Operations Facilities Assessment Study (OFAS)

Board Workshop February 12, 2014



Agenda

- Project background and objectives
- Assessment of existing facilities
- Review spacing needs
- Summary of program options
- Recommendation and next steps



District's Priorities for FY 13-14

(alphabetical order)

- 1. Asset Management Plan
- 2. ERP
- 3. Financial Planning (Budget)
- 4. Labor Terms Implementation
- 5. Operations Headquarters Assessment
- 6. Outreach
- Procurement
- Rates Review
- 9. Recruitment & Staffing
- 10. Water Reliability



Why was this project initiated?

Several challenges and projects had been identified to address operations facilities:

- Space issues
- Significant facility improvements
- Security concerns
- Work efficiency
- Support regional activities
- Value of individual projects



Project Objectives

Create an adequate work environment to maximize productivity, efficiency and savings while providing added value to the stakeholders served by the District.

- Centralized and Integrated
- Productive
- Transparent & Secure
- A Regional Benefit to the Community
- Pragmatic
- Value for the Dollars spent



Assessment of Existing Facilities

- Existing facilities are in need of significant maintenance/ and/or replacement;
- Structures were constructed based on needs at the time, but not with future requirements in mind;
- Repair to facilities will not be sufficient to support current needs; additional space will be required;
- Existing sites may not be ideal for long-term sustainability;
- Cost-benefit of performing improvements to structures 20-40 years old



Operations Facility Assessment

- Developed based on industry standards, review of current business operation, and input from staff/Board;
- Considers existing space and the needs for current staffing levels and projected staffing levels;
- Identified spaces include offices, public spaces, Board room, operations facilities, and the warehouse;
- Operations Facility Assessment report prepared by GPa, Inc.



Operations Facility Assessment

Type of Space (Building Spaces)	Existing Facility (sf)	Current Needs (sf)	Future Needs (sf)
Office/Workspace	14,006	14,791	17,864
Board Room / Training Room	1,645	6,254	6,254
Emergency Operations Center	2,080	4,010	4,116
Common Areas	6,124	15,627	16,145
Maintenance Shops	1,873	6,750	6,750
Fleet Maintenance	3,841	9,860	9,860
Warehouse	16,429	21,106	21,106
TOTAL	45,998	78,398	82,095

- Only a slight increase in building space needs based on future needs
- Common areas include conference rooms, lobby, customer service, restrooms, multi-purpose room
- Board room also includes 16-person conference room, small meeting room, and storage



Operations Facility Assessment

Type of Space (Site)	Existing Site (sf)	Current Needs (sf)	Future Needs (sf)
Buildings/Structures	45,998	78,398	82,095
Site Parking	99,493	151,785	187,155
Site Elements	25,998	44,434	44,434
Landscape	277,473	72,500	72,500
Circulation	90,000	90,000	90,000
TOTAL (SF)	538,962	437,117	476,184
TOTAL (Acres)	12.4	10.0	10.9

- The existing site combines the current spacing of the Main Office and Plant 2A
- Site elements include outdoor training areas, spoils bins, drying beds, etc.

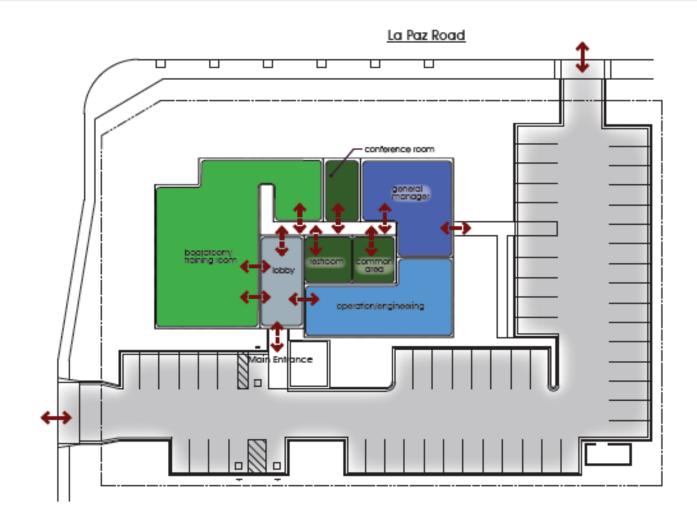


Scenario Analysis

- Based on space needs, three scenarios were reviewed:
 - Renovate and/or expand on two existing sites;
 - Construct a new facility on a site to be determined;
 - Construct all necessary facilities at the existing Plant 2A site;
- Analysis was based on space needs, desired department adjacencies, developed block diagrams, and available spaces
- Pros and cons were developed for each scenario

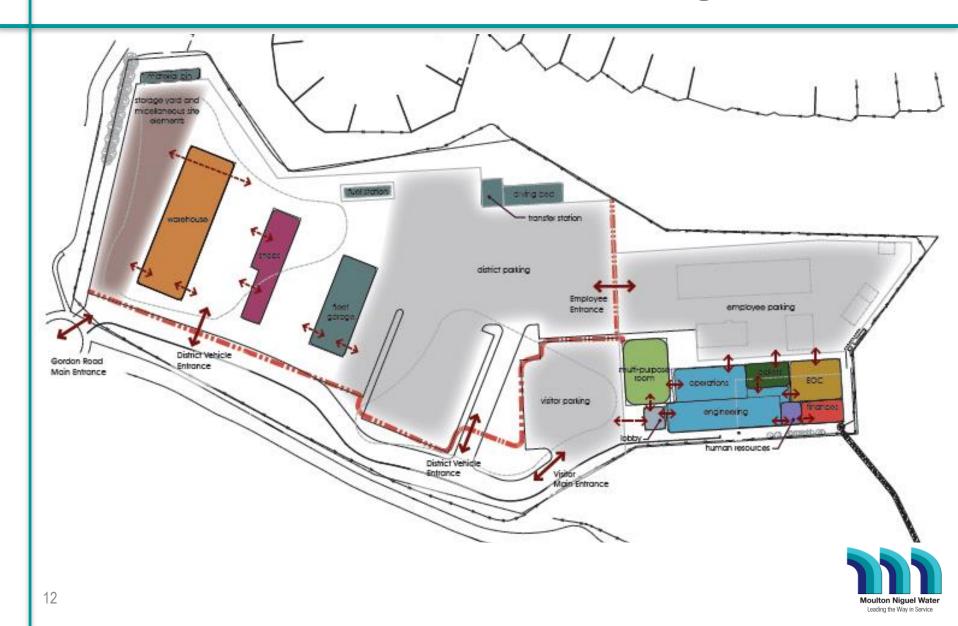


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Main Office

- Move out staff to create additional space/parking
- Reconstruct front lobby, Board Room, offices, and restrooms
- Address roof and other maintenance issues

Plant 2A:

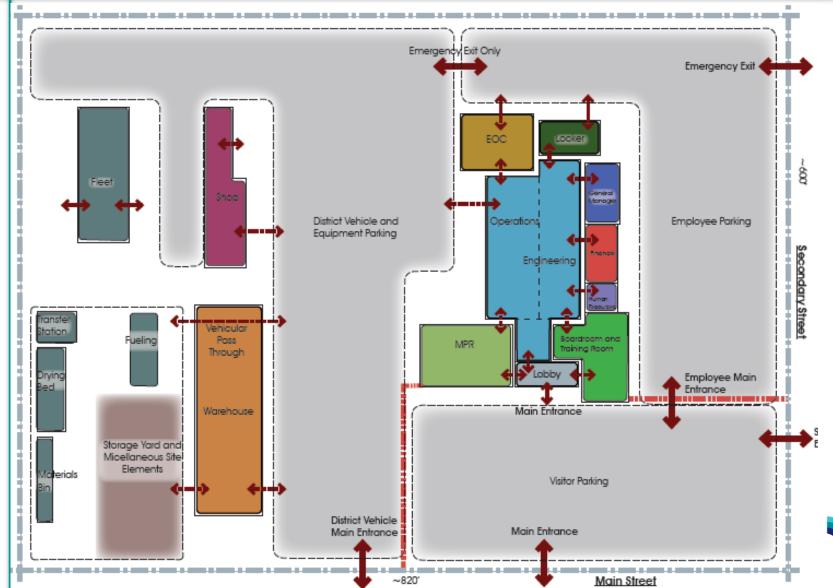
- Reconstruct the telemetry building / server room
- Remodel/Expand the administrative building and warehouse
- Reconstruct the fleet, meter, and facility maintenance shops
- Construct site improvements, including expanding site parking and providing physical security



- Benefits include:
 - The District has the existing facilities
 - Main Office site is familiar to District customers
- Challenges include:
 - Business continuity
 - Existing structures and associated unknowns
 - Life cycle cost consideration
 - Extended construction window
 - Two operations facilities/sites
- Early Estimates at \$18 million



Scenario 2 – Use new, undefined site

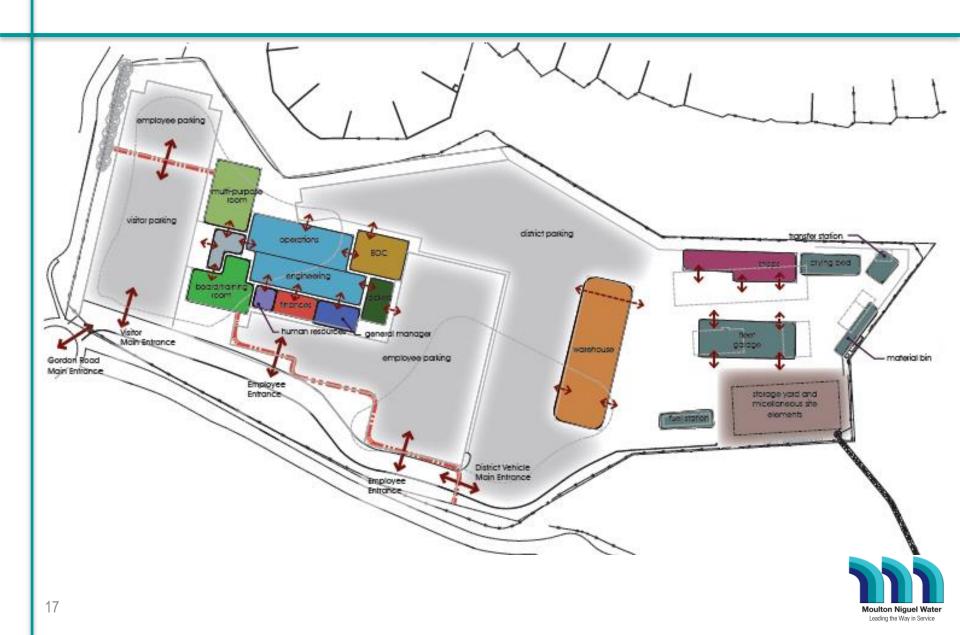




- Benefits include:
 - Consolidation to a single-site for improved efficiencies
 - New facility to be constructed for 40-50 year life
 - Business continuity during construction
- Challenges include:
 - Site has not been acquired
 - Value of new land and surplus facilities is unknown
- Early Estimates at \$23 million



Scenario 3 – Use Plant 2A Site



Benefits include:

- Consolidation to a single-site for improved efficiencies
- District already has the site
- Business continuity during construction if phased appropriately
- Challenges include:
 - Impact to the District operations
 - Entry and exit at single-point
 - Public visibility and accessibility
 - Neighborhood impact to expanded operation
- Early Estimates at \$20 million



Financial Analysis

- Project to be incorporated into the 10-year Capital Improvement Program
 - Early estimate variations of cost range about \$5 million
 - Total current CIP is approximately \$230 million
 - Updated 10-year CIP budget to be presented in April
- Long Range Finance Plan being developed in parallel
 - Sufficient reserves to support current expenditures for next 2+ years
 - Finance plan, along with Cost of Service analysis, to support funding for full CIP
 - Presentation of Finance Plan strategies to meet funding requirements in April



Staff Recommendation

- Continue to evaluate Scenario 2
- Next steps include:
 - Continue to evaluate and identify potential site solutions
 - Further define project cost for Scenario 2 and include the potential cost of land
 - Review the potential value of surplus property
 - Board update and further action as required
 - Develop outreach plan/strategy

