

**MINUTES  
UNIVERSITY AREA JOINT AUTHORITY  
1576 SPRING VALLEY ROAD  
STATE COLLEGE, PA 16801**

**Regular Meeting – April 15, 2026**

**1. Call to Order**

Mr. Lapinski, Chairman, called the regular meeting to order at 4:00 p.m., Wednesday, April 15, 2026. The meeting was held in the Board Room in the office of the Authority with the following in attendance in person: Messrs. Lapinski, Auman, Glebe, Kunkle, Marshall, Derr, Guss, Nucciarone and Ulbrecht; Cory Miller, Executive Director; Jason Brown, Assistant Executive Director; Sierra Weight, Administrative Assistant; Daren Brown, Collection System Superintendent; Andy Breon, Plant Superintendent; Holly Martinchek, Assistant Plant Superintendent; Michele Aukerman, Rettew; Jason Wert, Rettew; C-NET; Ben Burns, HRG; Steve Morra, Quandel; Justin Bickel, Quandel; David Gaines, Solicitor; Emma Cherubini, Penn State; Jacob Godshall, Penn State. The following were in attendance via Zoom: Messrs. Daubert; Olivia Lopatofsky, State College Borough Engineer; Michael G, Centre Region Planning Agency.

**2. Approval of the Minutes**

UAJA Regular Meeting – March 18, 2026

**UAJA Meeting  
Minutes Approved**

A motion was made by Mr. Nucciarone, second by Mr. Guss, to approve the meeting minutes of the UAJA regular meeting held on March 18, 2026. The motion passed unanimously.

**3. Public Comment**

**3.1 Other items not on the agenda**

None.

**4. Old Business**

**4.1 UAJA Mission Statement**

It has been more than 20 years since the UAJA Board discussed the UAJA mission statement. There are no board members on the board that were here when the mission statement was proposed by staff. The mission statement:

“UAJA – Improving the environment, economy and quality of life of the Centre Region, now and in the future.”

It is fairly obvious that UAJA, or any sewer authority, should be concerned about the environment. Staff did not see UAJA’s role limited to just meeting regulatory requirements. UAJA is different – we strive to improve, not just protect. We go beyond what is required.

There needs to be limits on how UAJA improves the environment. That is where economy and quality of life come into play. UAJA needs to improve the environment while also improving the economy and the quality of life. Without those two conditions, environmental spending is unconstrained.

UAJA needs to do these things in a sustainable way. UAJA is not just improving now and placing the burden of improvement on future customers. UAJA’s culture needs to always be looking to the future, creating an engine of continuous improvement that works now and in the future.

Staff believes this mission statement still describes what UAJA does. It is important for the staff and the board to share the same mission.

The board was never asked to adopt the mission. At the time, it was a discussion between staff and the board. UAJA has been living this mission for more than 25 years.

**Recommendation:** Adopt the UAJA Mission Statement as presented by staff.

**UAJA Mission Statement as Presented**

A motion was made by Mr. Nucciarone, second by Mr. Guss, to adopt the UAJA Mission Statement as presented in the Executive Director’s Report. No action was taken.

**Alternate UAJA Mission Statement Approved**

A motion was made by Mr. Ulbrecht, second by Mr. Derr, to adopt an alternate UAJA Mission Statement as modified by Mr. Ulbrecht: Providing high quality wastewater and other resource recovery services that improve the environment, economy, and quality of life of the Centre Region, now and in the future. The motion passed unanimously.

#### 4.2 Contract 2026-01 Mountain Tank Rehabilitation

Bids were received February 13, 2026. A total of four bids were received:

Worldwide Industries Corp.  
470 Mitchell Hill Road  
Butler, PA 16002  
\$ 363,875.00

Minoan Industrial LLC  
3151 Cape Hord Rd #2100  
Red Lion, PA 17356  
\$ 469,100.00

Brace Industrial Paint LLC  
177 Elmwood Ave  
Long Branch, NJ 07740  
\$ 645,000.00

Ridgeline Industries  
406 E State Ave  
Terra Alta, WV 26764  
\$ 978,837.00

The low bid is for \$363,875.00 from Worldwide Industries Corp. The bid has been reviewed, references checked and all insurance and bonds have been provided.

**Recommendation:** Award Contract 2026-01 to Worldwide Industries Corp. in the amount of \$363,875.00.

**Contract 2026-01 to  
Worldwide Industries Corp.  
Approved**

A motion was made by Mr. Ulbrecht, second by Mr. Marshall, to award Contract 2026-01 in the amount of \$363,875.00 to Worldwide Industries Corp. The motion passed unanimously.

**5. New Business**

**5.1 Consent Assessment of Civil Penalty**

Included in the agenda report is a Consent Assessment of Civil Penalty issued by the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection. This is a routine assessment of penalty to close out the list of self-reported minor permit violations that have occurred from 2021 through 2025. The violations were minor, and did not harm Spring Creek or the environment.

UAJA has one of the most challenging permits in the State because of the fact that UAJA discharges to Spring Creek, which is a high-quality, cold-water fishery. UAJA is a leader in adopting new technologies to continuously improve the environment. Adopting new technologies is not without risk. Often during construction and start up, unforeseen conditions are encountered. Many of the minor violations are attributable to those actions.

UAJA is relentless about reporting any accidental spill from a sewer line, no matter how small. UAJA staff contains the spills rapidly, and in almost all cases, the spill never reaches a stream. They are still documented and reported.

Sometimes laboratory errors occur. UAJA documents the errors and reports them. Sometimes laboratory equipment fails, and there is no time to resample and report within the time allowable in the permit. Everything is documented and reported.

The public has access to all of these self-reported occurrences through the DEP website. To move the occurrences from pending to closed, they must be included in a Consent Assessment of Civil Penalty.

The total amount of the penalty is \$16,456.00.

**Recommendation:** Authorize the Executive Director and UAJA Attorney to execute the document as presented.

**Consent Assessment of  
Civil Penalty  
Approved**

A motion was made by Mr. Ulbrecht, second by Mr. Nucciarone, to approve the authorization of the Executive Director and the UAJA Attorney to execute the Consent Assessment of Civil Penalty document as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

**5.2 Change Order No. 12 Contract 2022-04 Hayden Power Group**

This change order is to add an additional 480-volt panel board to the thickening building. With additions that have been made through the project, more capacity was needed at this location. The amount is an increase of \$23,179.75 and no additional days.

**Recommendation:** Approve Change order No. 12 Contract 2022-04 for an increase of \$23,179.75.

**Change Order No. 12  
Contract 2022-04  
Approved**

A motion was made by Mr. Marshall, second by Mr. Auman, to approve Change Order No. 12 for Contract 2022-04 in the amount of \$23,179.75. The motion passed unanimously.

### 5.3 Change Order No. 14 Contract 2022-01 Quandel Construction Group

This change order is for a collection of items as noted in the Change order request included in the agenda report. Several items are to improve safety. The net amount is an increase of \$31,512.00 and no additional days.

**Recommendation:** Approve Change Order No. 14 Contract 2022-01 for a net increase of \$31,512.00.

**Change Order No. 14  
Contract 2022-01  
Approved**

A motion was made by Mr. Marshall, second by Mr. Nucciarone, to approve Change Order No. 14 Contract 2022-01 for a net increase of \$31,512.00 and no additional days. The motion passed unanimously.

### 5.4 Final Design: Crew 814

Final design drawings for the Crew 814 sewer extension (College Township) have been received and reviewed by staff and our consulting engineer. The sewer extension will serve 709 EDUs. The review comments have been addressed.

**Recommendation:** Approve the drawings as submitted.

**Final Design: Crew 814  
Approved**

A motion was made by Mr. Nucciarone, second by Mr. Derr, to approve the final design drawings for Crew 814 sewer extension in College Township. The motion passed unanimously.

### 5.5 2025 Audit Subcommittee

The 2025 audit field work is coming to a close. As in past years, staff would like an audit subcommittee to review the draft audit with our auditors (Maher Duessel) and staff in early May. The 2025 audit will be presented for approval at the May board meeting.

**Recommendation:** Appoint a subcommittee and establish a firm date for meeting with Maher Duessel and staff.

**Appointment of Audit  
Subcommittee**

Jeff Nucciarone, Peter Marshall and Jan Ulbrecht were appointed to the 2025 audit subcommittee. The subcommittee will plan to meet in early May. No motions were made.

### 5.6 Requisitions

BRIF #1069	East End Sales Tandem Axle Box Trailer	\$9,122.26
BRIF #1070	HRG Reuse Water Storage Tank Project	\$3,219.00
BRIF #1071	L/B Water 2 <sup>nd</sup> Street Project (Misc. Supplies)	\$12,051.95
BRIF #1072	Heidelberg Materials 2 <sup>nd</sup> Street Project (Stone)	\$6,069.11

BRIF #1073	Robinson Septic Service 2 <sup>nd</sup> Street Project	\$150.00
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<b>TOTAL BRIF-</b>		<b>\$30,612.32</b>
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**BRIF Fund  
Approved**

A motion was made by Mr. Kunkle, second by Mr. Daubert, to approve BRIF Fund #1069, #1070, #1071, #1072 and #1073 in the amount of \$30,612.32. The motion passed unanimously.

Construction Fund #071	Rettew Sludge Drying Project- Engineering	\$82,197.90
Construction Fund #072	Nature's Cover Sludge Drying Project- Fiber Optic Lines	\$148.00
Construction Fund #073	Grainger Sludge Drying Project- Start Up Supplies	\$3,342.14
Construction Fund #074	Sunbelt Rentals Sludge Drying Project- Fiber Optic Lines	\$702.25
Construction Fund #075	Rothrock Equipment Rental Sludge Drying Project- Fiber Optic Lines	\$534.38
Construction Fund #076	ULINE Sludge Drying Project- Start Up Supplies	\$18,492.45
Construction Fund #077	Hite Company Sludge Drying Project- Fiber Optic Lines	\$582.71
Construction Fund #078	Schaedler Yesco Sludge Drying Project- Fiber Optic Lines	\$2,242.39
Construction Fund #079	Heidelberg Materials Sludge Drying Project- Fiber Optic Lines	\$3,283.38
Construction Fund #080	Siteone Landscape Sludge Drying Project- Fiber Optic Lines	\$170.42
Construction Fund #081	Construction Tool Service Sludge Drying Project- Fiber Optic Lines	\$166.16
Construction Fund #082	Keystone Engineering Sludge Drying Project- SCADA/Network	\$118,053.38
Construction Fund #083	WG Malden Sludge Drying Project- Headworks Calibration	\$1,000.00
Construction Fund #084	Morefield	\$3,595.14

**Sludge Drying Project- SCADA Upgrade**

Construction Fund #085	Irvin Farms Sludge Drying Project- Fiber Optic Lines	\$120.00
Construction Fund #086	Quandel Construction Group Pay App. #28- Sludge Drying Project-General	\$2,711,054.55
Construction Fund #087	Myco Mechanical Pay App. #18- Sludge Drying Project-Plumbing	\$22,591.00
Construction Fund #088	Myco Mechanical Pay App. #23- Sludge Drying Project-HVAC	\$3,933.28
Construction Fund #089	Hayden Power Group Pay App. #24- Sludge Drying Project-Electrical	\$521,058.65
<b>TOTAL 2025 CONSTRUCTION FUND (Biosolids)-</b>		<b>\$3,493,268.18</b>

**Construction Fund  
Approved**

A motion was made by Mr. Guss, second by Mr. Derr, to approve Construction Fund #071, #072, #073, #074, #075, #076, #077, #078, #079, #080, #081, #082, #083, #084, #085, #086, #087, #088 and #089 in the amount of \$3,493,268.18. The motion passed unanimously.

Revenue Fund #227	Debt Service, Operation and Maintenance Expenses	\$1,250,000.00
<b>TOTAL REVENUE FUND-</b>		<b>\$1,250,000.00</b>

**Revenue Fund  
Approved**

A motion was made by Mr. Ulbrecht, second by Mr. Nucciarone, to approve Revenue Fund #227 in the amount of \$1,250,000.00. The motion passed unanimously.

**6. Reports to Officers**

**6.1 Financial Report**

The different cost centers of the YTD budget report for the period ending March 31, 2026, were reviewed with the Board by Jason Brown.

**6.2 Chairman’s Report**

Mr. Lapinski addressed the need for an executive session to be held at the end of May’s board meeting.

**6.3 Plant Superintendent’s Report**

**Septage Operations Report**

The following comments are as presented to the Board in the written report prepared by Andy Breon,

Plant Superintendent.

SEPTAGE OPERATIONS

LBS/SOLIDS

	October 2025	November 2025	December 2025	January 2026	February 2026	March 2026
PORT MATILDA	2469	2339	1009	734	963	3002
HUSTON TOWNSHIP	434	584	267	600	534	583
EAGLE CREEK MOBILE PARK	0	0	0	0	0	0

TOTAL GALLONS

	October 2025	November 2025	December 2025	January 2026	February 2026	March 2026
RESIDENTIAL/COMMERCIAL	37,345	20,075	10,195	5,450	1,200	8,075
EAGLE CREEK MOBILE HOME	0	0	0	0	0	0
PORT MATILDA	10,500	11,000	5,500	5,500	5,500	18,500
HUSTON TOWNSHIP	6,000	8,000	8,000	6,000	8,000	8,000
MILLHEIM BOROUGH	0	0	0	0	79,600	731,748
<b>TOTAL GALLONS</b>	<b>53,845</b>	<b>39,075</b>	<b>23,695</b>	<b>16,950</b>	<b>94,300</b>	<b>766,323</b>

PLANT OPERATIONS:

- Total Monthly Influent Flow: 185.12 MG
- Monthly Average Influent Flow: 5.97 MGD
- Highest Daily Influent Flow (3/23): 7.85 MGD
- Lowest Daily Influent Flow (3/10): 4.52 MGD
- 12-Month Rolling Effluent Average: 3.10 MGD
- Current Year Effluent Average: 3.77 MGD

On-line Treatment Units:

- 4- Primary Clarifiers
- 2- Aeration Basins
- 4- Secondary Clarifiers
- 8- De-nitrification Filters

Reuse Water Distribution Data

	March	Year to date gallons
Best Western Hotel	3,300	50,300
Centre Hills Country Club	0	0
Stewart Drive Hydrant	0	0
Collections Maintenance Garage	3,000	5,000

CINTAS	660,219	1,824,765
Red Line Car Wash	485,000	1,677,000
Centre Concrete	0	360,000
Plant Site Wetlands	5,614,000	17,001,000
Plant Ozone Heat Exchanger	3,150,770	9,605,692
Plant Usage	28,000	105,000
GDK Park Vault	20,359,000	67,721,000
Mountain View Country Club	9,000	9,000
Total Gallons	30,312,289	98,358,757
Plant effluent temperature monthly average	57.1°	
Wetland temperature monthly average	53.1°	

**Plant Maintenance**

- Replaced the Cl2 mixing pump at AWT.
- Replaced valves on Primary Tanks #1, #2, #3, and #4.
- Replaced the VFD for RO Feed Pump #3.
- Replaced the modulating actuators on Ozone Injector Skids #1 and #2.
- Replaced the diaphragm in Primary Pumps #9 and #10.

**6.4 Collection Systems Superintendent’s Report**

The following comments are as presented to the Board in the written report prepared by Daren Brown, Collection System Superintendent.

**Mainline Maintenance:**

Mainline Cleaning – 34,615 ft cleaned/cut with root cutter.  
 Mainline televising – 0 ft televised – 56 manholes inspected.  
 Started the 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue Project on 3/30  
 Installed fence at Persia lift station  
 Locating cleanouts for GIS

**Lift Station Maintenance:**

Cleaned (10) wet wells.  
 Replaced E-One grinder pump at 101 Ramsey Way (Huntridge Manor)  
 Replaced E-One grinder pump at 643 Rosslyn Rd (Huntridge Manor)

**Next Month Projects:**

Main line replacement on 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave. project  
 GIS for mapping  
 New Lateral installation at Ross St (Pine Grove Mills)  
 New lateral installation at 3759 S. Atherton St.

**Inspection:**

335 Innovation Park (90% complete)  
Shiloh Commercial Park (held pre-construction meeting)  
Patton Crossings (Cava Restaurant) waiting on final as-builts  
Blaise Alexander Hyundai (10% complete)  
Blue Spring Enclave (held pre-construction meeting)  
Grayspoint 7B (held pre-construction meeting)

**Mainline Construction:**

- a. Summit Park (waiting on pre-construction meeting)

**New Connections:**

a. Single-Family Residential	3	c. Commercial	1
b. Multi-Family Residential	0	d. Non-Residential	0
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>4</b>

PA One-Calls Responded March 1 thru March 31, 2026: 553

## 6.5 Consulting Engineer's Report

The following comments are as presented to the Board in the written report prepared by the Consulting Engineer.

### **Retainer Services (001178.0693)**

- HRG prepared the pump station capacity tables and the sewer extension map for the Chapter 94 Report.

### **Puddintown Interceptor Act 537 Special Study (P001178.0725)**

- The CRPA submitted compiled comments from various stakeholders consisting of local organizations, municipalities and agencies.
- Comment responses have been drafted, and input is being obtained from the Authority Staff and the Authority's Solicitor.
- The special study has been updated to account for the proposed Greystar Development and sewer segment capacities based on a third-party survey.

### **West Patton (Meeks Lane) Pump Station Basis of Design (R001178.0730)**

- HRG is working with Developer (S&A Homes) to design the proposed pump station and force main.
- The special study will now be discussed at the COG General Forum meeting on April 27, 2026.

### **Reclaimed Water Storage Tanks Rehabilitation (R001178.0742)**

- It is recommended that the contract be awarded to Worldwide Industries Corp. (\$363,875.00)

### **Oakwood Trunk Sewer Relocation and Upgrade (R001178.0749)**

- Design drawings were updated to address comments from PSU.
- The Component 3 Sewage Facilities Planning Module has been prepared and was submitted to College Township. A notice was published on March 29, 2026, commencing the 30-day public comment

period.

- The Component 3 will be presented at the May 7<sup>th</sup> meeting of College Township.

**Developer Plan Reviews:**

- Crew 814 Phase 1, Design (R001178.752): Revised design drawings were submitted and have been recommended for approval.

**6.6 Construction Engineer’s Report**

**WWTP NPDES Permit – Phosphorus Study (094612027)**

- We are working with a firm to develop a scope to model Spring Creek based on data collected.

**Ozone Disinfection for Effluent (094612023)**

- The Contractor and the manufacturer (Aqua Aerobics) are completing punchlist items, including additional training for the operators.

<b>Payment Requests to Date</b>						
Contract Number	Application for Payment #	Current Payment Due	Contract Price to Date incld/CO	Total Work to Date	% Monetarily Complete	Balance of Contract Amount
2021-05 GC			\$5,458,723.91	\$5,323,473.91	97.52%	\$401,423.70
2021-06 EC			\$350,000.00	\$326,500.00	93.29%	\$39,825.00
2021-07 MC			\$223,000.00	\$223,000.00	100.00%	\$0.00
		\$0.00	\$6,031,723.91	\$5,872,973.91	97.37%	\$441,248.70

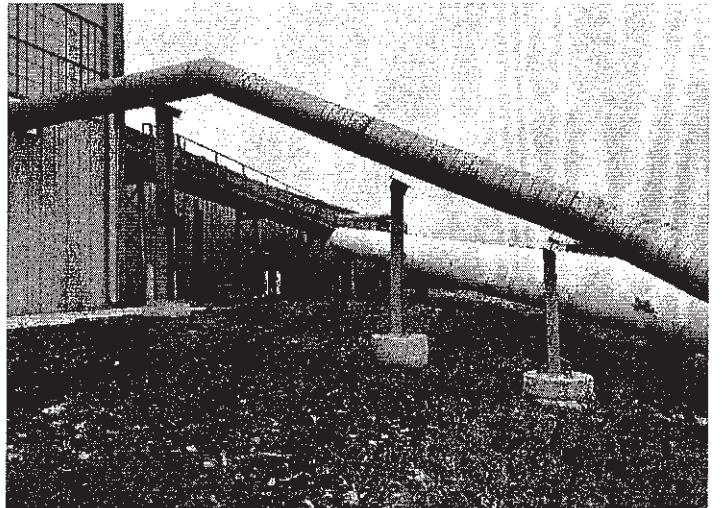
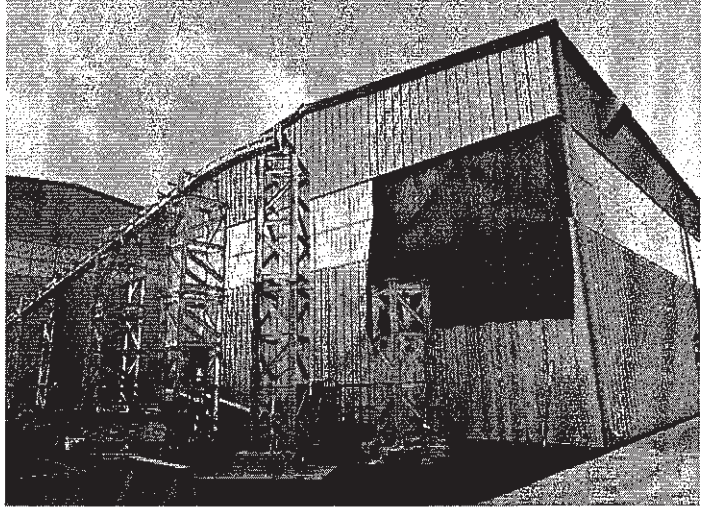
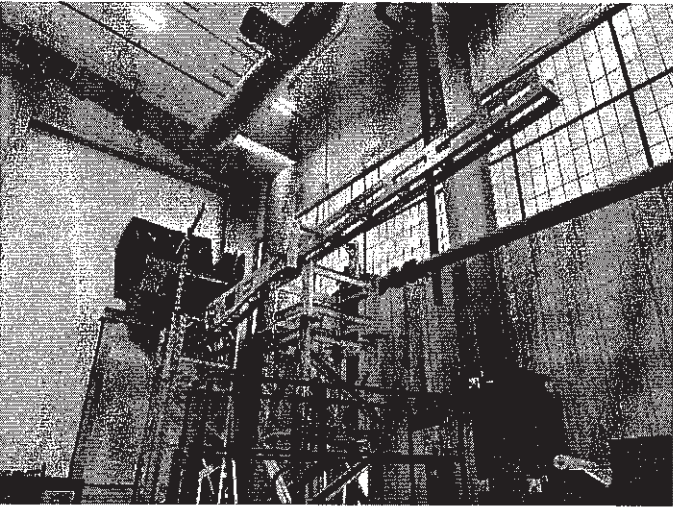
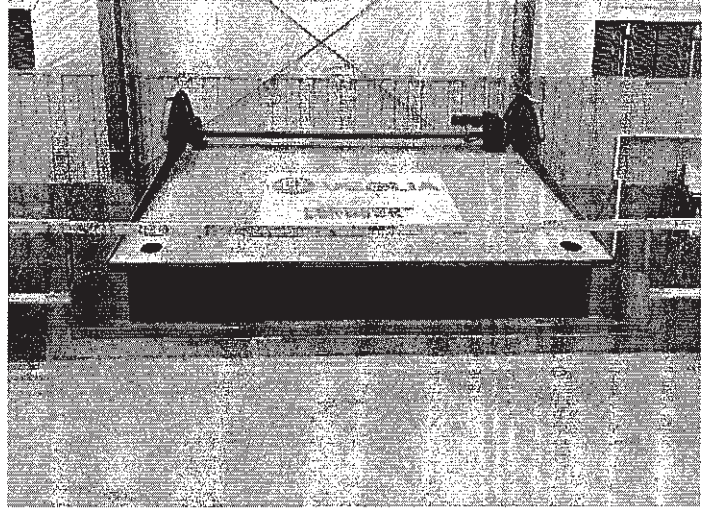
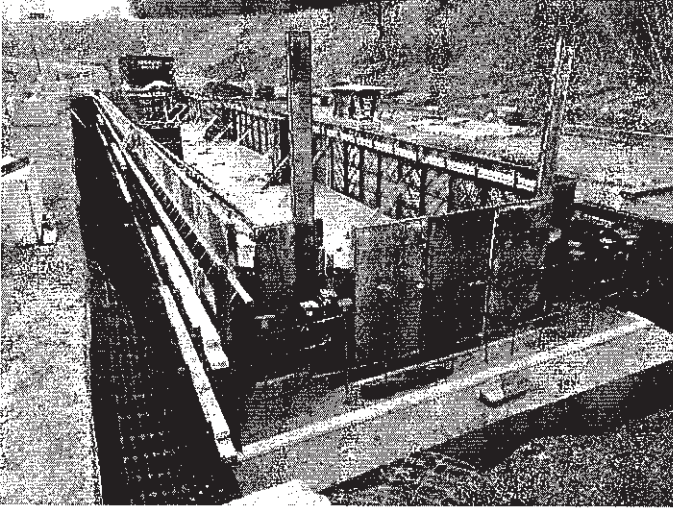
- No applications to process this month.

**Ozone Disinfection for Effluent Project Schedule**

Milestone	Date
Notice to Proceed Issued	12/27/2021
Substantial Completion	03/27/2023
Requested Substantial Completion Date	11/10/2025

**Anaerobic Digestion Project (094612026)**

- Major construction over the past month has included delivery and installation of the belt conveyors, biogas holder, and dry silos as well as finishing of the truck scale. Representatives from Veolia have been on site working through pre-commissioning activities in preparation for start-up of the Dryer and Anaerobic Digestion processes. All parties are meeting on a daily basis to review commissioning activities. RETTEW will provide an update on the progress schedule at the Board meeting.



- Contract 2022-01 (GC) – Change Order No. 14 – RETTEW has prepared and recommends Change Order No. 14 in the amount of \$31,512.00 and an increase of 0 days to the Contract. This Change Order includes modifications to the Headworks control panel pad and flow channel demolition, truck hopper, Dewatering Building Changes, addition of drip trap at the flare, Owner credit for Inland rubber roof coating, existing conveyor support, truck scale drain and addition of oxygen sensor for the thermal fluid room.

- Contract 2022-04 (EC) – Change Order No. 12 – RETTEW has prepared and recommends Change Order No. 12 in the amount of \$23,179.75 and an increase of 0 days to the Contract. This Change Order includes the work associated with Work Change Directive No. 10 to provide and install new 480V panelboard in the Thickening Building electrical room and relocate feeds.

<b>Payment Requests to Date</b>						
Contract Number	Application for Payment #	Current Payment Due	Contract Price to Date incld/CO	Total Work to Date	% Monetarily Complete	Balance of Contract Amount
2022-01	28	\$2,711,054.55	\$69,437,183.42	\$66,524,825.73	95.81%	\$6,238,599.00
2022-02	18	\$22,591.00	\$892,290.99	\$879,160.98	98.53%	\$57,088.05
2022-03	23	\$3,933.26	\$1,204,119.12	\$950,498.86	78.94%	\$301,145.43
2022-04	24	\$521,058.65	\$7,587,952.04	\$6,028,308.64	79.45%	\$1,861,058.83
		\$3,258,637.46	\$79,121,545.57	\$74,382,794.01	94.01%	\$8,457,891.31

- Application for Payment No. 28 has been received for Contract 2022-01 (General Construction) in the amount of \$2,711,054.55. RETTEW recommends payment of Application for Payment No. 28 in the amount of \$2,711,054.55.
- Application for Payment No. 18 has been received for Contract 2022-02 (Plumbing Construction) in the amount of \$22,591.00. RETTEW recommends payment of Application for Payment No. 18 in the amount of \$22,591.00.
- Application for Payment No. 23 has been received for Contract 2022-03 (HVAC Construction) in the amount of \$3,933.26. RETTEW recommends payment of Application for Payment No. 23 in the amount of \$3,933.26.
- Application for Payment No. 24 has been received for Contract 2022-04 (Electrical Construction) in the amount of \$521,058.65. RETTEW recommends payment of Application for Payment No. 24 in the amount of \$521,058.65.

**Anaerobic Digestion Project Schedule**

Milestone	Date
Notice to Proceed Issued	January 8, 2024
Revised Substantial Completion	March 31, 2026

**College-Harris Pump Station**

- Project has been closed out; documentation was issued via separate cover.

**6.7 Executive Director’s Report**

- The Rate Resolution has been updated to reflect the changes made regarding the questionnaires.
- Mr. Miller expects to have a report prepared to share with the Board members at the June 2026 meeting, summarizing the findings between UAJA accounts and the water authority accounts.

**7. Other Business**

None.

**Executive Session**

A motion was made by Mr. Nucciarone, second by Mr. Derr, to go into an executive session at 5:16 pm, to discuss real estate negotiations. A motion was then made by Mr. Nucciarone, second by Mr. Derr to come out of executive session at 5:49 pm. Both motions passed unanimously.

**8. Adjournment**

A motion was made by Mr. Nucciarone, second by Mr. Derr, to adjourn the meeting at 5:49 pm. The motion was passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

UNIVERSITY AREA JOINT AUTHORITY

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Secretary/Assistant Secretary

