



Customer PipeLine

Main Street Replacement Project Update

Our Main Street Replacement Project continues to move along at a rapid pace, and we're pleased to report that, as of this printing, approval of the FEMA Environmental Assessment (EA) is imminent. Once we receive formal approval, ECUA will be able to move ahead with the project with a rapid

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succession of contract awards over the next six months. With the approval of the EA, we will be issuing the contract for the clearing of the property for the plant site within a week or two. The equipment procurement contract for the new plant will also be issued very shortly. With respect to the overall economy, this is an excellent time for contract awards, so we do not want to lose the window of opportunity and pay higher prices.

The final design for all of the project elements should be completed within about a month. While we are still working on a number of permits (a project of this magnitude naturally requires several permits from a number of agencies), we expect these to be granted without concern.

The right-of-way acquisition (easements) work required for the transmission line portion of the project is approximately 90 percent complete, with only a few remaining properties to be addressed.

We are currently formulating the construction schedule with the intent of keeping the project moving ahead in a timely manner. Moreover, we are excited that our groundbreaking ceremony will be held on April 11 at our Main Street Plant location. The Cantonment site selected for the new

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Change in Process Saves Money and Enhances Service

A new way in which ECUA will begin collecting yard waste will save the agency and you, our customer, approximately \$100,000 per year, and enhance the level of service we can provide.

Beginning May 1, ECUA will begin collecting your yard waste in the regular household garbage can, instead of separately at the curb, on a designated yard trash collection day. This will add to the amount of yard waste that our customers will be able to dispose of each week, since we will also continue to provide once-per-week yard trash collection. The usual disposal limit of 4' x 4' x 4' pile size will still be in effect on your yard trash day.

Additionally, bulky waste items that were previously picked up at no charge **once per month**, can now be set out at the curb on your designated yard trash pick-up day **once-per-week**. Again, usual disposal limits will still apply for each pick-up. For bulky waste, that limit is a "pile" or items that measure 6' x 6' x 6'. Better still, our customers will no longer have to call in to arrange for a special bulky waste pick-up.

Please make sure that you place your regular household garbage in the can before you add yard trash, to ensure that you have adequate space for that refuse. For more information, please call ECUA Customer Service at 476-0480.

Customer Service: 476-0480 • www.ecua.org
Commercial Sanitation Customer Service: 476-0480
After-hours Emergency Calls: 476-5110

Call Before You Dig...



Underground lines, both on and off your property, can be easily damaged by digging equipment. To ensure personal and community safety, all area utilities work through a free "line locator" service to help you spot utility lines before you dig. In our area, the number to call is:

1-800-432-4770

It is important to call at least 48 hours in advance so that all of the utility companies affected by your project may be contacted for verification.



Central Reclamation Facility (WRF) is still too inaccessible to most vehicles to allow for a practical and safe event.

ECUA staff is working hand-in-hand with Gulf Power to address the intricate details of an agreement regarding the reuse of reclaimed water from the new WRF in Gulf Power's electricity generation process. This portion of the project is a very complicated matter because it deals with a large amount of construction for the reclaimed water transmission and return lines, water quality, property acquisition, and several other issues. No doubt though, the result will be a very environmentally and economically positive reward for ECUA, Gulf Power and the environment.

ECUA's Director of Finance has assembled a team of experts to develop a detailed cash flow plan for the project. This plan will analyze the cash flow, and develop a review process to make sure that we are following all of the FEMA and State of Florida guidelines in the expenditure of funds throughout the project.

Finally, we are continuing to finalize the design for the effluent disposal based upon communications we have had with representatives from the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP). We are considering the use of approximately 400 acres of sprayfields, which currently appear to be the most economical disposal method, although we continue to evaluate this option.