NIPOMO COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT

MONDAY, APRIL 20, 2009

2:00 P. M.

SPECIAL MEETING NOTICE & AGENDA

SUPPLEMENTAL WATER PROJECT DESIGN & CONSTRUCTION COMMITTEE

COMMITTEE MEMBERS
ED EBY, **CHAIR**
CLIFFORD TROTTER, **MEMBER**

PRINCIPAL STAFF
BRUCE BUEL, **GENERAL MANAGER**
LISA BOGNUDA, **ASSIST. GENERAL MANAGER**
DONNA JOHNSON, **BOARD SECRETARY**
JON SEITZ, **GENERAL COUNSEL**
PETER SEVCIK, **DISTRICT ENGINEER**

MEETING LOCATION
District Board Room, 148 S. Wilson Street, Nipomo, California

1. **CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL AND FLAG SALUTE**

   ACTION RECOMMENDED: None

2. **REVIEW STATUS OF SUPPLEMENTAL WATER DEVELOPMENT**

   ACTION RECOMMENDED: Forward Recommendations to Board

3. **REVIEW CONCEPT DESIGN REPORT**

   ACTION RECOMMENDED: Forward Recommendation to Board

4. **REVIEW WIP FEIR CERTIFICATION**

   ACTION RECOMMENDED: Forward Recommendations to Board

5. **DISCUSS BASIS OF ASSESSMENT RESEARCH**

   ACTION RECOMMENDED: Forward Recommendations to Board

6. **CONSIDER FY2009-2010 LEVEL OF EFFORT RE DESALINATION**

   ACTION RECOMMENDED: Forward Recommendations to Board

7. **SET NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING**

   ACTION RECOMMENDED: Set Time/Date for Next Committee Meeting

8. **ADJOURN**

**** End Special Meeting Notice ****

TO: COMMITTEE MEMBERS

FROM: BRUCE BUEL BB

DATE: APRIL 17, 2009

AGENDA ITEM 2
APRIL 20, 2009

REVIEW SUPPLEMENTAL WATER DEVELOPMENT STATUS

ITEM

Review status of supplemental water development [Forward Recommendations to Board].

BACKGROUND – WATERLINE INTERTIE PROJECT

Mike Nunley from AECOM (Boyle Engineering) is scheduled to present his monthly update at the Committee Meeting (Summary Attached to 4/22/09 Board Packet).

The Peer Review Team has submitted their respective comments on the Concept Design Report. The Concept Design will be amended in response to these comments and District Feedback for consideration at the May 13, 2009 Board Meeting (See agenda item 3 in this packet).

The Final EIR is ready to be certified at the April 22, 2009 Board Meeting (See agenda item 4 in this packet).

The Wallace Group has submitted their revised Assessment Memorandum and the Board is scheduled to discuss the Memorandum at its April 22, 2009 Meeting. (See Agenda Item 5).

Staff has initiated the appraisal process for purchase of easements and real property. Staff, District Legal Counsel and Special Counsel is negotiating with the City of Santa Maria to finalize the Water Purchase Agreement. Staff and District Legal Counsel have been negotiating with the Woodlands, Rural and GSWC regarding their participation in WIP Funding. Staff has been negotiating with SLO County regarding the formation of an assessment district including properties outside of NCSD's boundaries. Staff is preparing the permit applications and paperwork to secure permits for the project once the Final EIR has been certified.

BACKGROUND – DESALINATION

Staff is monitoring the progress of the South County Sanitation District regarding their desalination project. SCSD has yet to set a meeting to discuss their preliminary results. The Committee is scheduled to discuss Desalination at this meeting (See Agenda Item 6).

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the Committee receive the staff updates and provide feedback and recommendations to the Board.

ATTACHMENT- NONE

TO: COMMITTEE MEMBERS

FROM: BRUCE BUEL

DATE: APRIL 17, 2009

AGENDA ITEM 3

APRIL 20, 2009

REVIEW CONCEPT DESIGN REPORT

ITEM

Review Concept Design Report [Forward Recommendations to Board].

BACKGROUND

Staff has previously distributed copies of the Draft Concept Design Report. Attached are comments from each member of the peer review team -- MNS Engineers, Paul Karp, and Jim Garing. Staff will summarize its requested edits at the Committee Meeting.

AECOM is scheduled to edit and republish the Report May 6, 2009 so that the Board can consider approving the project at the May 13, 2009 Board Meeting.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the Committee receive the staff updates and provide feedback and recommendations to the Board.

ATTACHMENT

- MNS ENGINEER COMMENTS
- PAUL KARP COMMENTS
- JIM GARING COMMENTS

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April 15, 2009

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RE: Constructablity Review of AECOM Draft Design Report and Plans for the NCSD Waterline Intertie Project

Dear Mike:

MNS Engineers has completed review of the Draft Design Report and Plans for the NCSD Waterline Intertie Project. We understand these documents are preliminary and have attempted to offer comments appropriate to this stage of the project and which will be helpful to AECOM moving forward to more detailed design.

Overall, the design concept appears to be well thought out from a constructability stand point. Review of the 60% design documents will allow MNS Engineers to get a clearer understanding of the project constraints and any potential construction issues. At this time we have comments which could serve as a check list as design moves forward and some which we would like to discuss further with the District and AECOM at the 60% submittal.

The following are our comments and recommendations:

Draft Concept Design Report, Volume 1 of 3

1. 2.4 – Bid Process - MNS would like to recommend at least two pre-bid meetings, one for the HDD pipe bid package and one for the other three. Since the HDD pipe is specific to a limited number of contractors, and would not typically be able to be bid on by local pipe line contractors, we recommend a pre-bid meeting be held just for this bid package. We would also like to suggest the District and AECOM consider holding two pre-bid meetings for the other three contracts (if they are all released at the same time) about 7 -10 days apart to insure all the contractors have a chance to attend. Sometimes contractors will attend both meetings and return with questions which can be easily answered and documented as part of the pre-bid vs. individual faxes and phone calls which then have to made available to all bidders. If the bid documents are released in stages, then just one meeting for each might be the best approach.

2. 3.3 – Existing Utilities - It was noted that irrigation pipelines near the HDD exit point may need to be relocated. These appear to be private and MNS assumes AECOM or the District will make preparations with the owners to have these relocated prior to construction if needed.

3. 3.5.1 – Hydraulics - MNS noted the differences in operating and maximum pressures between the piping systems for the treated water pipe lines and wanted to make sure the pressure testing specifications be double checked so they are applicable to the individual pipes and operating pressures, as well as the appurtenances.

4. MNS would like to recommend that acceptable locations or methods for disposal of water after bacterial testing of the HDPE pipe be considered as the contract documents develop. It is assumed that disposal of water after testing in other areas of the system could be made through the District's sewer system, but if this is not the case, this should be considered as well.

5. 3.7.1 – Subsurface Conditions and Anticipated Ground Behavior During HDD - Installation of pipe was recommended during "low flow" due to potential for seasonal water. As design moves forward and the bid package develops, MNS would like to make sure this constraint is noted so the contract duration is consistent with timing for construction during low flow. Depending on the severity of this issue, there could be discussion at a later date to consider scheduling constraints in the contact documents.

6. 3.7.4 – Construction Considerations - A "mid-path" intercept was discussed using two drill rigs. Unless AECOM and Jacobs Associates have determined this method will be specified in the contract documents, MNS would like to have further discussion about the advantages or disadvantages of allowing the contractors this option or requiring it. It appears to be highly recommended for a successful installation.

7. 3.9 – Permits – If the contractor is to be required to obtain the encroachment permits discussed, MNS suggests AECOM and the District work with these agencies in advance of releasing the bid documents to determine any requirements and costs, and include sample permits in the bid documents if possible (with the actual requirements specific to this project). This will allow the contractors to bid accurately on the permits and will prevent change orders to the District later. The success of this also depends on the agency's cooperation in advance and being willing to provide details which they won't change later.

8. 4.3 – Geotechnical Design Recommendations – If any native material could be used as suggested, MNS recommends testing the material in advance and clearly detailing its approved use, or that it can't be used. This will prevent the contractors from assuming it can be used, then finding out later it can't and charging the District and extra. If native material is not allowed during bid, but could potentially be allowed later, then it is recommended the bid documents be structured to allow the District to receive a credit.

9. 4.7- Nipomo Mesa Pipelines – It was noted in this section, as well as several other sections relating to the pipeline installation in different areas that "various concrete, rubble and unidentified buried objects" were encountered in the soil borings. MNS would like to discuss this with AECOM and the District at a later date to see if any of this could be quantified or addressed in the bid documents in such a way that it prevents an opportunity for the contractor to submit differing site condition change orders if these objects are encountered

during construction. At this time it is not clear how extensive this is and how it might impact the project.

10. 4.18.1 – It is assumed that details for an acceptable area to manage or store drilling fluid/slurry separation will be provided at the 60% design (MNS understands the levee is currently recommended by Jacobs Associates).

11. 4.18.2 – Highway 101 Crossing – It is recommended that details of the method for monitoring heaving or settlement during the bore and jack be reviewed and made clear to the contractors in the bid documents. Caltrans may also have details of monitoring required in their encroachment permit and if they do, these can be incorporated. The concern is if the monitoring requirements are not made clear, they will not be adequate to identify and prevent a serious problem.

12. 5.4.1 – Connection to the Southland WWTF Influent Main – MNS concurs with AECOM analysis for the ease of coordination and construction savings.

13. 5.4.3 – MNS concurs with AECOM recommendation to do video inspection of the sewer line discussed, prior to construction, to determine the number of laterals connected to the pipe. This could potentially save the District change order costs during construction.

14. 5.4.6 – Manholes – MNS concurs with the AECOM approach to collect additional field survey data on manholes.

15. 5.4.9 – Consideration of Pipe Reaming for Sewer Replacement – Based on MNS's understanding of the constraints with the existing sewer and the new water line, MNS concurs with AECOM that trenchless construction is not recommended.

16. 5.6 – Coordination with Southland WWTF Upgrades – After discussion with the District regarding additional sewer line replacement and review of the AECOM analysis, MNS recommends adding additional sewer line replacement to the intertie project. The WWTF Upgrade may require piping, but the contractor who bids on this project will likely be more familiar with facility piping and not as productive in longer runs of pipeline trenching in the streets. If they subcontract this portion of work to another contractor, this will increase the bid cost and any change order costs. If there are constraints we are not aware of, MNS would be interested in further discussion of the pros and cons to this alternative.

Draft Concept Design Report 30% Design Plans, Volume 3 of 3

1. MNS recommends a slight darkening of the shaded existing features and facilities on the plans. Some of the features are difficult to see.

2. MNS understands waterline valve locations are based on a standard spacing at this time and concurs with AECOM that they need to be considered with Operations Staff as the design progresses. Some may be able to be eliminated or more strategically located for ease in maintenance or future facility changes.

3. MNS also understands AECOM plans to do thorough potholing of existing utilities prior to construction and highly recommends this for cost savings during construction.

4. As the plans develop, it is recommended that all temporary construction easements be shown in the plan views.

5. Dwg. C-105 – MNS would like to know what AECOM determines regarding the two storm drain crossings, since constraints here are tight and could be expensive.

6. Dwg. 106 – It is recommended that the 48" SD designation be continued to cross the new water line in plan view, as the 72" SD does, making it clearer to see.

7. Dwg. C-110 – Was any possibility of locating the new waterline out of the road way eliminated?

8. Dwg. C-112 – Is there any possibility of locating the receiving pit for the bore and jack out of the roadway and closer to the levee?

9. Dwg. G-003 – MNS recommends showing Highway 101 on the Sheet Index Map for clarity.

10. Dwg. C-139/140 – Darby Lane – MNS would like to discuss construction impacts to adjacent properties at a later date to determine if there is any mitigation which should be done. We would also like to continue a dialogue with the District and AECOM regarding impacts to the community overall on the project and how we might be able to structure the contract documents to eliminate some of these and to take a proactive approach in notification to property owners and residents of potential impacts prior to construction.

General Comments

1. The prequalification document format looks good.

2. MNS recommends an overall Utility Coordination List as the project documents develop.

If AECOM or the District have any questions regarding these comments and recommendations, or if MNS Engineers can be of assistance in resolving issues as the contract documents are developed to the 60% phase, we would be glad to discuss these by phone or to attend a meeting. I can be contacted at (805) 453-5086.

Sincerely,

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TRANSMITTED VIA EMAIL

April 13, 2009

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RE: Nipomo Waterline Intertie Project, Draft Concept Design Report, March 2009

In conformance with the request made by AECOM for comments by April 15, 2009, with copy to Bruce Buel, I submit the following with regard to "Nipomo Waterline Intertie Project, Draft Concept Design Report, March 2009."

I have received and reviewed copies of three volumes pertinent to the project. It appears to be well conceived and the designs are being developed in an orderly, logical, and professional manner. The 30% submittal outlines the design assumptions, estimates of probable costs (with contingencies), and lays out the plans for four bid packages that will be appropriate for solicitation of construction bids to build major water facilities improvements to the system owned and operated by the Nipomo Community Services District (NCSD). At this stage of preliminary design the team is poised to satisfactorily execute the final design through the application of the necessary skills maintained by a list of appropriately prepared professionals.

In my role as a peer reviewer, I have also discussed the project with members of staff employed by the City of Santa Maria (CSM) Utilities Department. At their request (work performed under separate arrangement with the City), I have collected and included within my comments to you a summary of input they have shared with regard to this project. Although I make no warranty as to the completeness of my summary of the City staff concerns, I don't believe the City will make additional comments at this stage of the design.

Volume 1 of 3, Page 2 of 84; Section 1.2, Project Background: The third paragraph states, *According to City staff, the City currently delivers State Water to their customers at all times except during scheduled State Water outages in November.* This statement has not been true for some time. The City has been blending State Water supplies with local groundwater supplies consistently since June 2007. The City attempts to maximize the use of State Water supplies that are available, and makes up the difference between available State Water supply and customer demand with local groundwater. With the reduction in allocation

for the last three years due to statewide drought conditions, groundwater has played an increasingly larger part in the water supply portfolio.

Volume 1 of 3, Page 3 of 84; Section 1.2, Project Background: Provision #3 states, *Payment will be either $1,250 per acre feet or an Annual Variable Rate in the amount of $895 per AF, adjusted by 3% annually through June 30, 2065.* This is inconsistent with the draft wholesale water supply agreement. Payment terms should probably reference the wholesale water supply agreement draft to avoid confusion until the text is finalized.

Volume 1 of 3, Page 5 (no page number) of 84; Section 1.3, Project Components: Figure 1-1 bears in the Legend a green colored line designated to represent "Horizontal Directional Drill or Open Trench". I haven't determined the location of such an improvement in the figure and I assume it is merely a superfluous remainder from the previous options study work and it should be deleted.

Volume 1 of 3, Page 17 of 84; Section 3.3, Existing Utilities: The third paragraph highlights the possibility for conflicts with irrigation pipelines near the HDD exit point. The drawing labeled Page C102, Sheet 4 of 11 (BP1, Volume 3 of 3) indicates the presence of "Agricultural Field Under Cultivation," but there does not appear to be any recorded irrigation line easements. Appropriate notes regarding pipe locations (possible relocations and rights of way issues) must be added in a later phase of design when property acquisitions are complete.

Volume 1 of 3, Page 47 of 84; Section 6.2.14, Tank Bypass: The section states, A *bypass will be constructed to allow water to flow directly from the river crossing pipeline into the pump station suction piping, allowing the tank to be taken offline for maintenance while the pump station continues to transfer City water.* The hydraulic surge analysis discussed starting on Page 53 of 84 provides an assumption that the proposed buried tank is at 50% water level. Has a surge analysis been conducted that removes the buried tank from the analysis to simulate the conditions described above? What are the potential impacts to the City of Santa Maria system under these conditions?

Volume 1 of 3, Page 48 (no page number) of 84; Figure 6-1, Hydraulic Profile: This figure was bound into my copy of the report with a backwards orientation.

Volume 1 of 3, Page 49 of 84; Section 6.4, Flow Control: The section states, *The flow control valve will act to protect the tanks from overflow by closing in the event that the tanks reach a preset high water level.* While it is understandable that NCSD desires operational protections that reduce the risk of tank overflow, by providing the mechanism described above, NCSD is passing on an operational burden to CSM staff and/or infrastructure. Under this scenario, the City is forced to reserve some of its storage for potential increased flows from NCSD, creating de facto storage for Nipomo in City reservoirs. While CSM can make operational changes to avoid this scenario, CSM staff would be accepting an additional operational responsibility that it currently doesn't have. Perhaps this

can be mitigated by an alternative solution or procedural agreements between the agencies to address daily operations.

Volume 1 of 3, Page 52 of 84; Section 6.5.4, Control of Pumps: The second paragraph states, *The Quad Tanks level will be used to send an emergency "off" signal to the booster station in the even (sic) that a high water level alarm is detected at the Quad Tanks. A low water level in the buried reservoirs will shut the booster pumps off to prevent cavitation in the pumps.* There is no reference to alarms that will alert the operator to conditions of concern in advance of an "off" signal to the booster pumps. Nipomo staff should receive information alerting them to conditions out of the operational norm so that adjustments can be made that are less severe than shut-off of the booster pumps, which, at a minimum will have a negative impact on the City of Santa Maria water distribution system, as described above.

Volume 2 of 3, Appendix E: The System Pressure Reduction Study left me with a few questions. From my reading, Option 1 proposes use of individually plumbed pressure regulators at dwellings within the area of high pressure between Story and Southland Streets. Use of 4 pressure reducing valve (PRV) stations (per the Executive Summary, Page ES-2) or 5 (per Table 1-2, Page 10 of 84) stations, will create an increase construction cost and ongoing energy consumption. The stations will also add to maintenance and operation costs and add a potential liability for private property damage. In the event of equipment malfunction or errors by staff or district contractors, every property within the service area would be exposed to the increased operating pressures called for under every option except Option 1. Individual regulator failures would not affect a major exposure of multiple customers to the higher pressure, and the operation pressure would be about 10 psi lower under Option 1. The required increased pressures to operate with the PRV stations also seem to have raised the pipe class rating of the new system reinforcement. The inferior pressure available for fire protection with the PRV options has already been noted.

Thank you for granting me the opportunity to comment on this project. If I have misinterpreted the document or you want to discuss any of my comments, please give me a call.

Respectfully submitted,

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CC. Bruce Buel
Shannon Sweeney

Bruce Buel

From: garing@aol.com
Sent: Thursday, April 16, 2009 11:11 AM
To: Mike.Nunley@aecom.com; pjkarp@sbcglobal.net; Bruce Buel
Subject: Concept Design Report, Volume 1, Volume 3
Attachments: MVC-275S.JPG

Gentlemen,

Page 29 of 84- Suggest consideration of 18" C905 DR 14 in Blosser and pump station to Santa Maria Vista Road as the C905 will have lower surge pressures than DIP. Same for 24" applications, if available.

Probably should use restrained joints, well wrapped wherever restraint is required as thrust blocks will be immense.

If there is any risk of the need of future pigging, pigs won't go through butterfly valves.

Page 49 of 84- Regarding flow control valve, perhaps I misunderstand the application, as I think flow control valves are not energy efficient.

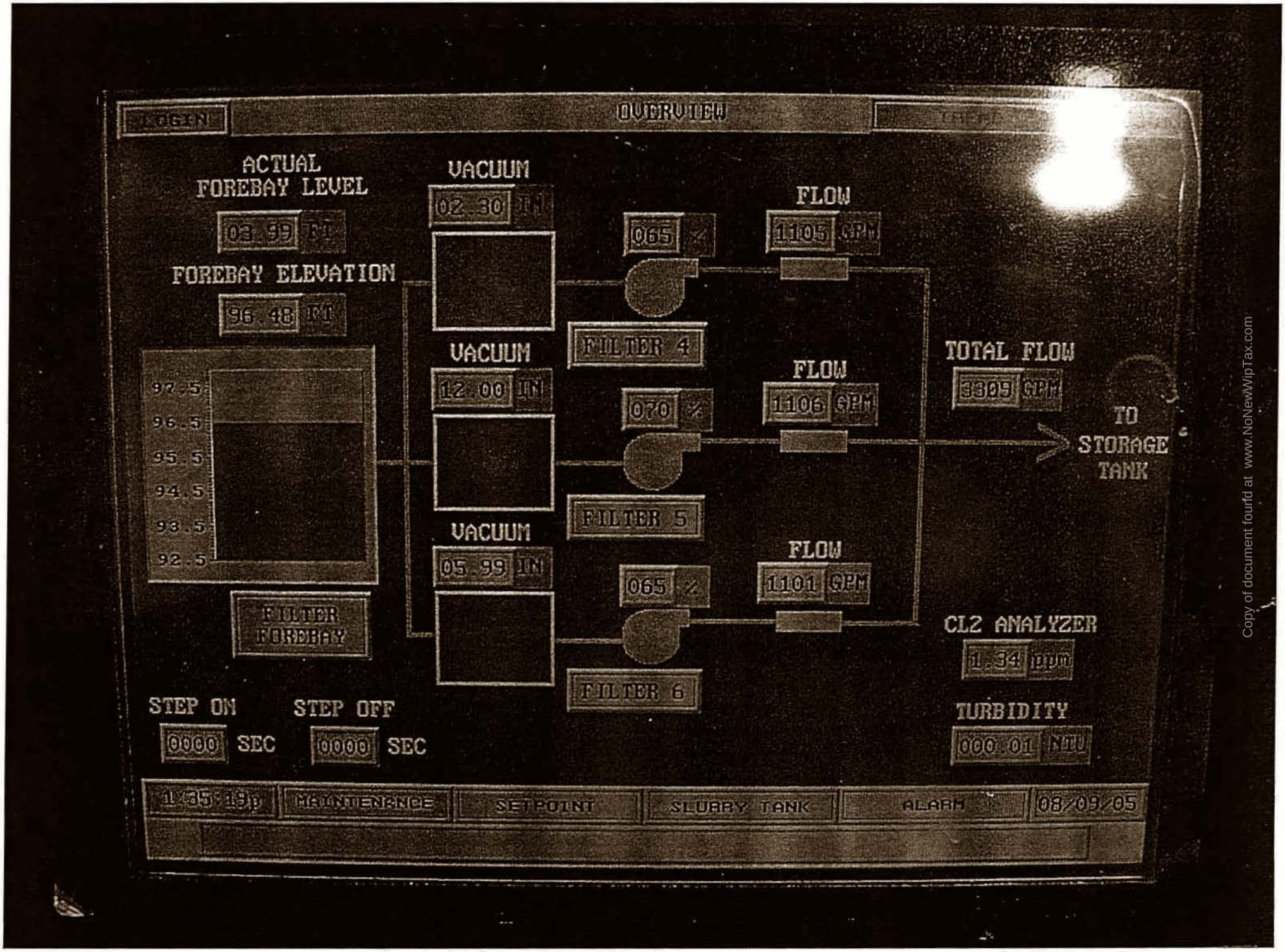
Note the attached image of the Lompoc WTP master filter control panel running three different pumps, each with different operating conditions. Fore bay set point 96.5 (actual at time of photo 96.48), three different pump vacuum conditions, each separate filter pump flow matched within 0.5%, (1105,1106,1101 GPM respectively) total flow of 3309 GPM to Clearwater reservoir using variable frequency drives and proportional integral derivative controller programming. Fore bay volume in above example is about 10,000 gallons, so control precision is very good. Given the level of precision attainable here, I think the 500,000 gallon reservoir "New Tank" is far larger than needed.

Page 50- 379 feet (164 psi), probably already caught.

Page 52- Suggest consideration of an ultrasonic level transducer as more precise and easier to service. Fore bay level in example above is measured with an ultrasonic device producing 0.01 foot precision.

Page 80 of 84- Probably a dumb cluck question, but I don't understand why total project costs including project management, engineering and any incidental costs are not presented as I think these numbers will be needed to establish project financing.

Volume 3; C-118, note comment above regarding size. In addition, this reservoir could be steel and left un buried using the grading shown on C-114. Significant savings could be realized by going to AWWA steel tank. My first steel tank job was in 1973, a rebuild of a riveted steel tank in Grover Beach (owned by Pismo Beach). The tank was over 40 years old at that time and now, still going strong approaching 80. Look closely at presentations by the concrete wire wrap community, as first cost, in my experience, of a comparable steel reservoir is far below that of a concrete reservoir and maintenance costs of a steel reservoir are below those presented by the concrete competition. As an example, even old technology coatings will go over 30 years (reservoir II GB) and the newer epoxy coatings longer. Low cost cathodic protection systems adequately protect the submerged steel and good coating systems protect steel above water.



TO: COMMITTEE MEMBERS

FROM: BRUCE BUEL BBB

DATE: APRIL 17, 2009

AGENDA ITEM 4

APRIL 20, 2009

REVIEW WIP FEIR CERTIFICATION

ITEM

Review WIP FEIR certification [Forward Recommendations to Board].

BACKGROUND

The Staff Note for the 4/22/09 Board Meeting Agenda Item E-1 provides the background information on this item. Staff requests that the Committee Members bring the 4/22/09 Board Meeting packet to this meeting.

RECOMMENDATION

See the Staff Note for Agenda Item E-1.

ATTACHMENT- NONE

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TO: COMMITTEE MEMBERS

FROM: BRUCE BUEL

DATE: APRIL 17, 2009

AGENDA ITEM 5

APRIL 20, 2009

REVIEW BASIS OF ASSESSMENT RESEARCH

ITEM

Review Basis of Assessment Research [Forward Recommendations to Board].

BACKGROUND

The Staff Note for the 4/22/09 Board Meeting Agenda Item E-2 provides the background information on this item. Staff requests that the Committee Members bring the 4/22/09 Board Meeting packet to this meeting.

RECOMMENDATION

See the Staff Note for Agenda Item E-2.

ATTACHMENT- NONE

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TO: COMMITTEE MEMBERS

FROM: BRUCE BUEL

DATE: APRIL 17, 2009

AGENDA ITEM 6
APRIL 20, 2009

CONSIDER FY2009-10 LEVEL OF EFFORT RE DESALINATION

ITEM

Consider FY2009-10 Level of Effort re Desalination [Forward Recommendations to Board].

BACKGROUND

The Committee in March agreed to discuss this topic at this meeting. Specifically, Director Trotter indicated that Desalination may be too expensive to be realistic.

Staff agrees that Desalination is very expensive, however, it did rank as the second highest option in the comprehensive comparison of alternatives and the Board did approve a ten year work program that has not started. Staff has proposed to spend up to $500,000 on desalination related studies in the draft FY09-10 Budget, however, the research could be delayed if the Board wished to focus strictly on the Waterline Intertie Project during this period.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the Committee receive the staff updates and provide feedback and recommendations to the Board.

ATTACHMENT- NONE

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TO: COMMITTEE MEMBERS

FROM: BRUCE BUEL BB

DATE: APRIL 17, 2009

AGENDA ITEM 7

APRIL 20, 2009

SET NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING

ITEM

Set next committee meeting [Set Date/Time].

BACKGROUND

The Committee would normally meet on May 25, 2009, however, state law prohibits public meetings on legal holidays like Memorial Day. As an option, the Committee may wish to meet at 2pm on Monday May 18, 2009. It is expected that the Board will appoint a replacement for Director Trotter at its April 22, 2009 Board Meeting.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the Committee set a time and date.

ATTACHMENT- NONE

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