

Updates & Background for Request for a Letter of Support:

June 27, 2022

1. Milner/Pburg project status
 - a. Engineering Report in process (36% complete as of end of May)
 - i. Site Application/Preliminary Engineering Report/Capital Improvement Plan/Project Needs Assessment
 1. Site Applications (fees and state review)
 - a. Milner Survey (determination of site application fee)
 - b. Solar study ongoing
 - c. Application for general discharge permits (100:1 dilution)
 - i. Waiting on CDPHE Permitting Unit to issue the General Discharge Permits for the system
 - d. Grants and loans
 - i. SRF Prequalification forms and prequalification meetings (6/28)
 1. Rate Study and Disadvantaged Community determination
 - e. Denali PO in place to measure sludge (help determine remediation costs)
2. Pburg Augmentation Plan
 - a. Cost estimate from LRE - \$20K
 - b. Funding assistance (grant) from Colorado River District (approximately 50% or \$8K to \$10K)
 - c. Matching funds – ARPA/General Fund or Pburg reserves
 - d. BCC support letter (consent agenda item for 6/28)**
3. New limitations for nutrients (phosphorus and nitrogen)
 - a. Rulemaking in fall of 2022
 - b. Implications for Yampa, Pburg, and Morrison Ck.
 - c. Water quality credit trading
 - i. Water quality trading is an innovative program that allows facilities that discharge wastewater to a stream or river to meet regulatory obligations by:
 1. Purchasing equivalent or larger pollution reductions from another source; or
 2. Taking action to protect or restore riparian areas, wetlands, floodplains, and aquatic habitat to reduce the impact of pollutants.
 - ii. Trading is based on the fact that sources in a watershed can face very different costs to control the same pollutant. Trading programs allow facilities facing higher pollution control costs to meet their regulatory obligations by purchasing environmentally equivalent (or superior) pollution reductions from another source at lower cost, thus achieving the same water quality improvement at lower overall cost.
4. OWTS Variance procedures status
 - a. CDPHE final review of local regulations complete
 - b. 30 day public notice then public hearing
5. Lead testing program
6. Wildfire Smoke Research
 - a. Opportunity to participate in study

7. House Bill 22-1355: Producer Responsibility Program for Recycling
 - a. Waiting to see what additional funding might become available in support of waste diversion
8. Rainbow Gathering (peace, love, and personal hygiene)
9. Climate Action Plan and Internal Climate Action Efforts (refer to tracking sheet)
 - a. CAP Collaborative: Next CAP Collaborative meeting on June 24th. Big ticket items for initial meetings (building capacity): mission/vision, elect officers, bylaws/charter, RFP for management entity, sector group structure, Communication Plan, budget. Google Drive set up to contain key documents, reference information, and agendas/minutes. Plan for standing up Sector Groups presented to Board. YVSC contracted as management entity.
 - b. Conduct Energy Audits/de-carbonization/Electrification Study: Three proposals received and under review (J. Stepan). Select vendor by mid-July.
 - c. Solar United Neighbors Coop: Coop officially launched. Weekly Strategic Planning Team meetings. Events (see attached flyer) planned in Hayden, Meeker, Oak Creek, and Steamboat (Storm Peak Brewery) to assist with outreach to help meet goal of 100 subscribers (41 so far mostly from Steamboat area). Yard signs to be deployed next week.
 - d. Fleet analysis and transition to EV's: Public Works looking at replacing older vehicles with EV's (Lightening) if available. Add EV charging equipment to fall grant request (along with HHS Building). Compile list of equipment needs and costs. Rebates from YVEA to install level 2 home chargers up to \$250 (available for about \$400 at Home Depot).
 - e. Organics Recovery Study: Lori and Peter (LBA) site visit (May 19 and 20th) met with stakeholders (tree service companies, State Forest Service, City and County reps, horse boarding facilities, large food waste generators such as SOROCO, Steamboat Ski and Resort, and local composting operations). Next meeting 6/27. Draft report by mid-July. Final report by mid-August.
 - f. Master Plan: Joint meeting scheduled next Thursday with Planning Commission and BCC to review first draft (Work Session). Integration of CAP into draft plan - reference to CAP and strategies/actions/tactics. TAC has reviewed and provided comments. Adoption schedule includes public comment period throughout July and into August for adoption.
 - g. Re-Tree Program: \$10K match for grant funding budgeted in 2022 for next three years of tree planting. Pending invoice from YVSC for program.
 - h. Internal waste diversion efforts: Reviewing local hauling services and planning for potential future changes. Composting program ongoing. EH developing internal waste diversion and reduction guide.
 - i. Recycle Depot and Traditional Recyclables Drop-Off: Tentative plan for a pilot program to incorporate traditional recyclables into Recycle Depot. YVSC working on finding a better location with more space.