

# Meeting Summary

## Meeting 15: Site Advisory Group—Facility Construction

**Location:** Teleconference **Date:** February 11, 2021  
**Time:** 6–7:30 p.m.

**Speakers:** Bonita Oswald, Communications Lead John Kolkman, Contractor  
David Peters, Program Director Michael Haarmann, Contractor  
Jon Johnson, Construction Manager Ben McGeachy, Contractor  
Dan Speicher, Facilitator Jim Studer, Contractor

## Agenda

**Meeting Purpose:** Share information about the timeline and planned activities for facility construction and seek feedback on areas of community concern.

### 1. Welcome

- a. Project Communications Lead Bonita Oswald welcomed meeting participants and introduced the meeting agenda.
- b. Program Director David Peters shared an update on project progress, noting the Water Bureau secured a Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act (WIFIA) loan to help reduce the cost of investment to build the Bull Run Treatment Projects. David provided a reminder about drilling scheduled for March and April along the pipe routes and at the facility site. He also shared community feedback on the preliminary building design concepts.

### 2. Facility Construction

- a. Construction Manager Jon Johnson introduced information about future construction of the filtration facility and introduced John Kolkman and other members of the construction management team. Jon noted this team is committed to ongoing communication and will be part of the project all the way through the September 2027 compliance deadline.
  - i. Jon Johnson noted that construction is expected to start in 2023 and take about four years. He summarized common questions heard from community members and some of the activities and information milestones to expect during design and future construction. He highlighted that additional design work is needed to respond to some key questions, such as site access locations.



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- ii. John Kolkman provided an overview of types of work activities to expect during the facility construction and how those will change during the multi-year construction period. He highlighted that details of construction will not be available until the design is more developed. He shared potential strategies for keeping traffic moving and roads clean, emphasizing the safety first philosophy to protect community members and workers. He also described ways that previous projects have shared information with neighbors and provided notice about work activities.
- iii. Site Advisors were invited to share additional feedback and ask questions. Discussion included need for local roadway improvements and maintenance, whether a concrete batch plant would reduce traffic noise, and typical seasonal changes in construction work hours.

### 3. Communications Feedback

- a. Dan Speicher invited Site Advisors to share feedback and ideas to improve project communications, including preferences for topics and frequency of future meetings.
- b. Site Advisor input included a desire to hold meetings in March and April to discuss Good Neighbor language and project finances. There was also interest in more information about the site stormwater strategy when available. Site Advisors expressed a preference for in-person meetings and receiving as much notice as possible for specialized construction activities that involve noise and traffic impacts.

### 4. Adjourn

- a. Bonita noted the next meeting will be Thursday March 11 and will include information about the project costs and the benefits of WIFIA financing for rates. She thanked meeting participants and adjourned the meeting.



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