Facilities Plan
Oldham County Sewer District
Chapter 10 – Public Participation

Purpose

The purpose of this chapter can be summarized as follows:

- Document the public participation activities conducted by OCSD relative to the Facilities Plan.
- Provide a transcript of the public hearing.
- Provide a summary of the written comments received at the public hearing and responses to these comments.

Public Meeting

A public meeting on the status of the OCSD Facilities Plan was held on August 30, 2006. The meeting was held at the John Black Community Center in Buckner, Kentucky at 5:00 PM. Mr. Tom Davis, President of the OCSD Board, performed introductions and gave an overview and history of the OCSD and outlined the goals and objectives of the District. Mr. Vince Bowlin, Executive Director and Chief Engineer of the District, gave an overview of the facilities plan and the considered alternatives for each of the service areas.

Following the general session there were four stations set up, one for each of the service areas, where attendees could ask specific questions regarding the considered alternatives for each of the four service areas.

A handout was made available for the attendees that summarized the status of the facilities plan. A copy of this handout is provided in Appendix A.

Stakeholders Meeting

A stakeholders meeting was held at the OCSD offices on October 12, 2006. The purpose of this meeting was to assemble a group of countywide stakeholders to provide input relative to the selection of recommended alternatives for the Oldham County Facilities Plan. The following outlines the stakeholders that participated in the session:

- Mr. Ed Basquill – Louisville Water Company
- Mr. Wade Helm – City of LaGrange
- Mr. Roy Messerschmidt – Torbitt & Castleman
- Mr. Philip Ward – Oldham County Water District
The group was presented with a list of evaluation criteria proposed for use in evaluating the considered alternatives for each of the four service areas. Each criteria was defined and discussed with the group and the group was asked to define any additional criteria they felt were significant relative to alternatives evaluation. The final list of evaluation criteria and their definition can be summarized as follows:

- Environmental Impact – short and long term impacts on the environment including items such as water quality, flora and fauna, traffic and others.
- Public Acceptance – a measure of the public acceptance of the project.
- Flexibility – ability to adapt to changing conditions.
- Reliability – a measure of performance dependability.
- Operability – ease of operation of the proposed facilities.
- Energy Use – energy conservation, a measure of energy consumption associated with the proposed facilities.
- Constructability – ease with which the proposed facilities can be constructed and phased into operation.
- Infrastructure Compatibility – compatibility with other infrastructure improvements proposed for the county such as waterline extensions, road improvements and other utility improvements.

Next, the stakeholders group was asked to assign a weight to each of the defined evaluation criteria to reflect its relative importance. A total of 100 points was to be distributed among the eight evaluation criteria. Each member of the stakeholders group individually distributed the 100 points between the eight criteria. The combined results of the stakeholders’ weighting can be summarized as follows:

- Environmental Impact – 20 points
• Public Acceptance – 10 points
• Flexibility – 12 points
• Reliability – 19 points
• Operability – 12 points
• Energy Use – 8 points
• Constructability – 9 points
• Infrastructure Compatibility – 10 points

These evaluation criteria and their associated weight were used in the alternative selection process to select the recommended plan for each of the defined service areas.

**Public Hearing**

The Oldham County Sewer District conducted a public hearing on April 18, 2007 at the John W. Black Community Center in Buckner, Kentucky, to receive input from all interested parties. During the public hearing, the OCSD presented an overview of the Facilities Plan, including a description of the findings and recommendations. Appendix B contains the following information associated with the public hearing:

• Official transcript of the public hearing.
• Public hearing affidavit of publication.
• Public hearing presentation.
• Public hearing comments and responses.