



Memo to: Board of Directors

From: Chuck Etwert

Subject: Program Status Report for January 2016

Date: January 15, 2016

Approximately 64% of the \$74.1 million of construction, involved in all nine current construction bid packages, has been completed thru December. The \$74.1 million amount now includes all of the increases due to replacing the High Density Polyethylene Pipe (HDPE) with Reinforced Concrete Pipe (RCP) on the various bid packages. The amount of work completed during the month was just over \$1.2 million. The total amount of construction completed is now \$45.8 million.

The sale of the Council's 2015 Series AB bonds has been completed and the Council now has additional funding of \$77.5 million that can be utilized for the Authorized Level of protection.

With the change orders for the installation of the Reinforced Concrete Pipe (RCP) on Bid Packages 2B, 4, & 5 approved and executed, and the bond issue sale completed, I will be coming back to the Board in February or March with a revised budget for fiscal year 2016.

I have attached my letter responding to Tracey Kelsey's December 9<sup>th</sup> letter (provided at the last Board meeting) regarding insufficient federal funds. I indicated in the letter that responses to questions raised would need to be provided prior any recommendations to the Council regarding funding to the Corps.

The Corps has responded with some answers to our questions, two requests for funding and the process for requesting Work In-Kind credit. The IDRs are scheduled for approval in late February and it appears that Work In-Kind credit can be requested for projects that are still under construction. Funding requests, cash balances, and where funds could be spent are being reviewed.

A meeting has been scheduled for the first week of February and Amec Foster Wheeler and I look forward to discussing how the limited available federal funds could utilized in the best interest of the Council.

We continue to work with the Corps regarding the East St. Louis request for National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) Levee System Evaluation Report (LSER). Last month, when the Corps indicated that it would evaluate the East St. Louis system it used the term “thorough Risk Assessment” which led to some concern regarding costs and time. We are currently working with the Corps to help us better understand their evolving approaches to risk assessments and determination on levee performance, allowing us the fastest means to certification and achieving accreditation.

I have included in your Board packet a copy of Amec Foster Wheeler’s Monthly Progress Report for January.