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Subject: Water Treatment Plan Aerator Update

Manager Holley,

I contacted the manufacturer of the water treatment plant aerator (ECS) after learning about the social media discussion today. Below is an update in response to the social media discussion and a current status of the aerator fabrication and schedule.

*"Dewberry has been in constant contact with the aerator manufacturer (ECS Environmental Solutions) from the time of the request for proposal, submittal review, and throughout the current production phase. These previous discussions confirmed that production was begun and no further action from the City or Dewberry was necessary. In response to recent social media discussion about the status of aerator delivery, Dewberry contacted the ECS project manager to reconfirm the status. ECS confirmed the aerator is in the production process based on the approved submittal review by Dewberry. ECS has re-confirmed that there is **nothing else needed** from the City nor Dewberry and the aerator is being fabricated. The City and Dewberry have had multiple discussions with ECS about the situation and have stressed the importance of expediting the fabrication and delivery. We also informed the ECS project manager that future discussions should be only with City's authorized personnel unless other direction is provided by the City.*

In response to misinformation circulating in the community, we offer the following clarification. As part of the normal approval and fabrication process a Professional Engineer hired by the manufacturer produces the wind loading, seismic, and anchorage calculations; this is done during the manufacturing process and does not have any impact on the production schedule. This added information is provided to the City for use as needed. This is a normal and customary part of the manufacturing process, known from the outset and anticipated by all engineers.

The aerator is in fabrication and the September shipping date remains the unchanged.

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