



“RE-BUILDING THE CITY’S WATER SYSTEMS FOR THE 21ST CENTURY”

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KATRINA RECOVERY PROJECTS IN LOWER NINTH WARD

S&WB Spends Millions on Numerous Projects
to Restore Services and Infrastructure in Lower Ninth Ward

Sewage Treatment- Over \$40 million has been spent on repairs inside the East Bank Sewage Treatment Plant. The Board is continuing those repairs and will soon be bidding projects to replace the Administration Building, a \$6 million job to provide emergency power generation at the plant, a \$14 million job to raise the height of the berm(barrier) that protects the plant from flooding.

Wetland Assimilation Project – This project is designed to reestablish wetlands in the area and protect parts of the City and St. Bernard Parish from suffering future devastation as experienced in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina. The initial \$400,000.00 demonstration/feasibility project has been completed and the first phase of construction for this estimated \$65M project will begin in 2010.

Repair of sewer and water leaks-Post Katrina, S&WB repair crews have repaired 414 sewer defects and made nearly 3,000 water repairs just in the Lower Ninth Ward.

Leak detection- The S&WB purchased over 2,200 movable leak detectors. The initial installation of this high tech equipment was in the Lower Ninth Ward. And, over the course of nine months with this equipment in place, numerous leaks were found and repaired by Board crews. The results: the S&WB experienced a nearly 250% reduction of lost potable water in the Lower Ninth Ward.

Schedule of EPA mandated projects-As part of the ongoing Citywide sewer repair work, the S&WB has two active repair contracts in the Lower Ninth Ward for a combined value of \$5.7 million.

Contract 3982 BLD Services	\$ 3,164,892	lining, point repairs and replacement
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In addition to those two active contracts, the S&WB has 15 more contracts that are currently scheduled to bid between now and the end of 2010 for a combined total of \$31.9 million in sewer repairs.

Drainage Pumping Station 5 Rebuild and Storm Proofing-DPS#5 was completely rebuilt after Katrina at a total of \$2.9 million. Currently scheduled for the spring of 2010, the Corps of Engineers will be bidding two storm proofing projects to strengthen Drainage Pumping Station 5 on the Industrial Canal and make it more reliable in the event of catastrophic weather. These two projects are valued at approximately \$29 million. Working closely with the S&WB engineering team, the design work for these projects is nearing completion in anticipation of the Spring bid date.

Repair work at Four Sewage Pumping Stations (B, 24, 25, 26)- Within the past two months, the S&WB has completed work at three sewage pump stations and is ready to move the big blue temporary pumps away from Sewage Stations 24, 25 and 26. While there is more structural and safety work to be done at these stations, with the completion of this work, they have finally been restored to pre-Katrina functionality. The scope of the repairs to Sewage Station B have been negotiated with FEMA and the S&WB is actively designing the repairs. This project is scheduled to start construction in the summer of 2010.

Florida Ave. Canal (west of Lower Nine)- From DPS 19 to Mazant across the Canal from the Lower Nine, this project will expand the Florida Avenue Canal over a two- year time period at an estimated cost of \$41 million. The Corps of engineers is scheduled to accept bids on this project September 2.

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