

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING FOR
WEST JEFFERSON COUNTY METROPOLITAN DISTRICT
2020 WASTEWATER TREATMENT FACILITY IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT

The West Jefferson County Metropolitan District like many other water & sewer utility companies around the nation is faced with replacement and upgrade needs of their aging infrastructure. The importance of this is that these water and sewer infrastructures play a critical role in protecting public health, and ensuring the quality of life in our community.

The District's existing Activated Sludge Basin (ASB) has reached the end of its useful life and is in need of replacement. The purpose of this project is to replace the existing ASB and also improve the treatment process to biologically remove phosphorus, a new operations building, blower and aeration improvements, a new chemical storage facility, and return activated sludge improvements.

The Colorado Department of Health & Environment is actively working to develop a new total maximum daily load (TMDL) for the Bear Creek Watershed and is considering more stringent phosphorus limits. These improvements will help increase phosphorus removal.

The District has considered multiple alternatives which includes the following: 1) Consolidated efforts of the West Jefferson, Evergreen, and Kittredge Districts to construct a new regional wastewater facility. The estimated costs for a regional facility is expensive, bears no recapture of existing facility value, and significantly outweighs any potential cost savings. 2) Construct new walls in the existing tanks while keeping it in service. However, construction work in the existing tank system poses health and safety concerns for staff and contractors. 3) Construct new tanks with biological nutrient removal (BNR) which mitigates the safety concerns in alternative 2 and the high costs in alternative 1. Therefore, alternative 3 was selected.

The environmental impacts considered are that part of the WWTF site is located within the 100-year floodplain. All proposed buildings will be located above the floodplain elevation. All construction will follow the established storm water management plan (SWMP) to avoid impact to the adjacent wetlands. No impact to wildlife habitat and historical archaeological properties are anticipated.

The project will be constructed on the existing WWTF site. There are no anticipated construction-related problems preventing the implementation of the design. The existing WWTF will remain in service throughout the duration of construction.

The District plans to borrow the funds for the 2020 wastewater treatment facility improvements project from the Colorado Water Resources and Power Development Authority.

The Board feels that it is financially responsible to fund the wastewater treatment facility improvements project with annual rate increase steps estimated at three percent per year. This will keep the impact to the district's customers to a minimum, rather than one large rate increase.

Many districts would finance this type of project through an increase in taxes. The District has decided to not involve a tax bond issue for the funding of the 2020 wastewater treatment facility improvements project.

The Board will hold a public hearing at their regular board meeting on May 21st at 4:30 PM at the District office at 30920 Stagecoach Blvd. to discuss the borrowing of funds from the Colorado Water Resources and Power Development Authority to fund the Wastewater Treatment Facility Improvements Project.

In light of the current COVID Pandemic, the public hearing to be held at the West Jefferson County Metropolitan District Board of Directors Meeting scheduled for May 21st may be held via Zoom. You may contact the office at 303-674-4112 to receive an update. If a virtual meeting is held and you would like to attend, please email Dominique Devaney: ddevaney@evergreenmetro.org to be added to the list of attendees.

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