

McCarron's Treatment Plant Updates

Current Project Status

- Four Statements of Qualifications were received and evaluated
- The collective experience from interested teams is very strong.
 - Together the four respondent teams alone account for 62% of all Ozone projects in the United States
 - Similar project experience highlighted by the four teams amounted to about \$4.25B of work
 - Owner's Rep. input: "These are the A teams from each of these firms."
- Three teams have been invited to submit proposals for the project
 - Proposals will include more project-specific plans and will allow us to compare each team's approach to the project.
 - This is a good opportunity to get the best ideas from multiple teams for free, so we're capitalizing on that opportunity.
- The Request for Proposals is scheduled for release on July 16th. Proposals will be due on October 1. We remain on schedule to select a Design-Builder before the end of 2020.
- Q2 water bills included information about the treatment plant project. Thus far, SPRWS has not received inquiries about the project, but public exposure and interest in the project is expected to grow as work progresses.

Project Labor Agreement

What is a Project Labor Agreement?

A Project Labor Agreement (PLA) is a project-specific agreement between the owner or contractor and the local trade unions. A PLA generally sets project-specific requirements for working hours, overtime, holidays, grievance procedures, safety standards, and other such topics. The primary advantage for laborers is a guarantee that their rights will be respected throughout the project. The primary advantage for owners is protection against strikes and work-stoppages.

Does a Project Labor Agreement fit for the McCarron's Plant Project?

PLAs are common for large, multi-trade construction projects. In recent years, PLAs have been used for US Bank Stadium, the 35W Bridge, TCF Bank Stadium, Target Field, Mall of America, and St. Paul Public Schools projects. A survey of the four teams that submitted qualifications for the project discovered that three of those teams recommend the use of a PLA on the project. The fourth team was not opposed to the use of a PLA but noted that such agreements are not typical for water industry projects.

What are the Next Steps?

Over the course of the next month, SPRWS will solicit input from local construction industry groups to deepen our understanding. We expect to seek a Board resolution on the topic in August.