

March and April 2024 Superintendent's Report

Wastewater Treatment Plant:

- Operators performed routine repair and maintenance to the WWTP in March and April of 2024.
- Staff replaced the chlorine injection plumbing for treated effluent due to weathering and corrosion.
- The new groundwater pump at the plant failed within two weeks and was returned. FBE assisted with installation, and replacement of floats, wiring, replacement breakers, and a new pump.
- Ryan Cronin finished welding work on airline in March and we thank him for his help.
- Staff gave a WWTP tour to a Mendocino high school students on Friday, April 19, 2024, and has another tour on 5/1.
- In an effort to reduce odors staff need to replace the carbon filter drum on the biosolids dryer. A replacement has been quoted at about \$7500.

Outfall Update: We continue to wait on weather and safe ocean conditions for Alpha Diving to complete the annual survey and Biological report. The regional regulators sent a letter approving the work plan.

Recycled Water:

MCCSD did not transfer any recycled water during the months of March or April. We have learned that there is still some hope for funding part or all of proposed upgrade project. We should know more next month.

Biosolids Trailer and Transport:

-MCCSD staff transported one load of biosolids to Redwood Landfill in March and another in April

Grant and Project Updates:

- Staff continue the process of talking with another grant writing consultant, Jamie Umble. She is drafting a staged proposal for service that could benefit the District.
- The SAFER feasibility study continues to make very slow progress on a water study. GHD is still in the process of gathering information, and creating a web site. We have not seen any draft water study but we know they are working on this. After many months of back and forth, the community outreach portion finally resolved insurance concerns on Thursday 4/25 we expect the work plan approval shortly and outreach to begin soon.
- Staff applied for another technical assistance program, this time with the EPA to assist with a wastewater needs assessment and planning for wastewater infrastructure replacement. We are waiting for a consultation interview.
- Staff reached out to the Anderson Valley CSD and Brook Trails CSD to discuss funding ideas and challenges. Despite community rumors that AVCSO has received millions in funding, that is simply not true. They are in a similar situation to MCCSD working very hard with many needs and limited resources.
- MUSD received Planning Commission approval for the water storage tank and supply project.
- No current updates from FEMA for the January 2023 Storm Damage re-imbusement.

Safety Meeting and Plant Safety Inspection:

The 30-minute monthly safety meeting for March was held March 20, 2024. The topic was review of *Ladders and Stairs*. The 30-minute monthly safety meeting for April was held April 17, 2024. The topic was *Hazard Communication*. No safety incidents were reported for the period.

Sanitary Sewer Collection System:

There were no Sanitary Sewer over flows to report for the period April 12, 2023- April 19, 2024

Other:

The Superintendent successfully completed and submitted the 2023 annual self-monitoring report in March about one week ahead of schedule. We had no violations to report for the year. April 16, 2024 we completed and submitted Q1 2024 State SMR Report.