

September 2022 Superintendent's Report

Wastewater Treatment Plant:

Operators performed routine repair and maintenance to the WWTP in September of 2022. Operators have completed ½ the annual sewer main cleaning in September. We had a potentially serious failure of the clarifier drive and had to use the overflow pond for two days. Thanks to quick and hard work of operator Keith we got new motors shipped over night, Fort Bragg electric came down for emergency wiring replacement, and Woody's Weld-all repaired the mounting brackets. The team really stepped up and we were back in service within two days.

Outfall Update: Alpha Diving came down the week of 9/12/22 to conduct the scheduled maintenance dive and install five new hold down brackets. They also agreed to conduct the annual outfall survey as required by our new State lease. Unfortunately due to boat mechanical issue they will have to reschedule.

Recycled Water:

MCCSD has successfully been transferring recycled water to MUSD all month, however due to new permit requirements the District will likely have to stop October 1, until we complete upgrades to the recycled water system.

Biosolids Trailer and Transport:

MCCSD did not transport any biosolids in September 2022.

Drought Update:

The District continues to focus on water conservation and we are seeing higher than expected groundwater levels. We have seen very few water trucks in town this year, and we have not received any official reports of dry wells. The 3.4" of recorded rainfall on 9/18/22 came at a much appreciated time.

The California SAFER program (Safer and Affordable Funding for Equity and Resilience) remains ready to assist the District with community outreach and discussions on water resilience. I understand they are hosting a community meeting on October 18, 2022.

Grant and Construction Updates:

GHD continues to move forward with the planning and design work for the Emergency Water Storage Tank Project, the Draft MOU has been approved by both Districts and has been signed. MCCSD recently submitted another grant application to the DWR Small Communities Drought Relief Program, to fund the Phase II upgrades to the Recycled Water System. The application was put together by GHD at no cost to the District. The other MCCSD grant application submitted in June to the Bureau of Reclamation is still under review and we should know more by next month. U.S. Senator Feinstein, State Senator McGuire, and County Supervisor Ted Williams have all drafted letters of support for the MCCSD grant applications and stand behind District efforts to improve water resiliency.

Safety Meeting and Plant Safety Inspection:

The District is still following County, State, Federal, and CDC guidelines regarding COVID-19 safety precautions. The 30-minute monthly safety meeting was held September 22, 2022. The topic was *PPE*.

Sanitary Sewer Collection System:

There were no MCCSD collection system sanitary sewer overflows to report during January 1, 2020 to September 22, 2022. Operators have been cleaning sewer mains this month, areas