

Utilities Department Status Report for Apr. 2023 (covering Mar. 2023)

| PROJECT/CATEGORY | STATUS |
|---|---|
| WTP | A valve stem on a filter has broken and needs to be repaired right away. The plant is running its remaining two filters but must curtail flushing the interconnections and watching demands during this time. Contractors have been called. |
| WWTP | The SCACA computer motherboard fried and the computer needs to be replaced. Staff had to work extra hours to monitor the plant during this time. Deputy Director of Water Treatment Jeff Mahagan acted quickly to solicit quotes and schedule the replacement. |
| West Fork of the Eno Reservoir | The reservoir is around 48.5 feet. Phase II normal pool is 53 feet. |
| Water Restrictions | None |
| Developments | RTLP extension contract has been signed by the developer. Lawrence Road project discussion continues to the next County planning board meeting after two discussions already. Staff is working with developers of Forest Ridge, Collins Ridge, Harmony at Waterstone and Fiori Hills to get through town acceptance or warranty phases. |
| Lawndale Rehab Project | Setting up a project page to send a mailer to residents. The project will be to rehabilitate most of the sewers by cured-in-place lining with a few excavations to fix point repairs. |
| Funding Opportunities | We have paperwork for our \$100,000 grant for water system master planning from the state and are ready to sign a contract with Hazen & Sawyer. The resolution to accept this is on this month's consent agenda. We also have received \$70,000 in grant funds to perform a technical evaluation of Hasell St tank and US 70A Watermain Replacement. These technical reviews will provide high level recommendations and costs to move forward. We received some guidance on the OWASA Booster pumping station STAG award. Will work through that. A formal application is required. Nothing on the FEMA BRIC awards. Paperwork processing is slow. |
| System Development Fee Analysis | We submitted the Eno River Interceptor project to Rep. Meyer's office. Awaiting next steps. Raftelis is working on our system development fee analysis. Due to law revisions, it is more intensive than earlier. We must identify all developer donated and grant projects as these need to be backed out of the calculations. The proposed fees will need to be on public notice for 45 days prior to adoption. This may extend beyond the budget adoption, unfortunately. |
| Staffing Water and Sewer Advisory Committee (WSAC) Activities | Utilities is fully staffed! Some staff participated in the Engage Hillsborough event on 4/29. WSAC recommends some bill layout adjustments for which the director must discuss with the financial services department. WSAC is meeting bimonthly and the next meeting is in June. |