

July 2023 Superintendent's Report

Wastewater Treatment Plant:

Operators performed routine repair and maintenance to the WWTP in July of 2023. Staff have begun preparing for annual sewer main cleaning. If you see them in the street this week and over the next month please be cautious. MCCSD received recommendations from GHD on a temporary emergency airline, and we are working on the process to collect estimates as we prepare to advertise for bids and proposals. GSRMA insurance company sent the District a check for roof replacement related to the January storms, and we continue to work on the process to collect bids from qualified contractors. If you have noticed a fishy smell in the air this month it is not coming from the WWTP. We have observed a large influx of Pelicans, which is common this time of year, and a likely culprit.

Outfall Update: Staff replaced and secured the manhole cover on Structure B at the head of the outfall. It was found removed and on the beach. Staff received a quote from Alpha diving for the annual survey and a biological study. The RWQCB regulator Matt Herman confirmed that he had no concerns with the most recent biological survey completed by Alpha Diving in 2019. A new requirement of our NPDES discharge permit, is the creation of an effluent discharge evaluation work plan and final report. Staff have begun development of the work plan, but will need an engineer to help with the dilution ratio determination and/or study. Minimum costs estimates are around \$20,000.

Recycled Water:

MCCSD did not transfer any recycled water during the month of July. We continue to work with GHD and EKI on grant applications for the necessary upgrades.

Biosolids Trailer and Transport:

MCCSD transported one load of biosolids in July.

Office Update:

July 1, started the new fiscal year and with that came the most recent District rate increase. Rates have increased about 15% from the previous change in February of 2023. District operational costs also continue to increase. We learned this month that employee health insurance rates are going up almost \$1,000 per month, workers compensation insurance rates are going up. PG&E bills continue to rise. Outfall inspections which used to be once every few years are now required annually. Staff also sent out a survey on July 6, and have started the process of updating District records.

Grant and Project Updates:

Staff met with ESS grant writing consultants to work on a strategic funding plan.

Safety Meeting and Plant Safety Inspection:

The 30-minute monthly safety meeting was held July 28, 2023. The topic was *First Aid*.

Sanitary Sewer Collection System:

There were no Sanitary Sewer overflow reports for the period April 12, 2023- July 26, 2023