



MEMORANDUM

To: Nederland Board of Trustees
From: Jason Morrison
Date: July 9, 2013
Re: Staff Report -- Public Works

Collections, Distribution, and Water Treatment Plant

The cleaning and minor repair of the water tanks has been completed and went very well. Tanks were inspected at this time, as well, and seemed to be in decent shape. Utilities performed its first new water tap in 2 years on Navajo Trail. A leak was detected and repaired in the Hilltop tank feed line; we estimate this has been leaking for close to 20 years, according to the records we could find. On Tuesday, July 9, the State Health Department is doing a sanitary survey of the Water Treatment Plant, Wastewater Treatment Plant, collections, and distribution system. This will take a day or two and give us a solid idea of condition and what needs to improve.

Wastewater Treatment Plant

The Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) is functioning, with 14 days alarm-free. The fence has been put up around the plant and the old one is coming down. The amphitheater over the old north lagoon is pretty much complete and landscaping will begin soon. We have been getting a lot of positive reaction to the look of the facility and the fact that people can see the reservoir again. The Jet/Vac truck has been picked up and is at the WWTP, where it will be used as part of the maintenance and upkeep of plant. The Fourth of July tours of the new plant went very well; we had about 50 people through, more than we anticipated, showing that even wastewater can be interesting.

Streets and Drainage

Public Works has been working to stay on top of roads and drainage. We will begin ditching, grading, unclogging culverts, and bringing signage up to uniform traffic (MUTCD) standards. This will include replacing wooden signs and posts with metal posts and reflective metal signs (per the adopted Community Wildfire Protection Plan), as well as putting up proper regulatory signs such as stop, yield and speed limit signs. All signs have been ordered and we will begin installation as soon as signs arrive. We will start with all North/South streets working from East to West, and then we will work East/West streets from South to North. We will post which streets we will be working on a week in advance to make sure we have full access to the roads, ditches and culverts. Several signs have been added and brought up to spec in Big Springs after a work order was submitted by a resident requesting street signs. Public Works has laid down 800 tons of road base in Big Springs, Hilltop and Sunnyside. This process will continue until we have used all 1,000 tons ordered.

Parks

We have had no issues with the parks, and we hope it stays that way. The new play equipment seems to be a hit and really adds to the park's inviting look. The fishing pond was stocked by the Department of Wildlife last week, and a beaver seems to have made the pond its very own playground.

Other Items

The steel that was collected and recycled at Town Clean-up allowed Public Works to donate \$450 to the food pantry from the proceeds.