



**Minden Gardnerville Sanitation District
District Manager's Report
July 2009**

1. EDU allocations: No EDU's were allocated during the month of June.
2. Digester Expansion Project: Digester # 1 cleaning has been completed with the digester now being back in service with no apparent issues at this time. It was anticipated that possible concerns may have arisen during the cleaning and replacement of the cover of digester # 1 and the Board authorized me to take necessary measures to mitigate any possible concerns, so the completion would not have been delayed. Fortunately, no issues were noted and no additional expenses were incurred. However, some issues with the dewatering of Digester # 2 have arisen. The contract states that MGSD is required to bring the level in the digester to a certain level. With the volume and consistency of the material in the digester, we are no longer able to dewater it any further ourselves as the contract requires. As the job needs to be completed, I would like authorization to amend the contract with the digester cleaners to pump the remaining contents as required. I am anticipating having a price for the additional dewatering by the meeting date. After the cleaning, there still may be other issues within the digester that need to be addressed as well.
3. Primary # 3: An issue has arisen with the concrete on primary # 3 which could potentially compromise the integrity of the structure. I have obtained a price to coat the inside of the clarifier with a material that will prolong the life for another 20 – 25 years. The quote to apply the coating is approximately \$45,000. This is a necessary expenditure that should be considered, especially as the price could be as high as \$1,000,000.00 to remove and replace the existing structure.
4. Bentley Bio-solids permit: At the time of this report, NDEP is in the process of reviewing Bentley's bio-solids permit. While we still need to work out agreements, hopefully we will soon be able to take all bio-solids to Bentley's facilities.
5. Effluent Disposal: We will be discharging effluent to Park and Galeppi effective 7/6.

6. Tesco: A representative from Tesco is scheduled to be at the July meeting to discuss the proposed security system for the plant facilities.
7. Garage Bid: I have received three bids for the proposed garage/storage buildings at the back the plant and will have them available at the upcoming meeting.

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