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Mr. Sam Unger, Executive Officer
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RE: Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) Quarterly Progress Report
Malibu Civic Center Wastewater Treatment Plan

Dear Sam:

The following is the quarterly progress report for the Malibu Civic Center Wastewater Treatment Plan, which covers work activities performed on this project during the period between April 1, 2017 and June 30, 2017. To date, the City continues to make progress on all MOU Milestone requirements.

Below is a list of the work performed during the last quarter:

- Continue with major construction work to construct the facility's treatment plant, pipeline collection and reclaimed water systems, sewage pump stations, and the injection well systems.
- Staff continues to hold separate meetings with property owners in the field to coordinate their service lateral tie-in locations.
- The City's rate study consultant conducted two public information meetings with Phase I property owners and two public information meetings with the Public Works Commission.
- The City Council approved the wastewater and recycled water rates study final draft report last June and directed staff to schedule a public hearing on September 11, 2017 to establish service charges for the project.
- The City's water quality monitoring consultant, Rincon Consultants, continues to collect baseline background data for the project's Groundwater and Surface Water Monitoring Programs.



- Staff continues to provide regular updates of the project to the City Council.
- Staff held a meeting with Phase 1 property owners to provide an update of the project.
- Staff held a public meeting with Phase 2 property owners to begin a dialogue regarding the development of the Phase 2 portion of the project.

In general, the Malibu Civic Center Wastewater Treatment Facilities Project – Phase 1 is entering its third and last phase of construction. The treatment plant contractor continues to construct several of the plant's critical facilities including the influent pump station, headworks facilities, equalization basin, biological reactor, membrane facilities, operations building, odor control facilities, solids thickener and associated yard piping electrical. Major treatment plant equipment for each onsite facility is also being installed and tested as they are delivered to the site. The pipelines and pump stations contractor has performed approximately 85% of the pipelines trenching work while the injection wells contractor completed drilling of the exploratory injection wells, fabricated the well casings and screens, completed drilling of the final injection wells, and is now performing the final tasks of well development and testing. It is anticipated the injection wells contract will be complete next month. The project's construction management team is also working with the three prime contractors and their equipment suppliers to begin creating a startup schedule for the project. At this time, notwithstanding any unforeseen circumstances, we are confident that the project is expected to be completed on time.

The City continues to implement the groundwater and surface water monitoring programs as required by the project permits. The second quarter 2017 water monitoring report was recently completed and submitted to the RWQCB. Staff continues to also hold regular meetings with stakeholders, the City's Public Works Commission, and the City Council, as needed, to keep them informed of the progress of the project. A stakeholders meeting for property owners in the Phase 2 portion of the project was held on May 25, 2017. Staff continues to explore options with Phase 2 stakeholders and the RWQCB staff for project design approaches and funding opportunities.

As you can see, the City is still committed to working with the community, and the State and Regional Water Boards, in a diligent effort towards the completion of the wastewater treatment facility for the Civic Center area. The City also recognizes and appreciates the Regional Board's help and cooperation with revising the MOU Phase 1, 2 and 3 milestone dates. Although the City still faces a monumental task in completing this project within the Regional Board's and revised MOU completion dates, we are very proud of the work we have accomplished thus far, and are fully committed to cooperatively working with the State and Regional Water Boards in making every effort to complete this highly complex and very expensive wastewater project within the time allowed.

If you have any questions, or require additional clarification, please do not hesitate to contact me at (310) 456-2489, extension 247, or bbrager@malibucity.org.

Sincerely,



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