



"RE-BUILDING THE CITY'S WATER SYSTEMS FOR THE 21ST CENTURY"

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WORK BEGAN IMMEDIATELY AFTER KATRINA

The Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans, immediately after Katrina hit four years ago, began an incredible number of construction and repair projects to provide quality and reliable services for the citizens of the City. Many have been completed and numerous others are in progress or ready for bid.

After a thorough search, the Board contracted with three program managers, one each for water, sewerage and drainage recovery projects. The Board also contracted with design firms to help speed the construction process.

The total dollar amount of all the activity is approximately \$385,844,865. Another \$254,889,047 is obligated by FEMA for projects, which will be done in the future.

Additionally, major projects scheduled before the storm have now begun, been completed, or are underway.

The Sewerage & Water Board's recovery efforts began the day after Katrina hit and have continued constantly thanks to the dedication of the Board members, management and employees.

Executive Director Marcia St. Martin said, "Our goal then was, and still is, full restoration to provide maximum service to those residents and business owners who stayed in the City and those who are planning to return."

We did get a jump on repairs, but we did not rest on our laurels. Instead, we used our minds, expertise and knowledge of our systems to restore many of our pumps, machinery, equipment, computers, facilities and vehicles and put them back into service more quickly than expected. "

“And, while we still have a lot of critical work to do, I think it’s important for our citizens to know we’ve had many successes in all departments.”

Here are just some of these major undertakings the Board staff and program managers have accomplished in the last four years:

Repair of Old Carrollton Pumping Station \$500,000

Central Yard Annex Building Complete Restoration Repairs \$449,000

Fluidized Bed Incinerator at the East Bank Sewage Treatment Plant \$3.4 million

Modifications to Algiers Water Plant disinfection system \$1.25 million

Removal of residential meters from abandoned accounts \$6.4 million

Water leak repairs \$5.1 million and climbing

Michoud and Lamb Sewage Pumping Stations replacement \$1.9 million and \$1.4 million, respectively

Mechanical repairs to various citywide sewage pumping stations \$2.5 million

The return of Harrell Playground to NORD after a \$1.2 million construction of a new football field and track. This NORD park was used to house Sewerage and Water Board employees whose homes were destroyed so they could return to work.

Rehabilitation of the East Bank Sewage Treatment Plant destroyed by Katrina \$46.4 million expended to date

Emergency installation of bypass pumps around damaged sewage pumping stations \$6 million

Sewer line leak and break repairs \$15.8 million

Electrical repairs to sewage pumping stations \$3.7 million and \$46.5 of sewage pumping station currently under design.

Since Katrina and through the end of 2008, 61,043 water main leaks, and house service leaks, hydrant leaks, valve jobs and meter related repairs were made.

Also, 13,116 fire hydrants were inspected for pressure, lubricated and painted. Corroded anti-theft devices, which prevent water from being stolen, were replaced on the hydrants at a cost of \$2.2 million.

Some 7,224 paving jobs related to the repair of leaks were completed.

Re-start of a \$58.8 million Corps of Engineers contract to build a concrete box culvert canal along Dwyer Road to improve drainage in eastern New Orleans.

Following Katrina, the Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans, Environmental Affairs Division was successful in obtaining a \$400,000 grant from the Delta Regional Authority to develop feasibility and pre-design for the project. The Environmental Affairs Division was also able to obtain a \$10 million grant from the state's Coastal Impact Assistance Program (CIAP) to construct the first phase of the estimated \$65 million wetland assimilation project. Construction of the project has commenced with a 20-acre demonstration project adjacent to the East Bank Sewage Treatment Plant. Ground breaking is expected this November.

A history-making completion of a Memo of Understanding with the Corps of Engineers and the State for \$1billion in SELA urban drainage projects throughout the City.

Overall, all of this work marks the most aggressive and important rebuilding of the water, sewerage and drainage systems in the 110-year history of the Sewerage & Water Board.

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