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I recently had an opportunity to tour the Greenfield Wastewater Reclamation Plant (GWRP). Before I continue, I want to point out that all opinions and views expressed in this article are my own. I have not (nor do I expect) that I will be asked to tour a Johnson Utilities (JU) facility, so any comparisons made in this article are done from my own distant observation, docket items, and live streams at the Arizona Corporation Commission.

The first thing I noticed after parking right outside the gate: NO SMELL! This is an immediate and stark contrast to simply driving down Hunt Highway within a mile or two of some of the JU facilities. Second, I walked in the administrative building and not only was I greeted with a smile, but they were expecting me and ready. Already, customer service is top notch. This is going to be a good day. I apologize for not having pictures at this point, I was busy chatting with the staff and joking around. Besides, I didn’t know how they would react to photos being taken. My background in dealing with JU has not been the friendliest or most helpful, so I didn’t want to push any boundaries. Needless to say, they were more than accommodating.

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First, they described the entire flow of the plant. They even have brochures printed up to give a visual representation.

After going through each of the stages of processing shown above, and answering a lot of questions (most questions offered up by me and John Dantico), we continued on to the SCADA control room.

This is the room where the general overview of the plant can be seen and monitored. Much of the operations of the plant can be monitored electronically, and shown as a red/yellow/green indication on a computer screen. If any issues are detected, an indication is given and the operator can go check it out. This method is not foolproof, but is a highly efficient method of utilizing manpower. Sitting right next to the SCADA monitors, to the left is the e-log entry station. Any discrepancies are logged and kept for a minimum of 7 years. However, they verbally said that they have chosen to keep the records forever.

Comparing this to JU, it should be noted that JU does use SCADA, but from ACC documents and Epcor reporting, it is inadequate for their operation. After Epcor took control, one of their tasks was to upgrade, and repair SCADA infrastructure. Also, JU has had Notice of Violations (NOVs) written up regarding their lack of on-site logs being kept, their inability to produce any logs on sight, and their apparent falsification of logs when demanded, which occurred by someone noticing that all handwritten values were exactly on day off but identical to a different month at one point in the hearings (ACC Docket Number: WS-02987A-18-0050). It appears they cannot keep logs for 1 hour, let alone forever.

The next stop on the tour was the onsite lab.

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Fishing Report
What’s Biting And Where?
By Arizona Game And Fish Department
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Tip of the week
Mark Saturday, June 1 on your calendar -- it’s our state’s Free Fishing Day. During that day, which is part of National Fishing and Boating Week, anglers won’t need a fishing license to fish any of our state’s public waters. Stay tuned for a list of free fishing events that day.

Typically, water temperatures in May can reach close to optimum levels for trout. May and October can be the top trout producing months for our high country lakes. This week, we’ve stocked tiger trout into Carnero Lake (55 degrees), and Apache trout into the east and west forks of the Black River.

At Goldwater Lake in Prescott (pictured above) our creel surveys Sunday showed anglers were catching lots of rainbow trout.

Water temperatures in most desert impoundments statewide are reaching the low-70s during afternoons, also near the optimum range for largemouth bass. This is still a couple weeks behind sched-

ule for water temperatures for this time of the year, and most waters remain pretty stained.

There has been a fair, first-light top-water bite at some impoundments such as Roosevelt and Pleasant. As water temperatures warm and full spring conditions commence, shad will move in shallow, predatory fish will follow, and the first-light top-water action will take off

Top bass spots include Roosevelt Lake, Alamo Lake, Lake Havasu, Lake Powell, Bartlett Lake, and even Lake Pleasant. Most bass are in a post-spawn mode and after the sun rises can generally be found around secondary points and structures (around 8-25 feet of water). According to many anglers, largemouth bass action has been slowly improving during the past couple years at Pleasant.

See our Facebook live event from Wednesday at Pleasant with local Bass Pro Gary Senft.

Note that this is a new moon weekend, so fishing with submersible lights at night will be effective, particularly for striped bass and crappie. Top picks for striper action are Lake Pleasant, Mead, Mohave, Powell, Havasu and the Colorado River below Davis Dam.

This is also one of the best times of the year for flathead catfish action. Try Pleasant, Bartlett or the Colorado River Imperial Dam area.

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Monday's Sudoku Puzzle

Enter digits from 1 to 9 into the blank spaces.

Every row must contain one of each digit.

So must every column, as must every 3x3 square.

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Tonto, Canyon hatcheries to close during select days

The Arizona Game and Fish Department will close the Canyon Creek and Tonto Creek fish hatcheries, located in the Payson area of the Tonto National Forest, to the public during select dates for pavement repairs. Closure dates are as follows:

Canyon Creek Hatchery: May 6-9, May 28-30.
Tonto Creek Hatchery: May 10, May 31, June 1.

These closures are necessary for public safety and to allow for proper curing of the slurry seal. For more information, contact the Tonto Creek Hatchery at 928-478-4200 and the Canyon Creek Hatchery at 928-535-5475.

Largemouth bass fry stocked into Apache, Canyon and Saguaro
We stocked more than 1 million Florida-strain largemouth bass this past weekend into Apache, Canyon and Saguaro lakes! We expect a survival rate of around 2 percent, or 20,000 fish, that could survive into adulthood.

This week’s scheduled stockings
Rainbow trout: Canyon Creek, Black Canyon Lake, Silver Creek, Carnero Lake,
Tiger trout: Carnero Lake.
Apache trout: East-Fork Black River, West Fork-Black River.
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This lab is mainly used in running daily operations of the plant. The lab is not used for legal verification of compliance, which is passed off to third party labs. Multiple samples from each section of the plant are brought into this lab daily and tested for the state of the various microorganisms (called “bugs” by the staff). This includes both the health and the quantity of bugs. Basically what they are looking to do is keep the bugs in their mid-life stage. This is where they are most effective, and gives a great indication of the overall health and balance of the plant operation as a whole. Bugs that are too young or too old are less efficient, and indicate either a current problem, or potential issues that need to be addressed immediately. The state of the bugs tells them what kind and how much of a treatment needs to be applied. If these bugs get too far out of line they bring in bugs from other plants to supplement. They even have abilities to pass information to the cities in charge of the incoming wastewater should illegal/detrimental substances be introduced into the system which may cause havoc. The cities will then do investigations into things like illegal dumping and they have methods of tracking down offenders.

At this point I have never heard of JU plants having onsite labs.

We started at the back of the “liquids” section and worked our way forward. This reverse was done because of a lot of construction occurring at the time. First were the disk filters.

This is nothing special. It is simply another stage of filtration that removes particles down to 10 microns. These are self-cleaning filters and the cleaning mechanism is triggered based by flow rate of the water passing through. It is worth noting that at this point I still have not smelled even a slight hint of a sewage odor, even with the doors of this filter open to allow us to peer in.

Next up was the UV treatment phase. The UV treatment takes place under the floor in this area. Note the boxes of UV light bulbs that are being replaced. The bulbs need replaced every ~12,000 hours, or about 1.5 years.

One of the panels in the floor pulled back to display the energized UV section. Note the greenish color being reflected off the inner parts of the treatment chamber.

A rack of UV bulbs removed for maintenance.

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By Pinal County Animal Care and Control

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Rescue Highlight
Meet Diesel!
By Pinal County Animal Care and Control

Diesel (A209775)
Diesel is a super sweet older guy that just wants to be loved in his own home! He is gentle, quiet and easy to walk on a leash! He deserves to be in a loving home with a family that will love him back. Here’s his stats:
- Neutered male, brown and white Beagle and Labrador Retriever.
- The shelter staff thinks he is about 7 years old.
- He has been at the shelter since Jan 14, 2019.
Road Work & Travel Advisory
Loop 202 (Santan Freeway)
Roadway Surface Repairs:
Loop 101 (Price Freeway) to US 60 (Superstition Freeway)
By San Tan Times Staff & Local Towns
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An urgently needed project to repair 21 miles of the Loop 202 (Santan Freeway) in Chandler, Gilbert and Mesa is scheduled to occur over two weekends in May 2019. The freeway will be closed in both directions while work to fill in numerous potholes and preserve the pavement surface is underway.

What to Expect:
Work is scheduled to occur in two sections of the freeway over two weekends. The first section is between US 60 and Williams Field Road. The second section is between Williams Field Road and Loop 101 (Price Freeway). The two sections of the freeway will not be closed at the same time.
Drivers can use local streets as alternate routes while the freeway is fully closed. Expect traffic on local east-west streets to be heavier than usual.
ALLOW EXTRA TRAVEL TIME.

Closure Information:
Through May 6, 2019
The Loop 202 will be closed in both directions between the US 60 and Williams Field Road from 10 p.m. Friday, May 3, to 3 a.m. Monday, May 6. Also:

- State Route 24 will be closed at Ellsworth Road.
- The interchange ramps from east and westbound US 60 to westbound Loop 202 will be closed.
- The Loop 202 on- and off-ramps at Baseline, Guadalupe, Elliot, Hawes, Power, Higley and Williams Field roads will be closed.

May 10-13, 2019:
The Loop 202 will be closed in both directions between Williams Field Road and the Loop 101 from 10 p.m. Friday, May 10, to 3 a.m. Monday, May 13. Also:

- The interchange ramp from southbound Loop 101 to eastbound Loop 202 will be closed.
- The ramp from Williams Field Road to westbound Loop 202 will be closed, as well as the Loop 202 on- and off-ramps at Santan Village Parkway, Val Vista Drive, Gilbert, Cooper and McQueen roads, Arizona Avenue and Alma School, Dobson and Price roads.

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Utility Work on Combs, Ocotillo Road Project, & Union Pacific Closures

On Saturday, May 11th there will be utility work on Combs Road east of Gantzel Road. Work will include a lane closure for westbound travel.

Reminder Ocotillo Road Project – Ironwood Dr to Kenworthy Rd

Roadway rehabilitation project will begin on Ocotillo Road between Ironwood Drive and Kenworthy Road on March 18th. Work on the existing 3-lane road is expected to last through the end of July 2019. Project will include lane restrictions and speed reductions. Please use caution while driving through the work zone and plan for extra drive time due to expected traffic delays. Feb. 15 – Feb. 19; 24-hour

Union Pacific Railroad Road Closures
Union Pacific Railroad will be doing track maintenance in Pinal County Right-of-Way via permit which will require full closures of some County roadways. Recently Bella Vista Road was closed May 1st and 2nd. On Monday Arizona Farms Road is up next followed by Martin Road Later in the Month: Arizona Farms Road – May 6th and May 7th

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Queen Creek:
There are quite a few projects going on in the Queen Creek area. On this page you will see the full list of road work projects taking place in Queen Creek. On page 17 you will find the map that highlights where the road work is taking place that matches the numbers highlighted on this page.

1. **Rittenhouse Rd NB and SB lane shift at Ocotillo Rd** for directional drilling and potholing utilities work. Apr. 20 – May 03; 8:30 am – 2:30 pm
2. **Riggs Rd EB lane shift between Power Rd and Hawes Rd** for roadway improvements. Feb. 21 – Apr. 30; 24-hour
3. **Gary Rd SB lane shift at Combs Rd** for flagging operations, sub grade prep, and paving. Apr. 15 – May 17; 9 am – 2 pm
4. **Ellsworth Rd NB and SB lane shift between Germann Rd and Queen Creek Rd** for roadway widening. Apr. 08 – May 08; 9 am – 2:00 pm
5. **Empire Rd full closure between Signal Butte Rd and Village lane** for water line install. Apr. 15 – May 15; 24-hour
6. **Combs Rd WB lane shift at meridian Rd** for removal of concrete ditch. Apr. 15 – May. 15; 24-hour
7. **Cloud Rd EB and WB lane shift between Rittenhouse RD and Crismon road** for water and sewer line install. Apr. 16 – Jul. 30; 24-hour
8. **Ocotillo Rd EB and WB lane shift and flagging operations for gas and electric install. Apr. 22 – May 03; 9 am – 2 pm
9. **Ellsworth Rd SB lane shift at Empire for boring, trenching and potholing utility work. Apr. 30 – May 07; 8 pm – 5 am
10. **Maya Rd EB lane shift at Ellsworth Rd for boring. May 6 – May 17; 8:30 am – 3:30 pm
11. **Combs Rd EB lane shift at Painted Desert Dr. for new service install. May 8 – May 9; 8:30 am – 2:30 pm
12. **Market Place Dr full closure at 187th St for utility work. May 8 – Jun. 30; 8:30 am – 4 pm
13. **Rittenhouse Rd NB lane shift at 187th St for utility work. May 6 – Jun. 30; 8:30 am – 4 pm
14. **Rittenhouse RD NB lane and SB lane shift between Power Rd and 187th** St for utility work. May 6 – Jun. 30; 24-hour

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By, Rod Small
Commentary by San Tan Times Staff

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