

Memo



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From: S. Jones, Assistant Director, Engineering & Projects

CC: A. Brinkley, Assistant Director of Public Works

Date: April 19, 2018

Re: Surface Water Treatment Plant Public Meeting

4/19/2018
To: Mayor and City Council members
Upcoming required public info meeting opportunity re surface water treatment plant. Clay

Purpose

This memo provides information about the forthcoming Public Meeting required for the Environmental Clearance for the Surface Water Treatment Plant project.

Background

As with all projects receiving federal funds, the Surface Water Treatment Plant project must include an Environmental Information Document (EID) in order to conform to the National Environmental Protection Act (NEPA). With the Surface Water Treatment Plant, funding is administered through Texas Water Development Board's Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF); the source of which is federal Safe Drinking Water Act of 1996.

A component of the Environmental Information Document review process is the public outreach process which includes providing the opportunity for public to comment on environmental issues associate with the construction of the project and to ensure implementation of the best management practices to respond to any environmental impacts that might result from the project.

To comply with these requirements **Staff has scheduled a Public Meeting to be held Wednesday, May 30 at 6:30 PM in the City Hall Annex.** Staff plan to have static exhibits and a passive power point presentation for public informational purposes. Project team members will be on hand to answer questions from the public regarding the current status, purpose and costs associated with the project.

See attached Notice of Public Meeting for more information.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

On May 30, 2018 at 6:30 pm, the City of Pearland will conduct a public meeting to provide an opportunity for public comments on the City's new Surface Water Treatment Plant (SWTP) and the accompanying draft Environmental Information Document (EID), at the Pearland City Hall Annex, 3521 Liberty Drive, Pearland, Texas 77581. The purpose of the meeting will be to discuss the EID, which was prepared to best plan, manage, and respond to any environmental impacts that might occur in relation with the proposed Project.

The City of Pearland has authorized the proposed SWTP project to meet the future demand for potable water for the growing population of the City. The proposed SWTP will be constructed on an approximately 94-acre tract of land adjacent to Mustang Bayou on Airline Road (County Road 48) between the American Canal and Mustang Bayou just south of the intersection with East Dallas Road. The portion of the site south of Mustang Bayou is within the 100-year floodplain, but no construction would occur in the area. The proposed project would not increase the base flood elevation to a level that would violate applicable floodplain regulations and ordinances. Water from the Gulf Coast Water Authority's (GCWA) American Canal will be purified and treated for distribution throughout the City's water system providing an additional 10 million gallons of safe, clean water per day to residents of the City of Pearland.

The EID was drafted to meet the requirements of Title 30 of the Texas Administrative Code, Chapter 371 (30 TAC §371) of the Texas Water Development Board's rules for projects financed through the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) and also to satisfy the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). The EID was developed in conjunction with the City of Pearland and the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) application for funding assistance, and outlines potential environmental impacts from the proposed project

The proposed Project has received financing of \$159,500,000 from the TWDB DWSRF program. The City of Pearland is seeking public input about the EID prior to its final review by designated regulatory agencies and adoption by the TWDB. The City of Pearland is holding the community meeting to allow a forum for the public to provide discussion and comment on the proposed Project.

One of the purposes of this meeting is to discuss the potential environmental impacts of the project and alternatives to it. A copy of the draft EID is available for public review at the City Secretary's Office at 3519 Liberty Drive, Pearland, Texas 77581. An electronic copy is available on the City website at pearlandtx.gov/surfacewater. Written comments may be addressed to Robert Upton, Director of Engineering, City of Pearland, 3519 Liberty Drive, Pearland, Texas 77581.