

Wastewater System

Information Update #17

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In September and October 2008 two members of the Greater Woods Bay Sewer District were able to meet with our Federal Congressmen and express thanks for their support of the recent Energy Bill which netted some funding for the Wastewater system. Work under this portion of the federal WRDA grant was discussed in Update #16 in June 2008. Paul Rana was able to meet with both Senators Tester and Baucus as well as Representative Rehberg while in Washington DC. Pat Smith was able to meet with Senator Tester in the senator's Kaslipell office.



17th of Sept 2008, Washington DC



7th of Oct 2008, Kalispell, MT

On the 20th of November, the Seattle Regional Corp of Engineers project team for Montana projects visited with the Great Woods Bay Sewer District (GWBSD) members and Bill Buxton from Morrison Maierle, Inc. to discuss the current status of the project under the funding authority that has been granted. The way ahead was briefly mapped out as it affected the recent attempts to secure Montana State funding through the TSEP and DNRC programs. Competition was rigorous.

In the next few months our emphasis will be largely on the development of the Core System from the Greater Woods Bay Area (GWBA) to the Bigfork Wastewater Treatment Facility. This is the “center of gravity” for the whole effort at this stage, and the basis for the transport system that will move all future product from GWBA to Bigfork.

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It is intended that in preparation for the Montana State Legislature testimony that will be given by the Board of Directors, GWBSD, in January 2009, our plan will focus on the financial strategy for funding the full cost of the core system. We will be narrowing our needs assessment and consulting with legal expertise to fashion the most likely scenario for the management of this key aspect.

Additionally we will be looking ahead to the next biennium for TSEP and DNRC funding and how these funding requests will affect our phased development of the GWBA with interior lines connecting to the core system.

The GWBSD is currently working without a budget and due consideration is now being given to the development of a budget, and means by which that budget can be funded. As the amount of accumulated data grows, there is a requirement to manage this critical asset and doing so professionally is going to be essential for the continuation of the efforts of the sewer district. It should be noted that for the immediate future, the GWBSD is the operational base for all 3 of the districts in the GWBA for wastewater. The concept of a Wastewater Authority for administration of all wastewater activities is still a viable alternative and will be discussed with legal counsel in future.

MISSION STATEMENT: The Greater Woods Bay Sewer District is developing, in conjunction with a qualified engineering firm, a cost effective and efficient wastewater treatment system. The system will be designed to protect the water quality of the surrounding aquifer, the waters of Flathead Lake, and the health and well-being of the people and property of the Greater Woods Bay Area, from the first day of operation to well into the future.

From the community webpage for information on the Greater Woods Bay Wastewater Project,
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