details that may prevent the Council from taking advantage of Section 1020 of WRRDA 2014, Transfer of Excess Credit, that a comprehensive plan be submitted directly to the Secretary of the Army. Husch Blackwell and Amec Foster Wheeler are currently preparing the suggested plan.

We continue to wait for the WRRDA Implementation Guidelines to be issued, in order, for the Integral Determination reports (IDR) to proceed.

Earlier today, Senator Durbin and the Department of the Army held a meeting at the Council's offices to discuss the Corps' strategy for contracting by a Best Value Tradeoff approach instead of a Lowest-Price Technically Acceptable approach.

They will be developing specific evaluation criteria to achieve proposals that provide for the efficient and timely completion of a project and in recognition that these are cost-shared projects, proposals that provide local economic benefit, with or without a Project Labor Agreement.

The Council and the local community will have an opportunity to make comments and offer suggestions on the draft solicitation which is currently scheduled to be released in September. It should be noted, this meeting was originally posted as a Council meeting, but due to the lack of a quorum, was canceled and held as a meeting hosted by Senator Durbin and the Department of the Army. A copy of their presentation will be provided to those Board member that weren't able to attend.

To date, we have not received a response to our August 5, 2015 letter (copy attached) sent, to the City of East St. Louis and MESD, expressing our concern regarding the repair of a sinkhole at the East St. Louis 10.5 ft. diameter combined sewer located on the landside of the Metro East Sanitary District Levee. This condition has existed for quite some time and needs to be corrected in a timely manner, in order, to not delay the certification to FEMA process.

At the meeting on Wednesday, Jeff White of Columbia Capital will be presenting the Resolution Requesting Approval from the County Boards and County Flood Prevention Districts to Issue Sales Tax Revenue Bonds to Finance Authorized Level Levee Improvement Projects and Columbia Capital's recommendations on Selection of Bond Underwriters.

Amec Foster Wheeler will be presenting the Metro East Sanitary District Levee Authorized Level Project Summary Report at the meeting.

The August Board meeting is also the "annual meeting" of the Council where the Board adopts a budget and annual report for submittal to the county boards for approval, and where new officers are elected for the coming fiscal year.

I have also included in your Board packet, a copy of Amec Foster Wheeler's Monthly Progress Report for August.