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News about activities and developments at MSD

April 14, 1999

Neumayer honored by water federation

MSD's Director of Operations Carl A. Neumayer was awarded a Life Membership in the Water Environment Federation. Neumayer received the honor March 29th.

A member of the Water Environment Federation for 39 years, Neumayer has served as MSD's director of operations since 1984. In this position, Neumayer is responsibly in charge of all wastewater treatment plants, sanitary sewer and flood pumping stations, force mains and the institutional inspection of the Lee's Lane Landfill.

Neumayer also was MSD's acting executive director (1983 to 1984), deputy director of operations (1980 to 1983), and administrative engi-

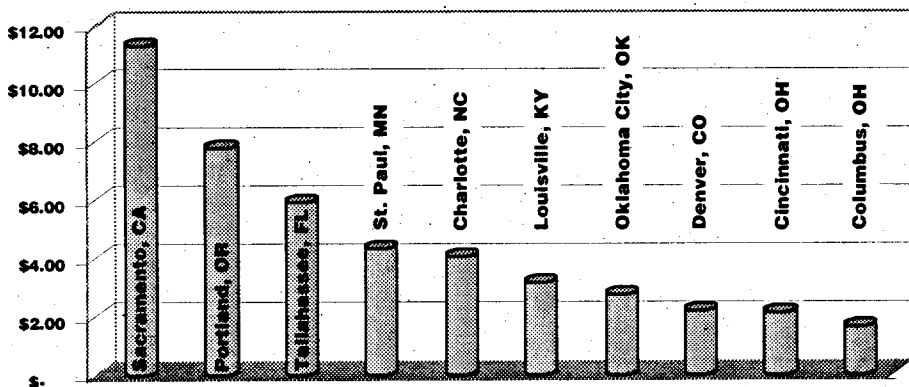
neering consultant (1965 to 1974).

A native of Chicago, Neumayer's career also includes human resource program management at Consoer, Townsend and Associates, Chicago; project manager with Burns and McDonnell Engineering Co., Kansas City; and service in the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

The Water Environment Federation is a forum for engineers, regulatory, academics, equipment manufacturers and operations personnel to exchange information about a range of issues including wastewater treatment facilities, solids disposal, water quality management, wetlands, watershed management and public health issues.

MSD fees rank midway among stormwater utilities

A survey of stormwater rates for residential customers nationwide places MSD's charges near the middle. The average monthly charge for drainage or stormwater services for MSD residential customers is \$3.15. Residential customers in Sacramento, CA pay the highest rates of utilities surveyed, \$11.31 per month, while the monthly charge per residence in St. Louis is 24 cents. About 112 stormwater utilities in 22 states responded to the survey, conducted by Black & Veatch Management Consulting.



Beargrass Creek watershed area

Drainage work set for Beechmont neighborhood

Seven areas of Beechmont will have improved drainage as part of MSD's Neighborhood Maintenance Program.

The areas affected are 508 Florence Ave., Lafayette Rd. at Georgetown Place, 4103 Southern Parkway, 3841 Peachtree Ave., 1003 Whitney Ave., 1010 Thornberry Ave., and 3812 Wheeler Rd.

"This drainage project includes roadside work, regrading and installing storm drains and catch basins throughout the neighborhood," according to Loyiso Melisizwe, MSD's Beargrass Creek area team leader. "Dividing the work this way allows us to work with customers and respond to more service requests more rapidly," Melisizwe said.

J&B Utility Contractors, Inc., Crestwood, will perform the work at a cost of \$61,375.

Upcoming Events

April 26, 1999 - MSD Board Meeting, 10 a.m., 700 W. Liberty, first floor

April 27, 1999 - Public Meeting on Private Property Inflow Source Correction Pilot Project for Woodland Hills, 7:15 p.m., Hite Elementary cafeteria, 12408 Old Shelbyville Rd. **AND** Public Meeting on Fern Creek Area Sewer Project, 7 p.m., Fern Creek Elementary cafeteria, 8703 Ferndale Rd.

Mill Creek watershed area

Sewers expanding along Dixie Highway corridor

MSD's Board has approved guaranteed maximum assessments for 2,484 property owners in the Mill Creek area and accepted the votes of an additional 876 property owners signaling a desire for sewer service.

Guaranteed maximum assessments are each property owner's share of the cost of extending the sewer system and connecting to it. The assessments range from \$5,300 to \$7,280 per property. The project areas are Greenwood Manor-Marie Anna, Determine Lane, Dwight Eisenhower, Kramers-Crums, Black Pond and Kramers Lane South.

The Board accepted property owner votes in favor of sewer service in the Valley Station (VS-3C) area, Kramers Lane North and Valley Trunk (VT-5C & 6C) area.

Additionally, the Board awarded a \$1.1 million contract to Reynolds, Inc. of Orleans, Indiana to construct the Valley Trunk Interceptor west of Dixie Highway and south of Greenwood Road. Also, HP Contracting, Inc., Paris, will perform construction of a sewer collector and drainage improvements in the Feys Drive/Alva Drive area, for \$810,471.



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Businesswomen honor Garner, MSD

The Louisville Chapter of the National Association of Women Business Owners (NAWBO) named MSD Executive Director Gordon Garner Corporate Partner of the Year.

The award was presented March 30 at the chapter's annual conference and trade show.

"We present this award in recognition of MSD's support of women business owners," said Cathy Zion, Louisville Chapter president and CEO of Today's Woman.

"Committed to fostering the growth and stability of women business owners, MSD's contributions to NAWBO have strengthened our presence in the business community," Zion said.

She also commended MSD's



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minority- and women-owned business enterprise program as "aggressively involving women-owned firms as vendors."

The Louisville Chapter also honored MSD's MBE/WBE Purchasing Liaison Beverly Truitt with the Crystal Award for her contributions to the organization. Truitt served as co-chair of the chapter's

annual awards luncheon and tradeshow, and is MSD's ambassador to NAWBO.

MSD was one of the event sponsors and staffed a display at the tradeshow. MSD's exhibit introduced the minority- and woman-owned business enterprise program's new DiverseWorks logo and materials. Deby McDaniel is the program coordinator.

Customer count tops 190,000, operating results advancing

MSD served 190,215 wastewater customers in February 1999, the most in the district's history. That's nearly three percent more than the number of wastewater customers served during February 1998 and a 6.5 percent increase over February 1996.

The increase in wastewater customers contributed to a 5.7 percent or \$2.3 million rise in wastewater service charges for the first eight months of the current fiscal year.

Total service charges for all classes of wastewater and stormwater customers were \$3.3 million for the current fiscal year through February, 6.5 percent more than for the same period a year ago.

MSD reported earnings of \$20.7 million before interest and depreciation expense, topping last February's year-to-date net by \$3.1 million, or 17.3 percent. "This improvement brings MSD into alignment with its full fiscal year target—\$5.2 million on an annual basis—indicated by the \$80 million annual pace of MSD borrowing to finance capital design, construction and acquisition," said Director of Finance Robert A. Miller.

During February, departmental operating expenses were essentially unchanged from the first eight months of the fiscal year. Other operating income pulled up nearly even with the same period in the previous fiscal year, after lagging behind during the first six months of the current fiscal year.

Miller said this fiscal year's growth continues to improve on the record advances during FY 1998. "The strong growth of revenue and customer base so far in FY 1999 provides a solid base for more dramatic improvements in financial results," he said.



North County watershed area

MSD to acquire Prospect's wastewater system

MSD will negotiate and execute an agreement with the City of Prospect, transferring ownership and operation of the city's wastewater treatment plants and collection to MSD.

The system includes three wastewater treatment plants and 21 pumping stations, according to MSD's North County Area Team Leader Vince Bowlin. He estimated it may be three to seven years before the treatment plants are taken off line and wastewater is flowed to Morris Forman Wastewater Treatment Plant (MFWTP) for treatment. MSD must first complete an endangered species study, review easement issues and plan to move the wastewater to MFWTP, Bowlin said.

Additionally, existing litigation between the Kentucky Division of Water, the City of Prospect and MSD must be resolved before the acquisition can be completed, according to Bowlin.

With the acquisition, MSD gains 1,300 new customers and greater expansion potential in Oldham County, along with improved water quality in Harrods Creek, where treated wastewater from Prospect's treatment plants is now discharged.



Floyds Fork watershed area

Fern Creek sewer project ready for construction

About 130 properties along Fern Creek and Ferndale roads will soon be connected to MSD's sewer system.

The project began in May 1995 when the Jefferson County Board of Health asked MSD to initiate procedures to provide comprehensive sewer service to the Fern Creek Road area, according to Floyds Fork Area Team Leader Vicki Coombs. "What began as a project to provide sewers to 30 properties along Fern Creek Road was expanded to address problems of failing on-site septic tanks along Ferndale Road," Coombs said.

When completed, the project will connect 122 properties now served by septic tanks. MSD will coordinate with Jefferson County's Department of Public Works to widen Ferndale Road, with the department paying the costs of road resurfacing, utility pole relocation and associated right-of-way issues, according to Coombs.

S&S and Associates, Inc. will perform the work at a cost of \$1.3 million.



Morris Forman wastewater treatment plant

Upgrades to increase wet weather capacity

Improvements at MFWTP will increase the plant's wet weather bypass capacity, sending less untreated flow directly into the Ohio River during heavy rains.

Plans call for replacing two gates to the secondary bypass structure with one large gate capable of accommodating bypass flows of 210 million gallons per day. The two gates now accommodate flows of 85 million gallons per day. Final effluent pumps and the flow-measuring instrument also will be upgraded to handle the increased flow.

Currently, the combined wet weather capacity at MFWTP's primary and secondary treatment units is limited to 225 million gallons per day. The upgrades should increase the capacity to 350 million gallons per day.

Pace Contracting, Jeffersonville, will perform the work for \$1.15 million.

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