



PROJECT UPDATE
April 2008

Latest Treatment Plant Developments

With funding for the Brushy Creek Regional Water Supply Project secured (see details below), and a study in progress to select a deep-water intake design and location on Lake Travis, the BCRUA’s current schedule is for new treatment plant operations to begin in April 2011. The project team currently is finalizing the design of the plant and evaluating options to identify cost savings. These options include deferring certain parts of the plant that are sized for the plant’s ultimate capacity, which is to treat 106 million gallons of water per day (mgd).

The BCRUA has pre-qualified general contractors to bid the project and plans and specifications will be made available to those contractors when the final plant configuration is determined. Once a contractor is chosen, a “Meet the Contractor” meeting will be held with treatment plant-area residents. That meeting will likely occur toward the end of this year. Construction is now expected to begin in January 2009 and take approximately two years to complete.

The plant will be located on 39 acres of property northwest of the intersection of Lime Creek Road and FM 1431 on the west side of Cedar Park. Access to the site will be from Hur Industrial Boulevard off of FM 1431. Plans include a water treatment process structure, ground storage tank, disinfection facilities, residuals-handling facilities, a pump station, and an elevated storage tank.

Treatment Plant Timeline	
Milestone	Target Date
Pre-Qualified Contractors Chosen	Spring 2008
Bids Received from Contractors	Fall 2008
Contractor Chosen	Fall 2008
“Meet the Contractor” Meeting for Residents	Winter 2008
Start of Construction	January 2009
Construction Complete	Summer 2011

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Veterans Memorial Park and Sandy Creek Park Crossings

Current plans call for raw and treated water pipelines for the treatment plant to pass through Veterans Memorial and Sandy Creek parks. The raw water pipeline from the deep-water intake site may also involve construction easements for Sandy Creek Park in Travis County. Under Texas law (Chapter 26 of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department Code) the BCRUA was required to hold a public hearing to determine there is no feasible and prudent alternative to the taking of parkland. In February, the BCRUA Board of Directors conducted the hearing and listened to a presentation from staff regarding pipeline alternatives for both parks.

Staff outlined route alternatives and told board members that construction is expected to have no adverse impacts on Veterans Memorial Park. The park will remain open during construction. Further, as part of the mitigation plan, a 15-foot crushed-granite walking trail will be built. The trail will also be designed to provide emergency vehicle access.

Although the board expressed no reservations regarding Veterans Memorial Park, several questions were raised regarding Sandy Creek Park. Because there was a desire for more information that is expected from the study currently underway for the deep-water intake, board members did not determine if there was any other feasible or prudent alternative. The board will again consider the park easements after completion of the study, which is expected in the next month.

Deep Water Intake Study

BCRUA is currently performing a detailed study to identify the deep-water intake site and type that will be constructed as part of the Phase 2A raw water system. The study is examining seven intake locations and six intake types to identify the site and type that best minimizes costs and project risk to the BCRUA while, at the same time, limiting impact to the community and the environment. To gather input from the residents and businesses in the Volente area, BCRUA has conducted several public meetings and has recently completed an online survey to identify concerns of Volente residents and business owners and make certain that these concerns are considered in the overall analysis.

Results of the survey and the estimated costs for all the intake alternatives will be presented at the BCRUA board meeting on April 29, 2008.

TWDB Funding

In late January, the TWDB unanimously approved a \$309 million loan for the first two phases of the project. The Phase 1 commitment is for \$170.6 million, with Phase 2 at \$139.1 million.

For More Information

To keep abreast of the latest project developments, including dates and times of upcoming BCRUA board meetings, visit the project website at www.bcrua.org. You are also welcome to call the project hotline with any questions or concerns. The number is (512) 684-3200.