

TECHNICAL MEMORANDUM

To: Nevada Environmental Response Trust

Cc: Dan Pastor, Tetra Tech, Inc.

From: April Hussey

Date: December 27, 2018

Subject: Operation and Maintenance Summary – November 2018
Weir Dewatering Treatment Plant
Nevada Environmental Response Trust; Henderson, Nevada

The Southern Nevada Water Authority (SNWA) has completed construction work on two weir projects in the Las Vegas Wash, the Sunrise Mountain Weir and Historic Lateral Weir. SNWA hired a construction company, Las Vegas Paving (LVP) to perform weir construction activities, which included construction dewatering activities. The Nevada Environmental Response Trust (NERT or Trust) was ordered by the Nevada Division of Environmental Protection (NDEP) to treat the groundwater from the construction dewatering activities to remove perchlorate before discharging the treated water to the Las Vegas Wash.

Tetra Tech, Inc. (Tetra Tech) designed and constructed two pump stations and a central water treatment plant (CWTP), collectively referred to as the SNWA Weir Dewatering Treatment Plant (Treatment Plant) to manage and treat groundwater from the construction activities. The Treatment Plant operated on a temporary basis, and full operations ceased on August 23, 2018 after groundwater dewatering associated with the SNWA weir construction projects was complete. Decommissioning of the Treatment Plant began in late August 2018, and support activities associated with decommissioning continued throughout November 2018.

At the direction of NERT, Tetra Tech has prepared this summary of the operation and maintenance (O&M) activities performed during November 2018 for the Treatment Plant. The system was operated and maintained in accordance with the *NERT – SNWA Weir Dewatering Water Treatment Plant Operation and Maintenance Manual*. Preparation of monthly O&M summaries will continue as long as the CWTP remains operational to support decommissioning activities.

SUMMARY OF O&M ACTIVITIES

During November 2018, the Treatment Plant was operated and maintained in support of decommissioning activities.

OPERATIONS

Operations in November 2018 were characterized by recirculated flows in the CWTP to maintain plant operability to support decommissioning. As no inflows or discharges occurred, Treatment Plant National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) water quality samples were not collected during the November 2018 reporting period. Recirculation operations were conducted in compliance with permit terms during the November 2018 reporting period.

Flow Rates

As summarized in Table 1, no flows were pumped from either the Historic Lateral Weir construction site or the Sunrise Mountain Weir construction site. Future decommissioning activities will require importing municipal water for flushing the plant prior to demolition, which will result in discharge of treated water.

Historic Lateral Pump Station

Construction of the Historic Lateral weir and decommissioning of the HLPS has been completed. Flows from this pump station will no longer occur.

Sunrise Mountain Pump Station

Construction of the Sunrise Mountain weir has been completed. No additional flows from the weir construction site will occur. No activities associated with the decommissioning of the SMPS, other than recirculation of flows as noted above, occurred during this reporting period.

Central Water Treatment Plant

During November 2018 no inflows or discharges occurred. All water in the plant was stored and recirculated within the plant in a closed loop system, only.

Suspended Solids Removal and Management

Solids loading to the plant is limited during decommissioning activities. Four of the external tanks for cyclone and backwash waste surge and storage capacity, along with their associated decanting system remain in place to allow settling of residual solids from decommissioning flows prior to treatment and discharge. In the month of November, no tanker truckloads of solids slurry were sent to the landfill.

MAINTENANCE

Maintenance performed at the Treatment Plant during the reporting period included both routine maintenance activities and non-routine maintenance activities as described in the following sections.

Routine Maintenance

Routine maintenance activities were conducted to maintain plant operability during recirculation operations and to ensure plant operability during treatment and discharge required during decommissioning. Routine maintenance activities included the following:

- Generators supplying power to the SMPS, HLPS, and CWTP require service approximately every 250 hours of generator run time. However, due to the reduced generator run time associated with recirculation operations, generators were not serviced during the reporting period.
- Cyclone underflow lines were flushed periodically.
- Cyclone valves were greased.

- Equipment oil levels were checked.
- Flanges, gaskets, and pipe connection bolts were checked and adjusted as needed.

Non-Routine Maintenance

Non-routine maintenance was performed during November 2018 to maintain equipment operability, including performing non-routine generator services on November 2, 21, 26 and 29.

O&M Costs

At the direction of the Trust, Tetra Tech has summarized cost data for the reporting period. The following table summarizes project charges in accordance with the Operations and Maintenance Agreement, executed December 31, 2017, as amended. This section only captures project charges consistent with the O&M agreement or agreed upon charges for items supplied by/through Tetra Tech and billed to the Trust. Costs associated with third-party contractor decommissioning activities and Tetra Tech oversight of the same are not included in this summary.

Table 2: O&M Cost Summary

| Item | Payment Details | Unit ¹ | Cost Invoiced During Reporting Period | Total Costs – Project Inception to Date |
|--------------------------------|---|--|---------------------------------------|---|
| Monthly Base Cost | Lump sum payable to Tetra Tech | \$142,000 /month | \$142,000 ² | \$2,765,871 |
| Ion Exchange Resin | Lump sum direct pay from Trust to Evoqua for turn key resin delivery, replacement, transportation and disposal services | \$135,755 /vessel which includes: \$109,750 /vessel for resin \$26,005 /vessel for changeout services and disposal | \$0 | \$813,282 |
| Tankage | Actual usage charges direct pay from Trust to vendor | <u>Baker Corp</u> : \$20,074 /month plus variable maintenance fees as necessary <u>Rain for Rent</u> : Variable costs | \$16,471 \$5,119 | \$312,017 |
| Generator Rental / Maintenance | Actual usage charges direct pay from Trust to Cashman | <u>Rental</u> : Varies based on hours of run time and generator size. <u>Maintenance</u> : \$625 every 250 run hours per XQ350 | \$38,550 \$1,875 | \$299,402 |

¹ Unit rates do not include applicable taxes.

² Beginning August 24, 2018, the monthly fee for operations and maintenance support during decommissioning was reduced to \$142,000.

| Item | Payment Details | Unit ¹ | Cost Invoiced During Reporting Period | Total Costs – Project Inception to Date |
|-----------------|---|---|---------------------------------------|---|
| | | Generator \$1,250 every 250 run hours per XQ500 plus Backup generator rental costs as required to support maintenance | | |
| Generator Fuel | Actual usage charges direct pay from Trust to Cashman | Adjusts per market | \$17,948 | \$816,127 |
| Solids Disposal | Lump sum payable to Tetra Tech for off-site transportation and disposal | \$4,150 /3,000-gallon tanker \$6,917 /5,000-gallon tanker | \$0 | \$1,596,432 |
| Decanting | Daily charge payable to Tetra Tech | \$10,000 /day | \$0 | \$440,000 |
| Repairs | Cost of Equipment replacement plus 5% markup payable to Tetra Tech | <u>Pioneer Equipment Inc:</u> Repair/ Replacement Services | \$0 | \$17,997 |
| Other | Fees payable to Tetra Tech | <u>O&M Project Decommissioning Fee</u> | \$0 | \$143,582 |
| | | Tank Cleaning Services | \$0 | |
| TOTAL | | | \$221,963 | \$7,204,710 |

No other items were supplied by/through Tetra Tech and billed to the Trust during this reporting.

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that I am responsible for the services described in this document and for the preparation of this document. The services described in this document have been prepared in a manner consistent with the current standards of the profession, and to the best of my knowledge, comply with all applicable federal, state, and local statutes, regulations, and ordinances. I hereby certify that all laboratory analytical data was generated by a laboratory certified by the NDEP for each constituent and media presented herein.

Description of Services Provided: Prepared Weir Dewatering Treatment Plant Operation and Maintenance Summary for November 2018.



December 27, 2018

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Tetra Tech, Inc.

Date

Nevada CEM Certificate Number: 2167
Nevada CEM Expiration Date: September 18, 2020

Tables

**Weir Dewatering Treatment Plant
Monthly Flow Summary
November 2018
Table 1**

| Date | Influent | | | | | | Effluent ³ | |
|------------|---------------------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| | HLPS | | SMPS | | Combined Flow ¹ | | Average ² (FIT8060) gpm | Total (FIT8060) Gallons |
| | Average ² (FIT3010) gpm | Total (FIT3010) Gallons | Average ² (FIT2010) gpm | Total (FIT2010) Gallons | Average ² (FIT4010) gpm | Total (FIT4010) Gallons | | |
| 11/1/2018 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 11/2/2018 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 11/3/2018 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 11/4/2018 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 11/5/2018 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 11/6/2018 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 11/7/2018 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 11/8/2018 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 11/9/2018 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 11/10/2018 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 11/11/2018 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 11/12/2018 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 11/13/2018 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 11/14/2018 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 11/15/2018 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 11/16/2018 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 11/17/2018 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 11/18/2018 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 11/19/2018 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 11/20/2018 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 11/21/2018 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 11/22/2018 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 11/23/2018 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 11/24/2018 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 11/25/2018 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 11/26/2018 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 11/27/2018 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 11/28/2018 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 11/29/2018 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 11/30/2018 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

Notes:

HLPS = Historic Lateral Pump Station.

SMPS = Sunrise Mountain Pump Station.

FIT numbers presented in column headers correlate with Flow Instrument Transmitter tag numbers for particular flow meters.

Flows recirculated within the plant in a closed loop system 11/1 - 11/30. No influent flows or effluent discharges except where these volumes are included in the summary table.

1 - The combined feed is measured by flow indicator FIT4010. This is not equal to the sum of flows from HLPS (FIT3010) and SMPS (FIT2010) due to fluctuating volumes in influent storage tanks.

2 - Average calculated by dividing total gallons by 1,440 (minutes per 24 hours). Daily flow duration during decommissioning efforts are typically short (less than 30 minutes).

3 - Effluent flow meter data is higher than the combined influent flows due to inherent flowmeter variability and is compounded by batch processing operations. Air drawn into piping (as designed for vacuum breaks) at the end of each pumping batch has been observed to result in transient, short duration high flow readings that are not representative of actual flows.