

## **Selma Estates/Raspberry Falls Community Meeting Minutes**

**January 7, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.**

**Loudoun Water Boardroom**

LW: Project is on track and meeting schedule. We are completing the design stage now

Commission permit was approved in November by the County

New rates were adopted at the December 2015 LW Board meeting

LW will keep in communication with the community

Plant will be operational in 2017. It is broken into two separate projects.

H&S: Moving up the raw water line project in anticipation of summertime usage. Raw water line will supplement the system. More reliable supply that will run through the membrane

Part 1: Raw water line status:

Notice to proceed in late February

Start construction in Spring 2016

Complete in Summer 2016

Part 2: Treatment Plant Specs

Out for bid next week (membrane materials LW selected are outlined in bid and must be used by offeror)

Early February bids will come in

Plant operational in late Spring 2017

Fully operational system June 2017

Portable membrane is in place until new plant is fully operational

How did LW select membrane materials? Some manufacturers have better reputation and history. We received a number of proposals. It is more efficient to design around one manufacturer. GAC is separate from membrane but is included

Piping: Piping begins in first phase, Looping and interconnect also included

Can first 25 homes connect now? (These 25 homes are not currently LW customers). This needs to be in parking lot for now – more discussion needs to take place between LW and the County to assess the project. However, the system is being built to account for those homes (in capacity)

A study will need to be done regarding cost estimate. LW and County have not started that process and will be up for a later discussion. The community plans to share this information with those homeowners that are asking about connecting.

#### Ongoing Communications:

There will be construction project updates so homeowners will not be surprised by phases of construction

The contractor is required to give LW notice of potential construction jobs and impacts. LW will share this information with the community

#### Status of Wells

Raspberry Falls wells were taken offline in October out of an abundance of caution after eColi was detected in wells. LW has done extensive testing and analysis and there is nothing indicative of a GUDI event. All samples have been “non-detect” LW testing daily at point of entry. There is UV on all wells plus chlorine. There has never been an issue with finished drinking water delivered to residents home. VDH supports decision to put wells back online

Yields in Raspberry Falls is very high – 200 GPM in PW 1

Landscaping: LW is looking at different plantings that are deer resistant. LW will also be abandoning (Filling with solid clay material) the backup well permanently.

Path forward: This is last meeting in this series. More regular communication through various channels will take place as we move into construction phase. LW will work with Supervisor Higgins office to coordinate on regular communications. Supervisor Higgins suggested that we have a face-to-face meeting each quarter (or TBD) to continue this useful and productive sharing of information

Status reports of some sort will be included in communications to indicate any schedule delays. Any homeowner related information that needs to be shared, such as PRV information, will be covered in outreach

All easements, but one, have been obtained for project