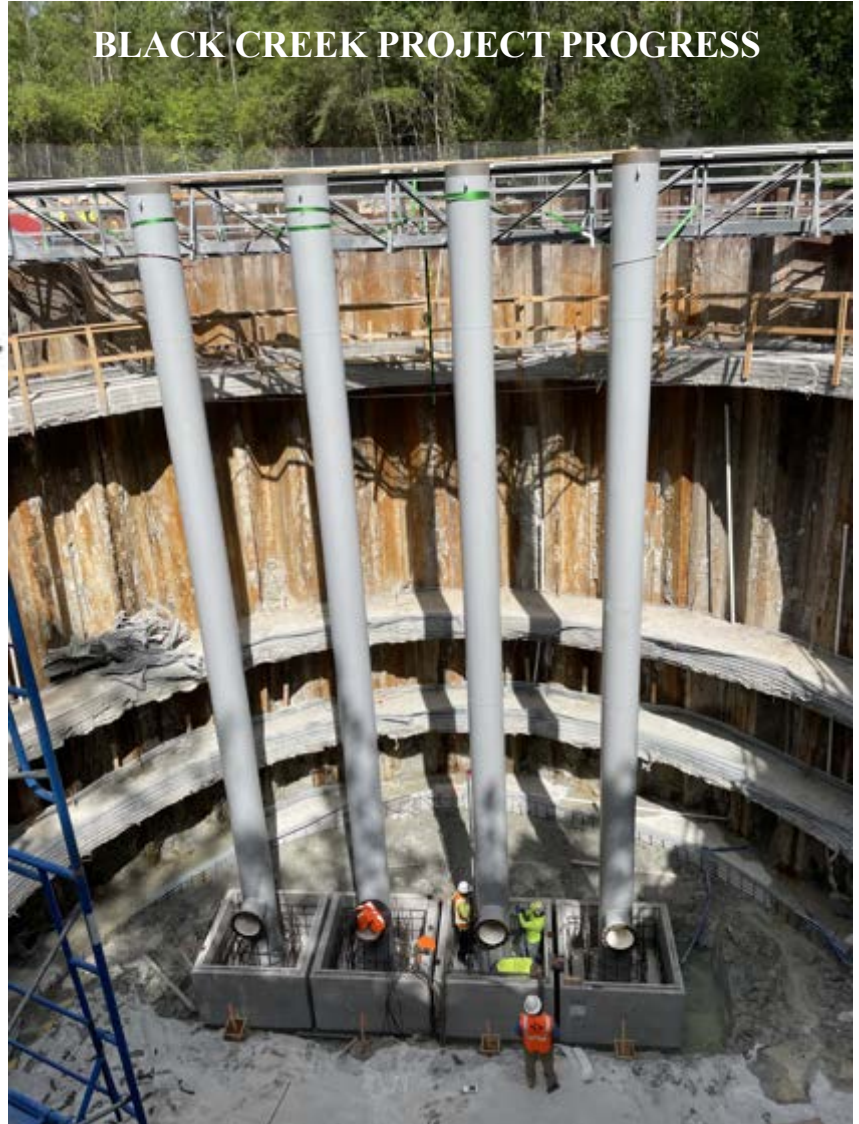
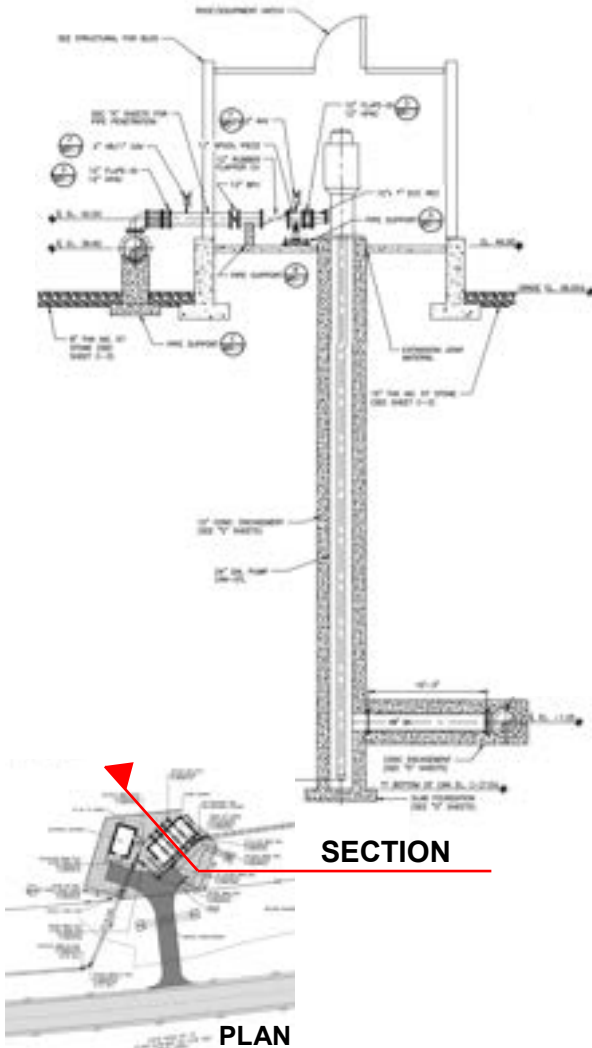


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BLACK CREEK PROJECT PROGRESS



PIPE RISERS IN PLACE BELOW THE BLACK CREEK PUMP HOUSE

In a photo from the SJRWMD, workers are seen installing the reinforcing steel in the foundations for the pipes which will lead to the four pumps to be installed in the Pump Station. On the left are screenshots from the plans showing the positions of the pipes, pumps and the pump house and a site plan showing the pump house, electric building and access off of SR 16.



Black Creek Pump Station Site

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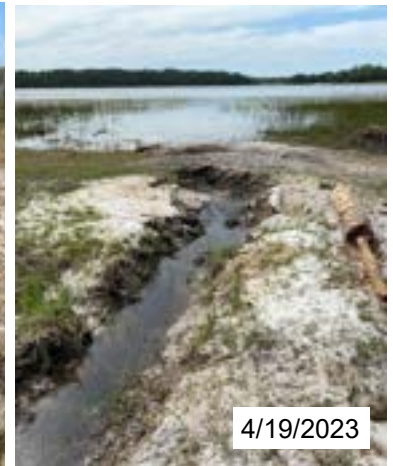
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The free flow of water from the west lobes of Lake Geneva has been stopped. We are not privy as to how this occurred but understand that the FDEP and FWC prohibit any “adjustments” to the lake’s bottom and may bring stiff fines on those who do this. Opening the sandbar to allow this flow only serves to harm the residents of the western lobes by lowering their water levels. The main body of Lake Geneva is only temporarily minimally impacted.



The Governing Board of the SJRWMD, at the April Meeting, approved a sole source \$23.2 million contract to the Sustainable Water Infrastructure Group, LLC for the construction of the water treatment portion of the Black Creek Project. This section will filter out color and chemicals making the water equal to or better in quality to the water already in Lake Brooklyn. The pictures at left, from the District meeting presentation, are of a different project which uses similar treatment media. They give the reader an idea of what might be seen at our site. Additionally, most of the piping for the Black Creek treatment area will be underground except for pipes discharging untreated water into the cells. As the treatment media has to be prepared before shipping to the site, its arrival on site is many months away.

Project Manager Bob Naleway reported that the pipe should start arriving in May and open cut work on SR 16 is to start in late May.



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Please feel free to check us out!

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Inlet site by the SR16 Bridge at Black Creek

The photo above shows the east side of the project site where the water intake will be located at the creek's edge. A sheet pile lined boring pit has been dug so the horizontal pipe from the creek to the vertical pipes (page 1) under the pump house can be installed. The machinery being used to "micro tunnel" to the pump station pit is seen in the left photo. Boring through the existing clay is more difficult than boring through rock. While rock can be fractured into small pieces and removed, wet clay dissipates the forces of the boring machinery, slowing the work. Fortunately, the overall project completion date is not being impacted.

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Vivian will report on THE GENEVA PROJECT and more at our next meeting, 7:00 PM, May 9th, in the First Baptist Church Fellowship Hall. Look for our meeting signs around Keystone Heights. See you there!

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