



Memo to: Board of Directors

From: Chuck Etwert

Subject: Program Status Report for September 2015

Date: September 14, 2015

High river conditions have receded and construction has resumed during the last month. Approximately 62% of the \$61.3 million of construction, involved in all nine current construction bid packages, has been completed thru August. With 1.6 million dollars' worth of construction completed in August, the total amount of construction completed is \$38.4 million.

We will have two change order items on this month's agenda. The first item concerns three change orders involving BP #3 for the Hawthorne Pipe Changes (which is a credit), BP #3 for the Russell Commons Buried Waste, and BP #6 for the Existing Pipe in Clay Cap. Amec Foster Wheeler will be explaining them at the meeting.

The second change order item concerns possible change orders resulting from recent changes presented by USACE to the scope of the authorized plan for design deficiency corrections in the East St. Louis (ESTL) levee systems, which could result in the elimination of 14,300 lineal feet of deep cutoff wall. Amec Foster Wheeler will be explaining the situation and the current status of discussions with the contractors involved. A copy of the Corps of Engineers letter is attached.

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 informed us that it now anticipates the earliest the Integral Determination Reports (IDRs) for the Metro-East projects will be approved by the Assistant Secretary of the Army is February, but this is still contingent on receipt of WRRDA 2014 Section 1018 Implementation Guidelines.

To date, we haven't received the Department of the Army's draft solicitation utilizing a Best Value Tradeoff approach instead of a Lowest-Price Technically Acceptable approach. They are 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.

With the 100-Year Projects now over sixty percent complete, on August 25th, Amec Foster Wheeler, Husch Blackwell, and I had a conference call with FEMA regarding the certification process. FEMA also invited the Corps of Engineers, since they will be providing certification on a portion of the levee system.

The discussion went well, with FEMA indicating their schedule and a willingness to work with us regarding our schedule. FEMA is currently working on work maps which will be followed by preliminary and final maps. Amec Foster Wheeler is in the process of providing FEMA our planned certification schedule. Another conference call will be scheduled after their review of our submittal.

To date, we have not received a response to our August 5, 2015 letter 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.

We have received a refund of \$33,109.03 from AT&T for the relocation of cable at #1 Henry Street in Alton, which was required as part of Bid Package 7A construction. AT&T requested a pre-payment of \$81,276.64 prior to proceeding with the relocation project. The Board approved the request last September.

Amec Foster Wheeler will present their Work Order for the Metro East Sanitary District Levee Authorized Level Field Investigation and Design which was discussed at last month's meeting. The Work Order will include complete Construction Documents and associated Design Services in support of the design and construction of levee improvements throughout the Metro East Sanitary District Levee System.

I have also included in your Board packet, a copy of Amec Foster Wheeler's Monthly Progress Report for September and an article from the Belleville News Democrat regarding the issuance of additional bonds.