



MEMORANDUM

To: Nederland Board of Trustees
From: Jason Morrison
Date: November 13, 2013
Re: Staff Report -- Public Works

Collections, Distribution, and Water Treatment Plant

The new raw water diversion project is underway for the water plant. This has taken a good portion of time doing all of the prep work. By the next staff report, this project should be done or very near completion; I will include photos of the job as it progressed in that report. The new utilities crew seems to be working out very well. Nicole and Jake seem to be naturals.

Wastewater Treatment Plant

Currently, the Wastewater Treatment Plant is back to normal following the floods. Since the floods, our automated grit screen is working a lot less and we are emptying the bag less frequently. With the flows back to normal rates, we think the floods cleaned out our collection lines, which allows “things” to flow more efficiently. We had a major spike in our pH level at the plant the day of the large marijuana bust in town. We are unsure if this was a coincidence or something was dumped into our sewer system.



Left: This photo shows a repaired and widened Pine Street after the floods, which heavily damaged the road.

Streets and Drainage

We have been devoting a lot of time to winter preparations, getting plows together, sand boxes lubed and running, and new plow rubber on plows. The first storm came and went and for the most part was a good dress rehearsal. We are still trying to get things repaired from the floods in between the day-to-day things we need to try and keep up on. Our goal is to be done with all of the flood-related repairs by Dec. 1.

Parks

The parks are in good shape and have been closed for the winter.

Other Items

Public Works Operator Everett Nielsen has given his notice and will be leaving us on Nov. 15. We are sad to see him leave and wish him only the best in his new position at another local community.