

**Nampa WWTP Phase II/III Upgrades  
Design Review Committee  
Thursday, September 23, 2021  
Nampa Development Services Center  
7:00 AM – 9:00 AM  
MEETING SUMMARY**



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**Meeting Overview**

On Thursday, September 23, 2021, the Nampa Wastewater Treatment Plant Design Review Committee (DRC) convened its eighteenth meeting. The objectives of this meeting were to provide updates on the Wastewater Program, review and discuss noise mitigation approaches, and review the cost proposal and schedule. Please see associated PowerPoint for more information.

**Meeting Summary**

*Wastewater Program & Recycled Water Permit Update*

Nate Runyan, City of Nampa, shared the following Wastewater Program Updates:

- Oral arguments for the Riverside Irrigation appeal regarding the water rights determination will be held on October 22 in Twin Falls.
- 99% of Project Group D construction submittals have been submitted. Substantial completion is anticipated for spring 2022.
- The City has been approached by multiple entities regarding biogas reuse. This could be a revenue source for the City, and as such the City will develop and RFP for reuse.
- The City has also been approached regarding phosphorous credits and is exploring options for sending biosolids to an incoming compost plant. This would be a Class A product that could be used for yards.

*Questions and comments included:*

- Does it need to be Class A when it leaves the City plant?
- Is there a value to the biosolids for Timber Creek?
- Will we have the same need for the drying beds?
- It would be nice to work out a value-increasing agreement.

*Noise Mitigation Discussion*

Jacobs is researching whether a conditional use permit will be required for the upgrades as the new construction may create increased noise and hazardous materials. A public hearing will be held on this issue on October 26<sup>th</sup>. Jacobs is also evaluating noise mitigation strategies to reduce the noise impacts to a nearby charter school. The question presented to the DRC was whether the City should spend project funds on noise mitigation measures.

*Questions and comments included:*

- Does the model include a landscape buffer?
- What kind of liability would the City have if there were no mitigations?
- Is there any potential that our federal SRF loan will trigger federal requirements associated with noise?

The DRC would like to better understand any potential liability or federal environmental compliance issues before providing a final recommendation. This will be addressed at the next DRC meeting.

#### *Cost Proposal and Schedule Updates*

The Jacobs team reviewed the program contingency components of the project, as well as the cost proposal. As cost proposals are reviewed in the coming week, it is anticipated that they will be over the current set budget. While program contingency funds have not yet been used, the question posed to the DRC was whether they approve utilizing them moving forward.

#### *Questions and comments included:*

- If we use them now, will we have sufficient funds to complete the water reuse project?
- How much of our materials are coming from out of country?
- If the City receives all the cost savings, what is the incentive for Jacobs to keep seeking out opportunities for savings?
- Not sure noise mitigation outcomes warrant the investment, but would still like assurances that there are no legal concerns.
- Would investment provide legal cover later?
- Not sure funds should be invested in noise mitigation since the school knew about the risk.
- There is no desire to extend the schedule out.
- Will we need to allocate all remaining contingency funds available?
- Can we utilize federal infrastructure dollars?
- Are the ARPA funds going through the SRF?

Jacobs reviewed the construction schedule, with mobilization beginning in December 2021 and final completion in December 2024.

#### *Next Steps*

- A committee update on the cost proposal and budget will be provided by October 14<sup>th</sup>.
- The next DRC meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 21.