



**Minden Gardnerville Sanitation District
District Manager's Report
December 2010**

1. EDU allocations: 6.8 EDU's were allocated during the month of November.
2. Grease Receiving/Co-Generation Project: The generator has been installed in place, with approximately two more weeks remaining for the completion of the electrical. We anticipate being able to begin receiving grease within the next two weeks in an effort to determine how much gas will be generated before startup of the generator.
3. Grease interceptors: MGSD Grease/Oil Control Policies currently states, in part, that restaurant and other facilities that handle grease and which discharge wastewater containing grease into the MGSD sewer collection system, be required to have a properly sized and functioning grease interceptor. In addition, MGSD in the past has not typically allowed more than one grease discharger to discharge to any one interceptor. One notable exception is the Ironwood Center in which there are two instances of multiple discharges into one interceptor. It has been left to the restaurants, to determine amongst themselves, the responsibility of maintenance of the interceptors. This has proven to be problematic for MGSD as the interceptors may not always be maintained as required.

With the costs of installing and maintaining the interceptors as required, many projects have not been able to proceed. It has been requested that multiple discharges be allowed on two separate pending projects. This may be viable providing, but not limited to, the following:

- The interceptors be oversized to accept the discharges
- Pumping frequency be modified on a case by case basis
- The responsibility for maintenance be placed on the property owner as opposed to the tenant
- Parcels that have multiple grease dischargers on one interceptor may not be parceled, or written agreements may be made between adjoin property owners and MGSD.

In addition, this may allow better monitoring and enforcement of the ordinance.

4. Televising lines before acceptance: It may be beneficial for MGSD to require the televising of sewer lines before accepting the lines for maintenance. This could eliminate many of the issues we have come across during our recent televising efforts and save on future maintenance costs.
5. Safety committee: A joint safety committee has been formed by area entities, including MGSD, Town of Minden, Town of Gardnerville, Gardnerville Town Water, DCSID, and Indian Hills GID. The committee, comprising of two representatives from each entity, will coordinate joint monthly meetings which include all available employees from each entity.
6. Trees: It was discussed at the November meeting, the possibility of planting trees along the Ironwood entrance in front of the grease receiving station. It was thought that the trees may grow too large and encroach onto the drive area. Mark Dudley and I looked over the area and determined that we could reduce the number of trees and plant lower-lying plants and shrubs along the area.
7. Primary Clarifier # 3 Rehab: The primary clarifier rehabilitation is nearing completion with no apparent issues that this time. Dependent upon the weather, it is anticipated that it should be completed within the next two weeks.

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