



July 2021 Newsletter

July 8, 2021

In-person Board meetings resume July 22 in Venture Room

Moratorium Ends July 31, 2021 for Delinquent Accounts

The temporary moratorium for delinquent accounts that began March 21, 2020 in response to the COVID-19 virus crisis will end July 31, 2021. The Board of Directors voted at its June 24 meeting to discontinue the temporary moratorium effective July 31, 2021.

Directors quickly responded last year to order no disconnection of services to alleviate possible burdens to customers who were impacted by the COVID-19 crisis. In December the Board extended the moratorium an additional six months.

Directors wished to allow ample time to notify delinquent customers that the moratorium has been lifted and disconnections will resume after July 31. Notice will be included on the June and July customer bills under bill notes.

The District offers delinquent customers equal payment plans to bring the account current to avoid disconnection of services. Customers who need to take advantage of a payment plan should contact the District office for details before the July 31 deadline.

Bond Program Status Update

At the June Board of Directors meeting Trihydro Corporation, engineers for the District, gave a monthly status report of the bond program. Engineer David Vargas gave the report.

Voters passed a \$14 million dollar bond in November 2019 for multiple projects that are needed and required by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (“TCEQ”) in the District. The bulk of the bond monies will be used for engineering, design, and construction of a new Wastewater Treatment Plant (“WWTP”). The recent growth in Point Venture has necessitated expansion of this facility.

The new 0.15 million gallons a day (“mgd”) wastewater treatment plant is currently at 30% completion of the preliminary design. Over the past month, Trihydro furnished the design memorandum for the design committee’s review. The memorandum summarized the 30% preliminary design and covered the design parameters including permit requirements, sizing, equipment selection, and improvements for each treatment component and drawings. During the design committee meeting, Trihydro discussed and addressed comments with Inframark and the District on the design approach.

Trihydro continues to work with supplier and manufacturer representatives on obtaining details and specifications for the fine screen, aeration coarse bubble diffusers, and aluminum geodesic domes for the existing effluent storage tanks.

Additionally, Trihydro had its survey crew gather additional information and data at the plant site to assist the design team in composing the design plans.

Another portion of the bond monies will go towards the rehabilitation of the District’s four wastewater lift stations. During the past month, Trihydro furnished the Design Memorandum for the design committee’s review for this project. The Design Memorandum summarized the 30% preliminary design and covered the design parameters, sizing, equipment selection, and improvements for each lift station drawings, and estimated cost.

Trihydro had its survey crew gather additional information and data at each lift station site to assist the design team in composing drawings. Additionally, Trihydro corresponded with the attorney in evaluating existing utility easement information to confirm if new easements are warranted at either lift station site.

Trihydro is working with Inframark on performing pressure testing each lift station’s discharge pipe to confirm pump system requirements which will assist Trihydro to appropriately size the new lift station submersible pumps.

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Rehabilitation of the elevated and ground storage tanks are also part of the bond program. Trihydro is currently assessing a cost proposal for performing a preliminary engineering review (“PER”) of the tank site and water distribution system to determine appropriate improvements. The PER proposal will

be furnished at the July board of directors meeting for approval.

Other projects that are targeted for the bond program include an assets management program, reclaimed water systems improvement at the golf course and non-golf course areas, and existing wastewater treatment plant improvements.

Surviving the Texas Heat

Heat-related illnesses are common occurrences in our brutally hot, humid Texas summers and come in various forms, including minor inconveniences, such as a sunburn or rash, but can progress into something much more significant, such as a heat stroke. Severe heat illnesses occur when the body cannot get rid of excess heat, causing core temperatures to rise and the heart rate to increase. Heat and dehydration can also affect concentration and employees can be more prone to accidents. With proper education and preparation, heat-related illnesses and deaths are preventable.

Heat Illnesses in Order of Increased Severity

Sunburn Heat Rash Cramps Heat Exhaustion Stress Heat Stroke

Signs and Symptoms of Heat Illness:

- Dizziness or headache
- Fatigue, weakness
- Cramping
- Damp, pale, or clammy skin
- Sweating stops, redness of skin
- Confusion
- Vomiting

Personal Risk Factors for Heat Illness:

- Lifestyle - caffeine drinkers, alcohol consumption, and fitness level
- Body Size - carrying excess weight affects the body's regulation of temperature
- Age - young people and older adults do not adjust as well to temperature changes
- Illnesses - heart disease, diabetes, and prior heat-related illness
- Cool water is best for optimal hydration. It is important not to overconsume sports drinks

- Be sure to get adequate sleep and nutrition
- Take breaks to allow time to acclimate to the weather; watch out for each other
- Wear light-colored, loose-fitting, and ventilated clothing

Preventing Heat Illness:

- Cool water is best for optimal hydration. It is important not to overconsume sports drinks
- Be sure to get adequate sleep and nutrition
- Take breaks to allow time to acclimate to the weather; watch out for each other
- Wear light-colored, loose-fitting, and ventilated clothing
- Educate employees to know the signs of heat exhaustion
- Plan work for cooler times of the day and monitor conditions using a heat stress app
- Use SPF sunscreen that blocks UVA and UVB sun

Next Board of Directors meeting is Thursday, July 22 at 3:00 p.m. in the POA Venture Room, 555 Venture Blvd South, Point Venture

The District Office will be Closed all day on Friday, July 9 and Thursday, July 15. For assistance please call 512-246-0498.