

Nitrogen Management Studies To Support PWSC project

Metropolitan Water District Subcommittee on Pure Water Southern California and Regional Conveyance Item 3b

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Joint Water Pollution Control Plant and Pure Water Southern California



Recent Sanitation Districts' Led Technical Studies

Nitrogen Management Studies

- Side stream centrate treatment for Nitrogen reduction
- Retrofit existing reactors for Nitrogen reduction
- Pilot scale studies of various treatment approaches
- Development of alternative treatment trains and facilities planning

Source Control

Residuals Management



Nitrogen Management Options Considered



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Nitrogen Management Studies

Nitrogen management committee (2017-2019)

- LACSD and Metropolitan joint effort
- Comprehensively evaluated approaches to meet nitrogen targets
- Recommended treatment process trains for further evaluation

JWPCP technical analysis (2020-Present)

- LACSD nutrient removal study to refine potential alternatives
- Treatment options include tertiary and secondary MBR, and BNR (non-MBR)



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Tertiary MBR Pilot



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Possible Process Flow



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Flex MBR



Factors in Nitrogen Management Approach Selection

Objective – Identify optimal nitrogen management practice based on:

- JWPCP treats a high percentage of industrial waste streams
- Wet Weather Compliance
- Operational Complexity
- Operational Reliability and Redundancy
- Technology Maturity
- Cost
- Environmental Impact
- Constructability
- Flexibility to Adapt to Changes





Next Steps

July 2023

• Complete draft Facilities Plan

2023-2024

- Additional APC testing
- Compile and compare all APC data
- Include in Conceptual Facilities Plan

Late 2024

Project approval





QUESTIONS

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