

#### Travis County W.C.I.D. - Point Venture

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# September Newsletter

# **WWTP Contractor Hired for Construction**

The District received and opened bids on August 24, 2023 for the construction of the new 0.15 million gallons/day (MGD) WWTP, renovations to the exiting 0.1 MGD WWTP, two offsite lift station replacements, and several manhole replacements. Two bidders submitted bids which were Prota Inc. for \$11,437,000.00 and Associated Construction Partners LTD (ACP) for \$10,978,850.00. Trihydro Corp. reviewed the bids and at a special September 7 meeting made a recommendation of award to the Board of Directors.

September 13, 2023

At a special Board meeting, Trihydro submitted a Recommendation of Award to the District's Board of Directors. Trihydro recommended awarding the contract to Associated Construction Partners Ltd. for the base bid amount of \$10,978,850.00 This is the largest project being funded by Bond money received in early 2020 by the District. It is estimated to take approximately 2.5 years to complete.

The two offsite lift stations to be replaced include the one on Whispering Hollow Drive at the intersection of Deckhouse Drive and the "POA" lift station which is off Bearden Drive near the POA office. This lift station will be moved out of the flood plain. The current lift stations will be taken out of service after the new ones are completed.

The next Board meeting is Thursday, September 28 at 3:00 p.m. Check your email and the website for the location.

# **Devastating Fire Destroys Home in PV**

On August 12 a two-alarm house fire, which reportedly started in the garage, completely destroyed the home at 18413 Lakeland Drive in Point Venture. The 911 call went out just before 3:00 p.m. that day and Travis County ESD #1 responded immediately. Upon arrival by the fire department, the home was totally engulfed with flames. Fire assistance came from Automatic Aid Partners Cedar Park, Pflugerville, Lake Travis and Austin Fire Departments. The fire was considered contained after 3 hours. ESD #1 first responders stayed on location throughout the evening to perform extensive overhaul and monitor the area for hot spots.

Approximately 200,000 gallons of District water was used to extinguish the fire. Inframark reported that the District maintained 55 psi pressure during the course of the fire, but with five trucks pulling from the system, it was hard for the plants to keep up with the demand. An IRIS alert went out to ask residents to stop using water to allow greater pressure to the fire zone.

Small fires also started in the dense underbrush and trees behind the home. These fires were approaching the back fence of the District's water plant. Good Samaritans and concerned residents, Cristin Cecala and Eric Carlson, stopped by to check on the water plant after realizing the location of the fire. Cristin drug a hose over the back fence at the plant and stood in the extreme heat for over an hour putting out these fires until firefighters could take over. Her efforts kept the fire from possibly breaching the fence. Other assistance came from Bill and Jean Cecala who initiated standard operating procedures for a fire at the water plant by following the phone instructions of the Inframark plant operator until the operator could arrive and man the situation.



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#### Free event open to the public



As a result of the many issues and concerns the citizens of the North Shore have confronted regarding our dependency on FM 1431, the North Lake Travis Chamber of Commerce has coordinated with the office of Precinct 3 Commissioner Ann Howard, the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) and the Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (CAMPO) to provide interested citizens of the North Shore the opportunity for open dialogue and informed discussions about the safety measures and developmental plans for FM 1431. The event will occur on September 27, 2023, at 6:30 pm at the Lago Vista High School Performing Arts Center on Lohman Ford Road.

The North Lake Travis Chamber of Commerce is hopeful that the residents of the North Shore will take advantage of this unique opportunity to engage with the invited officials. The event is open to all members of the North Shore community, including residents, local businesses, and public officials. Attendees are encouraged to participate actively, ask questions, and contribute their insights to the conversation. By fostering collaboration, the goal to ensure that the development of FM 1431 aligns with the community's vision and safety requirements. For more information click on this link- <u>rm-1431-community-meeting (chamberspace.net)</u>

Current level of Lake Travis as of 9/13/2023 - 630.18 ft msl Full Pool is 681 ft msl Current combined levels for Lakes Buchanan & Travis are 816,794 acre feet PV is under <u>mandatory</u> outdoor watering restrictions. Check the District's website for information. Point Venture will move into Stage 3 outdoor watering restrictions if lake levels reach 750,000 acre feet.