

The METRO UPDATE

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LCWTP POLYMER FEED SYSTEM UPGRADE

With the fluoridation of drinking water no longer mandated, Metro Water identified an opportunity to repurpose the existing fluoridation building and bulk storage tank to replace the aging cationic polymer storage and feed system at the Little Cottonwood Water Treatment Plant (LCWTP). Repurposing the existing infrastructure reduces costs while improving the reliability of the polymer feed system.

This project has been a true team effort, with the entire Maintenance Department contributing to its planning and implementation. New Grundfos feed pumps have been purchased and are currently being installed, along with a new 1,050-gallon day tank that provides greater operational flexibility and helps accommodate occasional inconsistencies in polymer deliveries.

The team also installed a new Sandpiper transfer pump, allowing operators to efficiently transfer polymer between totes and the bulk storage tank. Redesigned piping and valving will improve feed reliability while making future maintenance safer, easier and more efficient.

Once complete, the upgraded system will provide a more reliable, efficient and maintainable polymer feed system, helping ensure LCWTP continues to operate effectively for years to come.



TERMINAL RESERVOIR SECURITY UPGRADE

After identifying unsecured manhole covers at Terminal Reservoir, Metro Water staff recognized the risk the unsecure covers posed to the critical infrastructure below and got to work. Staff designed, fabricated, and installed locking systems on 16 manhole covers across the site.

Everyone contributed to both the fabrication and installation, and the project was completed efficiently from start to finish. With the new locking systems in place, the manhole covers are now fully secure.

HUMAN RESOURCES

Anniversaries

Gordon Cook, Assistant General Manager/COO – 30 years
Matt Marcek, Right of Way Supervisor – 10 years

New Employee

Angelo Montoya, Facilities Technician

Promotions

Rikely Gonzales, Water System Operator Lead
Jon Jeffries, Facilities Supervisor
Matt Marcek, Right of Way Supervisor
Chad Rose, Construction Liaison
Clay Rose, Water System Operator
James Rowell, Control Systems Tech Lead
Caden Tanner, Maintenance Technician
Krystsina Vassilieva, Maintenance Technician

IAP2 PANEL DISCUSSION

Breana Jackson, Executive Administrator, represented Metro Water as a panelist at the Intermountain Section of the International Association of Public Participation (IAP2) Annual Conference, joining representatives from Salt Lake City and the Utah Department of Transportation (UDOT). The panel explored the challenges and opportunities of public engagement and communication.

Panelists discussed some of the toughest conversations agencies have with the public and what makes those interactions especially challenging. They shared

strategies for engaging with community members who may be frustrated, skeptical or opposed to a project, and talked about what it takes to build trust and how they know when it has been earned.

The discussion also covered how agencies balance transparency when all the answers are not yet available, the impact social media has had on public engagement, lessons learned from difficult communication experiences, and practical advice for preparing for challenging conversations with the public.



ADMIN CAMPUS IMPROVEMENTS

As part of the ongoing Admin Campus Improvements, the new portable building has been delivered to the site. The building will provide additional workspace and support day-to-day operations as campus improvements continue.

Staff is now preparing the space and moving into the building, including setting up equipment and organizing work areas to ensure a smooth transition. Once fully operational, the new space will provide greater flexibility and support for administrative functions.

Thank you to everyone who helped plan, prepare, and coordinate this milestone.