



CITY OF IOWA CITY MEMORANDUM

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Date: January 7, 2009
To: City Council
From: Rick Fosse, Director of Public Works
Jeff Davidson, Director of Planning and Community Development
Re: Update: Flood-related activities

Engineering and Public Works Administration:

- Scheduled neighborhood meetings to discuss flood recovery and mitigation:
 - Parkview Terrace Neighborhood: January 22nd, 7:00 pm at the Water Plant
 - Idyllwild Neighborhood: January 29th, 7:00 pm at the Water Plant
- Plan to attend the January 10th Parkview Terrace neighborhood meeting at which the Corps will be the guest speaker.
- Had a conference call with Sasaki Associates on their review of Stanley's report of mitigation options for the Parkview and Idyllwild neighborhoods.
- Met with representatives from the Economic Development Administration (EDA) regarding potential funding for a variety of flood mitigation and recovery projects.
- Met with FEMA regarding our ongoing flood recovery and federal reimbursement.
- Developing concept statements for FHWA repair projects
- Evaluating the damage assessment of the Iowa River Power Dam

Water Division

- Worked with FEMA (Silvia) to clarify some information necessary for reimbursement for flood related expenses on wells: CW-3, CW-4, JW-2, & SW-4
- Forwarded flood level data to Howard R Green for the Hazard Mitigation Study...the plan is to visit on a weekly basis as the report is due at the end of February.
- Read meters in the Idyllwild and Parkview areas and found the need to activate some that were inactivated (water was being used) and continued to replace meters that had been flood in both areas.
- Still waiting for a schedule on the 12" river crossing repairs (Old Plant and Hwy 6)

Wastewater Division

- Finished cleaning the Southwest Interceptor Sewer Siphon, which enters the North Plant. (Two of three lines were plugged, and the manhole accesses were not properly situated for jetting.) The downstream manhole has now been reconfigured to allow for routine maintenance.
- Worked with FEMA on clarifying certain documents necessary for reimbursement.
- Repaired North Plant flow meters and a final solution to stabilize and convert the flow signal into a measurement should be completed next week.
- Control panels for sludge grinders were completed this week.
- Sludge Pump Building basement lights were replaced.
- Flow monitoring station for the Iowa Ave siphon is almost ready for installation – solar power and wireless data transmission.

Planning and Community Development

- In the process of finalizing the HMGP grant applications and dealing with a lot of media requests
- Continuing to administer the Jumpstart and CDBG assistance programs
- Preparing for our meeting with the federal Economic Development Agency on flood recovery assistance
- Coordinating with Coralville and the UI
- Dealing with impacted residents and preparing for the mitigation meetings later in January