

**NOTICE OF MEETING AND PUBLIC HEARING
CLEAN WATER STATE REVOLVING FUND (CWSRF) PROGRAM
ST BERNARD PARISH MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT
RIVERBEND OXIDATION POND PUMP STATION UPGRADES AND FORCE MAIN**

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St. Bernard Parish Municipal Government is utilizing funding from the LDEQ Clean Water State Revolving Loan Program (CWSRF) funded through the United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) for the Riverbend Oxidation Pond Pump Station Upgrade and Force Main. To meet requirements of the funding application process, a notice of public hearing is solicited. One of the purposes of this hearing (meeting) is to discuss the potential environmental impacts of the proposed project and alternative to it.

St. Bernard Parish proposes to upgrade existing pump station at Riverbend Oxidation Pond (29.88156, -89.87735) and construct force main to discharge treated flows to the Mississippi River. This will remove the current wetland discharge from the Riverbend Oxidation Pond. The discharge to the Mississippi River will require a new permit application. Improvements will be made to the Riverbend Oxidation Pond to improve its treatment capabilities. Mechanical surface aerators will be installed to increase the treatment effectiveness of the facility. An isolation cell will be constructed prior to the outlet from the pond to the existing pump station. The existing ultraviolet disinfection system will be replaced with a chlorine-based disinfection system. The existing pump station will be increased in capacity to a minimum of 4.0 MGD to address the current peak flows to the pond.

Estimated project cost of the proposed pump station and force main construction is estimated to cost \$ 2,274,207.00. Decommissioning of the facility should reduce the Parish's annual operating costs. The proposed project will not require a new treatment facility within the parish. The Riverbend Oxidation Pond will remain virtually unchanged. The project will be completed financed through the existing CWSRF loan. Since this loan is already financed through current sewer rates within the Parish, the project will have no impact on existing sewer rates and fees.

The Preliminary Engineering Report and Environmental Information Document for the proposed project are available for review at the St. Bernard Parish Government Department of Public Works, located at 1125 East St. Bernard Hwy, Chalmette, LA 70043. Viewing hours are from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday (except holidays). The available information can also be accessed electronically on the St. Bernard Parish public website at www.sbpbg.net. The public hearing will be held at St. Bernard Council Chambers located at 8201 West Judge Perez Dr., Chalmette, LA 70043 on August 11, 2021, from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

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