# Water Environment Federation Student Wastewater Design Competition



# *Greenfield Water Reclamation Facility*

Civil Environmental **ENGINEERING** Final Report 2018

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## **LETTER OF TRANSMITTAL**

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AZ Water Association Judging Panel 2018 Regional Competition

Dear AZ Water Association Judging Panel,

The Northern Arizona University student design competition team is pleased to submit this final plan for the expansion of Greenfield Water Reclamation Facility as part of the Water Environment Federation student design competition. This final design report includes a project description, summary of the project team, analysis of the existing treatment facility, discussion of the design solution, and all necessary supporting documentation. The expansion is expected to take 36 months to construct with a cost of approximately \$152.46 million.

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## <span id="page-5-1"></span>List of Abbreviations

ADEQ - Arizona Department of Environmental Quality BOD - Biological Oxygen Demand COD - Chemical Oxygen Demand DO - Dissolved Oxygen GPD - Gallons per Day GPM - Gallons per Minute GWRF - Greenfield Water Reclamation Facility HP - Horsepower HRT - Hydraulic Retention Time MGD - Million gallons per day MLE - Modified Ludzack-Ettinger Process O&M - Operations and Maintenance SEWRP - Southeast Water Reclamation Plant TKN - Total Kjeldahl Nitrogen TSS - Total Suspended Solids UV - Ultraviolet VSS - Volatile Suspended Solids WEF - Water Environment Federation

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## <span id="page-8-0"></span>Abstract

The Greenfield Water Reclamation Facility (GWRF) operates at a capacity of 16MGD producing A+ reclaimed water and Class B biosolids. The purpose of this project is to increase treatment capacity at the facility to 30MGD, with a peak design flow of 60MGD while maintaining reclaimed water and biosolid product quality. This plant serves the Town of Gilbert, City of Mesa, and Town of Queen Creek and is jointly owned by these three entities. It is operated by the City of Mesa.

The enclosed report includes background information on GWRF, modeling of the wastewater characteristics, hydraulics of the plant units, identification of alternatives, design criteria, analysis of the economics, feasibility, efficiency improvements, social impacts, operations and maintenance of proposed alternatives, selection of proposed improvements, implementation, construction, and future recommendations.

The final design will include:

- WesTech vortex grit removal system
- One circular primary sedimentation basin
- Two MLE aeration basins
- Three circular secondary clarifiers
- Six Kruger cloth-media disk filters
- Two UV channels with WEDECO lamps
- Two Westfalia thickening centrifuges
- One anaerobic digester
- Cambi thermal hydrolysis
- One Westfalia dewatering centrifuge

The total cost of the proposed design improvements will be approximately \$152.46 million and will take approximately 36 months to complete construction.

## <span id="page-9-0"></span>1.0 Project Description

The Greenfield Water Reclamation Facility (GWRF), shown in Figure 1 and Figure 2, currently serving the Town of Gilbert, City of Mesa, and Town of Queen Creek, requires an expansion of treatment capacity due to an increase in influent flow. Currently this plant is rated to treat an average 16 million gallons per day (MGD) and produces Class A+ reclaimed water and Class B biosolids. The Town of Gilbert, City of Mesa, and Town of Queen Creek need to increase the capacity to 30 MGD while considering a peaking factor of two to provide a maximum capacity of 60MGD. GWRF will continue to accept an additional 8 MGD of sludge from the Southeast Water Reclamation Plant (SEWRP), while still producing Class A+ reclaimed water and Class B biosolids for reuse (See Appendix H).



<span id="page-9-1"></span>*Figure 1: Location of Greenfield Water Reclamation Facility*



*Figure 2: Aerial Photograph of Greenfield Water Reclamation Facility*

<span id="page-10-0"></span>The objectives of this project:

1. Analyze the historic wastewater characteristics as well as existing treatment process,

2. Identify and evaluate processes and technologies to improve and upgrade the plant to a capacity of 30 MGD (with a peak flow of 60MGD), and

3. Prepare an implementation plan for the recommended process area expansion and new technologies without disrupting current plant operations.

## <span id="page-11-0"></span>1.1 Team Member Roles

To ensure the project is completed effectively and in a timely manner each team member was assigned specific roles. However, the team collaborated on all aspects of the project to check each other's work for quality control and ensure a shared understanding of project components. Therefore, each team member will be held accountable for each aspect of the project regardless of whether it is their main role.

#### **Jed Ward:**

As an environmental engineer, Jed worked mainly on analyzing wastewater characteristics at the influent, effluent, and throughout each process unit with Maxwell. This analysis was also applied to model each process unit to determine the sizing feasibility for the new or improved units that will need to be added. Jed took on the role of project manager by maintaining the schedule and keeping the team on track as well as contacting vendors to inquire about new products.

#### **Maxwell Ward:**

As an environmental engineer, Maxwell worked mainly on analyzing wastewater characteristics at the influent, effluent, and throughout each unit with Jed. This analysis was also applied to model each unit to determine sizing feasibility for the new or improved units that will need to be added. Maxwell took on the role of data analysis and focused mainly on process and computer work as well as contacting vendors to inquire about new products.

#### **Ryan Winter:**

As a civil engineer, Ryan worked alongside Nicholas to complete the hydraulic, expansion, and construction analyses. This includes creating hydraulic diagrams, determining adequate flows, drafting a new site plan, and creating a construction schedule. Ryan mainly focused on the hydraulic analysis and optimization as well as contacting vendors to inquire about new products.

#### **Nicholas Babcock:**

As a civil engineer, Nicholas worked alongside Ryan to complete the hydraulic, expansion, and construction analyses. This includes creating hydraulic diagrams, determining adequate flows, drafting a new site plan, and creating a construction schedule. Nicholas mainly focused on the expansion and construction analysis as well as contacting vendors to inquire about new products.

## <span id="page-11-1"></span>2.0 Background Information

To gain a better understanding the existing conditions, treatment processes were analyzed to understand the plant hydraulics, treatment methods, capacity, and identify expansion requirements. By understanding the existing facility layout (See Appendix C), the team determined locations for new process units required to meet the design flow needs and identify opportunities to implement new treatment technologies. In the interest of narrowing the scope the team has decided not to perform analysis on the expansion of the existing odor control system or pumps.

#### <span id="page-11-2"></span>2.1 Analysis of Existing Wastewater Treatment Plant

This analysis includes an overview of the important characteristics of each unit including capacity, number of units operating and on standby, and dimensions (See Appendix H). A summary of the liquid stream treatment methods used at the GWRF is provided in Table 1 below.

<span id="page-12-0"></span>*Table 1: Existing Liquid Stream Units*



#### A summary of the solids treatment methods used at the GWRF are summarized in Table 2 below.

<span id="page-13-2"></span>*Table 2: Existing Solids Stream Units*



#### <span id="page-13-0"></span>2.1.1 Hydraulic Analysis

In order to determine which process units require a capacity increase, the existing treatment units were modeled hydraulically. This model was created in Microsoft Excel using existing data provided by the GWRF Phase II design report, and the GWRF O&M manuals. The new peak flow of 60MGD was modeled to identify the units requiring expansion based on standard design parameters. The units that were modeled were bar screens, grit removal, primary clarifiers, aeration basins, secondary clarifiers, tertiary filters, UV disinfection, sludge thickening, anaerobic digesters, and sludge dewatering. See Appendix A for complete hydraulic model and methodology.

#### <span id="page-13-1"></span>2.1.2 Wastewater Analysis

Accurate estimates of the future wastewater characteristics are essential to a properly designed wastewater reclamation plant. This was achieved with Excel using pivot tables to predict the

change of BOD, COD, TSS, and TKN, as flow increased. In Appendix B a full analysis of wastewater characteristics is displayed along with figures. This allowed for the estimation of wastewater characteristics at the design flow of 30 MGD. This data represents the increase in waste concentration that results from new development having more efficient bathroom fixtures. The concentrations described below in Table 3 were used as the influent parameters during design.

Flow (MGD)	$TKN$ (mg/L)	$TSS$ (mg/L)	$\text{COD (mg/L)}$	$BOD$ (mg/L)
15	55.9	384.3	822.7	298.2
25	64.2	431.1	909.7	319.7
30	67.1	447.8	940.8	327.4
45	73.6	484.9	1009.8	344.6
60	78.3	511.2	1058.8	356.7

<span id="page-14-3"></span>*Table 3: Projected Wastewater Characteristics with increased Flow*

## <span id="page-14-0"></span>3.0 Discussion of Design Solution

#### <span id="page-14-1"></span>3.1 Determination of Design Criteria

For each step of the treatment process various alternatives will be analyzed in decision matrices. The threshold criteria include that proposed alternatives must meet the required capacity, fit within the area of the plant, and be readily available. There are five criteria that will be analyzed in the decision matrices including life cycle cost, feasibility/constructability, efficiency improvements, social impacts, and operations & maintenance (O&M).

Each of these criteria is assigned a weight based on their criticality to the success of the project. Life cycle cost is typically considered to be the most critical aspect of a project and is given a weight of 6. Feasibility/constructability received a weight of 5 and was determined to be the second most critical aspect because each alternative should be feasible and easily constructible. Efficiency improvements was weighted at 4 because while this is not as essential to the success of the project as life cycle cost or feasibility/constructability the team wishes to improve the efficiency of the treatment processes. Social impact was weighted at a 3 because GWRF already has positive social impacts and while no negative impacts should be expected it should be considered. The lowest weighted criterion was O&M at 2 since O&M costs are already built into life cycle cost. The purpose of this criteria is to ensure that the GWRF operators are safe and satisfied with the new technology.

Each alternative will be rated on a scale of one to five with one barely meeting the criteria, five exceeding the criteria, and three meeting the criteria. The rating from each criterion will then be multiplied by the weight and then summed to achieve a score out of 100.

### <span id="page-14-2"></span>3.2 Identification of Alternatives

The first step in the design is to identify alternatives that can be used to upgrade the plant from 16 MGD to 30 MGD. A peaking factor of two will be applied to accommodate peak flows so each alternative must be able to handle a peak flow of 60 MGD. The decision matrices will typically include adding redundant units and other viable alternatives that meet threshold criteria. Additional research was done to find new and innovative technologies. Since some of the existing units already met the new design flow Table 4 below summarizes the units that require expansion and those that do not.

#### <span id="page-15-2"></span>*Table 4: Expansion Required*



#### <span id="page-15-0"></span>3.3 Analysis to Determine Unit Expansion

To determine the treatment performance of GWRF and verify it meets Arizona Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ) Class A+ effluent standards the plant was modeled in Excel. The approach to this model was to perform a material balance on each of the treatment units and follow the removal of constituents throughout the plant. The model tracked the removal of BOD, COD, TSS, and TKN for each of the units at GWRF. The model is fed the initial concentrations and the amount removed by each unit was calculated. The exiting concentrations were then fed into the next treatment unit. This process was repeated for the liquids and solids treatment streams of GWRF. The complete model that was used to determine hydraulic capacity and unit treatment can be seen in Appendix A.

#### <span id="page-15-1"></span>3.4 Opportunities for Unit Improvements

The existing GWRF units are considered to be the industry standard, therefore adding redundant units will be considered for every unit that requires expansion. However, through conversations with staff as well as industry research, we found opportunities to improve certain processes including the grit chambers, primary sedimentation basins, secondary clarifiers, tertiary filtration, disinfection, sludge thickening, digestion, and sludge dewatering. Alternative units that will be analyzed against the existing processes include:

- 1. WesTech aerated grit chamber
- 2. Rectangular primary sedimentation basin
- 3. Huber Primary Drum Screens (Appendix F)
- 4. Rectangular secondary clarifiers
- 5. Dual media filters
- 6. Chlorine disinfection
- 7. Gravity belt thickeners
- 8. Rotating drum thickeners
- 9. Cambi Thermal Hydrolysis prior to digestion 10. Belt press dewatering

These design alternatives were considered because the majority are commonly implemented in wastewater treatment. However, the Huber primary drum screens and Cambi Thermal Hydrolysis are relatively new technologies that were discovered through research. Both of these new technologies were considered because they are known to potentially provide benefits when compared to the existing treatment units.

## <span id="page-16-0"></span>3.5 Economic Analysis

The economic analysis includes the costs of design, construction, and O&M to determine the life cycle cost. Life cycle cost will be the basis to score the alternatives for the expansion of GWRF. Each life cycle cost was created using vendors quotes, design reports from other projects, and manufacturers websites. A typical design life 30 years was used to give a present worth cost for Phoenix, AZ. See Appendix E for complete economic analysis.



#### <span id="page-16-1"></span>*Table 5: Economic Analysis Rating Criteria*

<span id="page-16-2"></span>*Table 6: Economic Analysis Ratings*







## <span id="page-18-0"></span>3.6 Feasibility Analysis

This feasibility analysis is based upon the potential space savings of the alternatives, compatibility of the new units with existing infrastructure, and compatibility with units for future expansion phases.

<span id="page-18-1"></span>*Table 7: Feasibility Analysis Rating Criteria*

<b>Feasibility Analysis Rating Criteria</b>		
Score	Criteria	
	Not feasible	
	Feasible with minor modifications	
	No modifications to existing	
	Improves on existing features	
	Improves on existing features and future expansion	

#### <span id="page-18-2"></span>*Table 8: Feasibility Analysis Ratings*







## <span id="page-20-0"></span>3.7 Efficiency Improvements Analysis

This analysis is based upon various measurements of efficiency that are applicable to each unit and how they compare with the existing treatment efficiency.

<b>Efficiency Improvement Analysis Rating Criteria</b>			
Score	Criteria		
	Major decrease in efficiency (less than 20% efficient)		
	Minor decrease in efficiency (between 20% and 0% less efficient)		
	No change to efficiency		
	Minor increase in efficiency (between 0% and 20% increased efficiency)		
	Major increase in efficiency (greater than 20% increased efficiency)		

<span id="page-20-1"></span>*Table 9: Efficiency Improvements Analysis Rating Criteria*

<span id="page-20-2"></span>*Table 10: Efficiency Improvements Analysis Ratings*







## <span id="page-22-0"></span>3.8 Social Impacts Analysis

This social impacts analysis will include an analysis for units that have a social impact whereas units that are given a three were determined to have no social impact.



<span id="page-22-1"></span>*Table 11: Social Impacts Analysis Rating Criteria*

<span id="page-23-0"></span>*Table 12: Social Impacts Analysis Ratings*





## <span id="page-24-0"></span>3.9 Operations and Maintenance Analysis

<span id="page-24-1"></span>*Table 13: Operations and Maintenance Analysis Rating Criteria*



<span id="page-25-0"></span>*Table 14: Operations and Maintenance Analysis Ratings*





## <span id="page-26-0"></span>4.0 Selection of Proposed Improvements

Based on the research and analysis of GWRF's existing treatment processes and units that required expansion the team has decided upon improvements for the facility. The result of the analyses were input into decision matrices that were utilized to determine the best alternatives (See Appendix D). The highest scoring alternatives recommended to meet expansion needs are summarized below:



<span id="page-27-1"></span>*Table 15: Proposed Improvements*

The life cycle cost of adding each of these alternatives over 30 years has been determined below to find a total expansion cost of approximately \$152.46 Million. It should be noted that this cost is only taking into account the added units and not the cost of operating the entire plant. This cost estimate also excludes odor control, pumps, piping, monitoring equipment, rehabilitation of existing units, and other miscellaneous costs. As a result of these assumptions the actual cost for the Town of Gilbert, City of Mesa, and Town of Queen Creek will likely be 20-25% higher. See Appendix E for full cost estimate.



<span id="page-27-2"></span>*Table 16: Life Cycle Cost of Expansion*

#### <span id="page-27-0"></span>4.1 Implementation and Construction

This expansion will include the construction of one WesTech mechanically-induced vortex grit removal system, a redundant primary sedimentation basin, two MLE aeration basins, three secondary clarifiers, six Kruger cloth-media disk filters, two UV channels with WEDECO lamps, two Westfalia thickening centrifuges, one anaerobic digester, Cambi Thermal Hydrolysis, and one Westfalia solid bowl dewatering centrifuge.

The construction schedule was based off of typical construction schedules for wastewater treatment facilities. The expected construction duration for this expansion is approximately 36 months. A full construction schedule can be seen in Appendix G. For the expansion site layout refer to Appendix C.

## <span id="page-28-0"></span>5.0 Recommendations

This plant was designed and constructed in 2003, therefore the majority of the systems are the industry standard for efficiency and cost saving mechanisms. The UV disinfection process is more labor intensive than chlorine systems. Since the plant started with UV, it was determined to be more feasible to continue using UV rather than replacing them with a chlorine contact basin. However, chlorine contact may be a feasible option for future expansions. One major change is the addition of thermal hydrolysis. Current plant operations create Class B biosolids, implementing thermal hydrolysis would produce Class A biosolids. Heating the solids during the hydrolysis process destroys the pathogens before they enter the digester to meet Class A standards. Class A biosolids have more potential for reuse and income. The high construction cost of thermal hydrolysis if partially offset due to the income from selling sludge as a fertilizer and requiring less digesters. At a 30 MGD flow, GWRF would need to spend approximately \$500,000 annually to dispose of sludge but by utilizing thermal hydrolysis the solids can be sold.

Looking towards future expansions additional innovations may become more viable as influent flow increases. The addition of primary screens in the final phase of this project will increase gas output from the digesters and make cogeneration more feasible. Cogeneration can be achieved by capturing biogas and utilizing gas generators to move the plant toward net zero energy use. Gas scrubbing will be used to remove sulfides and carbon dioxide to prepare the biogas for cleaner combustion in the generators. Cogeneration will require an initial higher capital cost, however it will significantly decrease the energy costs due to more sustainable energy consumption.

In the future, GWRF may become a viable candidate for direct potable reuse. This will become an increasingly important innovation in dry climates such as the southwest. This expansion continues to produce Class A+ effluent allowing the effluent to be distributed to a water treatment plant. As legislation regarding direct potable reuse continues to be developed the effluent leaving GWRF may become a revenue source as an influent into a drinking water plant. It will become the responsibility of engineers to inform the public of the advantages of direct potable reuse to sway the public opinion and improve legislation. As direct potable reuse become more accepted GWRF will become a model for a more sustainable future.

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# <span id="page-30-0"></span>7.0 Appendix A: GWRF Excel Model



#### <span id="page-30-1"></span>*Table 17: GWRF Excel Model Inputs*

## **Bar Screens**

The first unit in the treatment process is the bar screens. It was assumed that the treatment in the bar screens is negligible and none of the constituents were removed. The GWRF currently has two bar screens in operation. The two screens sit in identical channels that are 4.5ft wide, 8ft deep and have a maximum flow depth of 6ft. [1] The maximum velocity that is allowed through the channels is 5ft/sec. [1] To determine if an additional screen is required, the velocity was calculated by dividing the new design flow by the cross-sectional area of the channel. The equation used can be seen below in Equation 1. It was found that expansion was not required for the bar screens.

> *Equation 1: Channel Velocity [2]*  $V =$ Q  $\overline{A}$

Where: V= Channel Velocity (ft/sec)  $Q=$  Flow in (ft<sup>3</sup>/sec) A = Cross sectional area  $(\text{ft}^2)$ 

#### <span id="page-30-2"></span>*Table 18: Bar Screen Model*





## **Grit Removal**

The second unit modeled was grit removal. It was assumed that the treatment in the grit removal is negligible and none of the constituents were removed, due to the inert nature of the grit. There are two grit removal units at the GWRF with one in use and the other on standby. [1] Each of these units are rated for 32 MGD. The capacities were compared to the design flow, to determine if the units met the design criteria. An additional unit will be added to the grit removal section of the plant.



<span id="page-31-0"></span>*Table 19: Grit Removal Model*

#### **Primary Clarifiers**

There are two circular primary sedimentation basins that are in use at the GWRF. The sedimentation basins have a diameter of 140ft and a sidewall depth of 14.5ft, each with a volume of 1,875,000 gallons. [1] In order for the primary sedimentation basins to function as designed, they must have a hydraulic retention time (HRT) of between 2-3 hours. [2] To determine the HRT, the total volume of the sedimentation basins is divided by the design flow. The equation used can be seen below in Equation 2.

Equation 2: Hydroulic Retention Time [2]  

$$
HRT = \frac{V}{Q}
$$

Where:

HRT= Hydraulic Retention Time (hrs)  $V=$  Volume (gal) Q= Design Flow (gal/hr)

It was found that one identical sedimentation basin was needed to handle the increase in flow. With the additional sedimentation basin, the HRT would be in an acceptable range of 2-3 hours. [2] It was assumed that if the HRT fell in the design HRT range, 40% of BOD, 40% of COD, 60% of TSS, and 10% of TKN would be removed. [2] The effluent concentration was determined by multiplying the initial concentration by the removal efficiency. The mass removed was found by subtracting the effluent concertation from the initial concentration, using Equation 3 below.

Equation 3: Mass Removed [2]  

$$
\frac{mg}{L} removed = (\frac{mg}{L}influent - \frac{mg}{L}Effulent)
$$

Once the mass removed was found the sludge flow rate leaving the primary sedimentation basins was calculated. The mass rate of TSS leaving was calculated by multiplying the TSS removed by the flowrate, which can be seen in Equation 4 below.

Equation 4: Mass Rate [3]  
\n
$$
m_{\text{sludge}} = \left(\frac{mg}{L} \text{ removed} \times Q\right)
$$

Where:

m= Mass rate (lb/day)  $Q=$  flowrate (gal/day)

The mass rate was then adjusted for the percent solids that are assumed to be produced in the sedimentation basins by dividing the mass rate by the decimal percent solids being produced. Lastly, the mass rate was then converted into flowrate using the specific gravity of the sludge as shown below in Equation 5.

Equation 5: Sludge Flow Rate [3]  

$$
Q_{Sludge} = \frac{\dot{m}}{G}
$$

## Where: G= Specific gravity (kg/L)

#### <span id="page-33-0"></span>*Table 20: Primary Clarifier Model*





## **Aeration Basin**

The GWRF currently has two aeration basins with dimensions of 240ft by 297ft and a total volume of 10.63 million gallons. [1] Aeration basins need to have a HRT of 10.2 hours in order to provide adequate treatment. [1] To determine the HRT for each basin, Equation 2 was used. It was calculated that a set of aeration basins would need to be added to handle the design flow. BOD and COD removal were based on the solids retention time (SRT), the yield of volatile suspended solids per BOD, HRT, and the decay coefficient. The effluent concentration of BOD and COD were calculated using Equation 6 below.

Equation 6: *Effluent Substrate concentration* [4]  

$$
S = S_0 - \frac{X(\theta(1 + k_d \theta_c))}{\theta_c Y}
$$

Where:

S=Effluent Substrate Concentration (mg/L)  $S_{0}$ = Influent Substrate Concentration (mg/L) X= MLVSS concentration (mg/L)  $\Theta$ = HRT  $\Theta_c = SRT$  $k_d$ = Decay Coefficient (1/day)  $Y = Yield (gVSS/gBOD)$ 

The removal of TKN was determined assuming that there is 3% of nitrifying bacteria in the system. [4] This is used to find the amount of VSS in the system that can perform nitrification and denitrification. The utilization rate of the nitrogen were calculated using the SRT, decay coefficient, and yield using Equation 7 below.

Equation 7: Nitrogen Utilization Rate [4]  

$$
U = \left(\frac{1}{\theta_c} + k_d\right) \left(\frac{1}{Y}\right)
$$

 Where: U= Nitrogen Utilization Rate (1/day)  $\Theta$ = HRT  $\Theta_c = \text{SRT}$ kd= Decay Coefficient (1/day) Y= Yield (gVSS/gBOD)

The effluent TKN concentration was determined using Equation 8 below.

*Equation 8: Effluent Nitrogen Concentration* [4]  $N_0 - (U \times \theta \times X_n) = N$ 

 $N_0$ =Influent TKN Concentration (mg/L) U= Nitrogen Utilization Rate (1/day)  $\Theta$ = HRT N= Effluent TKN Concentration (mg/L)

Next, the observed yield of TSS per BOD was calculated to find the mass of sludge wasted from the activated sludge system. This was done using Equation 9 below.

Equation 9: Observed Yield [4]  

$$
Y_{obs} = \frac{Y}{1 + k_d \times \theta_c}
$$

Where:

Yobs= Observed Yield of TSS per BOD

Lastly, the mass of sludge wasted in the activated sludge system was calculated to find the sludge flowrate going to the solids treatment stream. This was found using Equation 10 below.

> *Equation 10: Mass Rate of Sludge Wasted* [4]  $P_x = Y_{obs} \times Q \times BOD$  removed

Where:

Px= Mass Rate of Sludge Wasted

<span id="page-35-0"></span>*Table 21: Aeration Basin Model*





## **Secondary Clarifiers**

There are four circular secondary clarifiers in use at the GWRF. The clarifiers have a diameter of 120ft and a sidewall depth of 15ft, each with a volume of 1,270,000 gallons. [1] In order for secondary clarifiers to function as designed they must have a HRT between 3-4 hours. [5] Equation 2 was used to calculate the HRT by dividing the total volume of the clarifiers by the design flow. For secondary clarifiers, it was found that with three additional identical clarifiers the HRT would be at an acceptable range of 3-4 hours. [2] It was assumed that if the HRT fell in the design, 40% of BOD, 40% of COD, 96% of TSS, and 25% of TKN would be removed. [1] These efficiencies were estimated from the mass balance performance of the Phase II Expansion. [1] The effluent concentration was found by multiplying the initial concentration by the removal efficiency using Equation 4.



#### <span id="page-37-0"></span>*Table 22: Secondary Clarifier Model*

## **Tertiary Filters**

The GWRF uses cloth media type tertiary filters. There are 6 filter cells in use with 12 modules per cell and each cell has  $645.6$ ft<sup>2</sup> of filter area. [1] The design hydraulic loading rate for these filters is  $5.7$ GPM/ft<sup>2</sup>. Equation 3 was used to calculate the hydraulic loading rate.

Equation 3: Hydroulic *loading Rate* [2]  
Hydrallic *loading* = 
$$
\frac{Q}{A}
$$

Where:

Q= Design Flow (GPM) A= Total Filter Area (ft<sup>2</sup>)

The tertiary disc filters were modeled based on hydraulic loading. The main design assumption made was that the plant has sufficient treatment based on hydraulic loading. This was then adapted to the higher design flow with the expansion. The plant has a hydraulic loading rate of 0.57 m<sup>3</sup>/m<sup>2</sup>\*min which falls in the range of 0.25-0.83 m<sup>3</sup>/m<sup>2</sup>\*min [6].

> *Equation 12: Hydraulic Loading Rate of Disc Filters* Hydrolic Loading **|**  $m<sup>3</sup>$  $\left(\frac{m}{m^2 * min}\right)$  = Flow(m<sup>3</sup>/min)/Area of Filter(m<sup>2</sup>)

<span id="page-38-0"></span>*Table 23: Tertiary Filter Model*





## **Disinfection**

There are two UV disinfection channels in use at the GRWF. These channels are 11.8ft wide, 3.61ft deep, and 57ft long, with a water depth of 3.54ft. [1] In order to provide adequate disinfection the velocity in the channel must be between 0.05-.4 m/s. [2] Equation 1 was used to calculate the channel velocity. UV disinfection occurs in multiple channels with the design assumption that plant operation meets the disinfection requirement for Class A+ water. By maintaining velocity though similar units, the new design flow can be achieved by the addition of extra units.



<span id="page-39-0"></span>*Table 24: Disinfection Model*



## **Blending Tanks**

The blending tank is where the solids from the primary clarifiers, and secondary clarifiers are combined with the SEWRP flow to form a uniform solids flow that is fed into the thickening centrifuges. These tanks operate at capacity for the current buildout. The three solids streams are assumed to form a homogeneous mixture and leave the tank at a uniform solids percent. While the plants was hydraulically modeled for 60 MGD, the solid stream is based on 30MGD, with the assumption that peak flows will have less associated solids with them.

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## **Sludge Thickening**

Two centrifuges are operated with one on standby each have a capacity to process up to 600GPM of liquid hydraulic loading and 1,300lb/hr of solids loading. The water removed is returned to the head works and the thickened sludge flows into the holding tank then on to the digesters. The current system will not meet design flow. Based on a flow of 5,145GPM average one additional centrifuge will need to be added to meet the required flow with one unit on standby.

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## **Egg Digesters**

The two egg shaped digesters have a volume of 1.2 million gallons and additional units will be required to achieve an appropriate SRT of 15 to 20 days. A retention time under 15 days was used because the addition of the thermal hydrolysis processed. With the addition of thermal hydrolysis digestion is sped up by breaking down complex organic matter before entering the digesters. The equation below describes the volatile solid destruction based on the SRT [6].

> *Equation 4: Volatile Solids Destruction [6]*  $V_d = 13.7 \ln(SRT_{des}) + 18.9$

Where:

 $V_d$ = Volatile solid destruction %

SRT=time of digestion, d (range 15 to 20 day)

The SRT was determined by dividing the flow of 6% solid sludge from the thickener over the total volume of the digester units. The balance of fixed solids to VSS was then determined to find a value of solids leaving the digesters.

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## **Dewatering**

Dewatering design was determined similar to the sludge thickener. Design flow from the digester was divided by the capacity of each unit to determine the number of units that are required for expansion. Although the current centrifugal units meet capacity, an additional unit will be added because the solids flow is close to the operation capacity of the unit.

<span id="page-43-0"></span>*Table 28: Dewatering Model*







## <span id="page-44-0"></span>8.0 Appendix B: Wastewater Characteristics Analysis

<span id="page-44-1"></span>*Figure 3: Yearly average of daily influent flow in MGD at GWRF*



<span id="page-44-2"></span>*Figure 4: Monthly average of daily influent flow data in MGD at GWRF*



<span id="page-45-0"></span>*Figure 5: Total Kjedahl Nitrogen (TKN) per MGD daily flow data* 



<span id="page-45-1"></span>*Figure 6: Total Suspended Solids (TSS) per MGD daily flow data* 



<span id="page-46-0"></span>*Figure 7: Chemical Oxygen Demand (COD) per MGD daily flow data* 



<span id="page-46-1"></span>*Figure 8: Biological Oxygen demand (BOD) per MGD daily flow data* 

# <span id="page-47-0"></span>9.0 Appendix C: Drawings



<span id="page-47-1"></span>*Figure 9: GWRF Existing Site Layout [1]*



<span id="page-48-0"></span>*Figure 10: GWRF Expansion Site Layout [1]*

# 10.0 Appendix D: Decision Matrices

*Table 29: Decision Matrix Table*

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# <span id="page-52-0"></span>11.0 Appendix E: Cost Estimates

Cost was estimated using actual past project budgets, and then were adjusted using inflation rates to bring past values into present day worth. In addition, costs were adjusted based on location using Metro Denver Economic Corporation's construction cost index for selected cities. If a city was not found in the index the nearest city was used. Finally, these estimates were then entered into a spread sheet that found the 30 year life cycle cost based on the cost of construction operation and maintenance with some units requiring major part replacements every ten years or other specific challenges. The charts below describes the alternatives for each unit and their total lifecycle cost. The life cycle cost in the main document is the sum of all the chosen technologies and their operation and maintenance costs. It is worth noting that additional design and cost will be associated with updating the pump systems and air treatment.

#### *Equation 5: Cost Estimate*

Estimated Cost =  $\frac{Cost\ of\ Project}{Inflation\ Factor} * \frac{City\ Index\ Number\ of\ site}{Pheonix\ City\ index\ (.87)}$ *n i interference is the Size Adjustment when Nesscary*<br>Pheonix City index (.87) \* Size Adjustment when Nesscary

The life cycle cost was estimated by adding construction cost to all operation, maintenance, materials and replacement costs over a thirty-year period. Demolition costs were not included in this projection.

#### **Grit Removal**

<span id="page-52-1"></span>*Table 30: Life cycle cost analysis of alternative grit removal systems [7]*



#### **Primary Clarifiers**

<span id="page-52-2"></span>*Table 31: Life cycle cost of Primary clarifiers [7]*



#### **Aeration**

<span id="page-52-3"></span>*Table 32: Life cycle cost of aeration basin [8]*



## **Secondary Clarifiers**

<span id="page-53-0"></span>*Table 33: Life cycle cost of secondary clarifiers [7] [9] [10]*



## **Tertiary Filtration**

<span id="page-53-1"></span>*Table 34: Life cycle cost of tertiary filtration [7]*



### **Disinfection**

<span id="page-53-2"></span>*Table 35: Life cycle cost of UV disinfection units or replacement with a chlorine system [11]*



#### **Thickening**

<span id="page-53-3"></span>*Table 36: Life cycle cost estimate of thickeners [12]*



## **Digestion**

<span id="page-53-4"></span>*Table 37: Life cycle cost of different digester configurations [11] [13] [14] [15]*



## **Dewatering**



<span id="page-54-0"></span>*Table 38: Life cycle cost of dewatering systems [16]*

# 12.0 Appendix F: Vendor Submittals

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## 13.0 Appendix G: Construction Schedule

*Table 39: Expansion Construction Schedule*

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# 14.0 Appendix H: Arizona department of Environmental Quality Reuse Criteria

*Table 40: Class A+ Water Reuse Criteria [17]*



<span id="page-57-0"></span>*Table 41: Class A and B Solids Reuse Criteria [18]*

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# <span id="page-58-0"></span>15.0 Appendix I: Existing Units

<span id="page-58-1"></span>*Table 42: Existing Liquid Stream Units*





<span id="page-60-0"></span>*Table 43: Existing Solids Stream Units*

