



## MEMORANDUM

**To:** All Councilmembers  
**From:** CURO  
**By:** Shannon Blanks  
**CC:** Paul Harang and Anita Curran  
**Date:** December 14, 2022  
**RE:** SWBNO Meeting 12.14.2022

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### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans (SWBNO) Board of Directors (the Board) met Wednesday, December 14, 2022. In addition, the Board received updates on the general standing of the SWBNO. The complete packet for the meeting may be found [here](#).

#### **Executive Director Report**

##### **A. West Power Complex (WPC)**

A WPC groundbreaking event was held in December 2022 to announce that Entergy New Orleans will begin constructing a dedicated substation to power SWBNO assets.

##### **B. Finance Update**

- [1] 2023 Budget- The Board approved the operating and capital budget resolutions. The budget presentation may be found in **Attachment 1**.
- [2] Drainage Bond- A \$45 million drainage bond was approved in December 2023. The bond will be used to fund the WPC.
- [3] FEMA Reimbursements- \$7 million in reimbursements was received from FEMA in December (\$2 million for COVID relief and \$5 million for Hurricane Ida)
- [4] Monthly Revenue- The average monthly cash collection is \$22.3 million.

##### **C. Partnerships**

- [1] Late Fee Forgiveness Program- SWBNO concludes the late fee forgiveness program as of December 30, 2022. SWBNO has forgiven approximately \$32,915 and initiated 3060 new payment arrangements.
- [2] One Stop Shop- Plumbing permit functions will be addressed by the “One Stop Shop” beginning in January 2023.

[3] Paving Repair Backlog- SWBNO will continue to retain contractors to restore pavement cuts. The Department of Public Works (DPW) is also procuring a contract to address SWBNO's backlog of pavement cut repairs. The DPW contract is expected to repair approximately 1200 street cuts in 2023.

**D. Smart Meter Program**

SWBNO has approved a contract to manage the installation and implementation of a [smart metering system](#) to track water usage for all customers. The new meter installations are expected to begin in the summer of 2023 and be completed by the end of 2026.

**E. State of The Utility**

As required by Louisiana Revised Statute 33:409, the SWBNO third 2022 quarterly report to the Public Works Committee may be found [here](#).

**F. Pumping and Power Assets**

- 95 of the 99 drainage pumps are online and available for use as of December 2022.
  - a. DPS 6 at Metairie Road- I Pump is out of service due to a pump bearing issue. Twelve additional drainage pumps and two constant-duty pumps are available at this station.
  - b. DPS 10 in New Orleans East- No. 1 pump is out of service; an investigation is underway. Three additional drainage pumps are available for use at the station
  - c. DPS 13 near Tall Timbers Algiers- No. 4 Pump on standby for Emergency Use Only. Five additional drainage pumps and one constant-duty pump are available at this station
  - d. DPS 16 in New Orleans East-No. 2 Pump is out of service due to a coupling. Three additional drainage pumps are available at this station
- Turbines 4, 5, 6, and the EMDs are online and available for use.