# St. Charles Parish

Department of Waterworks
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#### Waterworks Vital Stats

- **WATERWORKS MISSION**: Provide a sufficient supply of safe drinking water and water for fire protection to the citizens of St. Charles Parish.
- 54 Staff Members
  - 12 Office/Billing
  - 24 Distribution
  - 18 Treatment Plant
- Total Budget (FY 2022): \$14,821,160
- Total Assets: \$49,570,801

### 2021 Production, Treatment, Distribution Stats

- Customers Served: 21,875
- Capacity to Treat: 19 Million Gallons per Day
  - On average, Waterworks treated and distributed 7.8 MGD to customers in 2021.
  - The highest consumption day was 9/1/21 at 13 Million Gallons
- Total Treated: 2.8 Billion Gallons of drinking water for St. Charles Parish



### 2021 Production, Treatment, Distribution Stats

- Waterworks Treatment Plant Operators collect:
  - 270 chlorine samples per month throughout the water system
  - 120 chlorine samples per day at each treatment plant
- One operator per 12-hour shift performs an average of 319 water analyses.
  - 465,740 water analyses per year by each operator.
- Waterworks conducts analyses on chlorine, fluoride, pH, hardness, alkalinity, turbidity and conductivity daily in each plant and monthly throughout the distribution system.
- Meters Read Monthly: 24,641
- Work Orders Completed:
  - 28 Plant
  - 1,196 Distribution
  - 16,718 Meters

### Billing & Meter Reading Stats

#### **BILLING STATS**

- Average Customer Sales (per month): \$1,083,935
- Water Sales:
  - 17% Commercial
  - 41% Industrial
  - 42% Residential
- Customer Pay Methods:
  - 19% Bank Drafting
  - 21% Mail
  - 28% Online Pay
  - 32% In-Person

#### **METER READING STATS**

- **Accounts Read:** 263,206
- Number Reread (Parameter): 32,316 (12.3%)
- Number Reread (Inconsistencies): 4,783
- Water Services Installed: 174
- **Total Meters:** 24,513
  - 10,957 Manual Read Meters (45%)
  - 13,556 Automatic Read Meters (55%)

#### **Automatic Meter Project**

#### Benefits of Automatic Metering

- Improved accuracy
- Greater transparency for customers
- Real-time data critical alerts by type and sever
- Track total system usage by billing area
- Mobile work orders
- Reduce staff needed to read meters
- Bring meter-reading process up-to-date

#### What It Will Entail:

- Installation of up to 17,000 new meters
- Installation of base stations & multiple repeaters throughout the parish
- Phase I will start in Montz & Norco (In Progress)
- Phase II will start in New Sarpy and Destrehan





### Automatic Meter Project

• **Project Goal:** Install fixed base, remote read water meters to every Waterworks

customer

Types of Meters (current):

• Manual Read Meters: 10,606

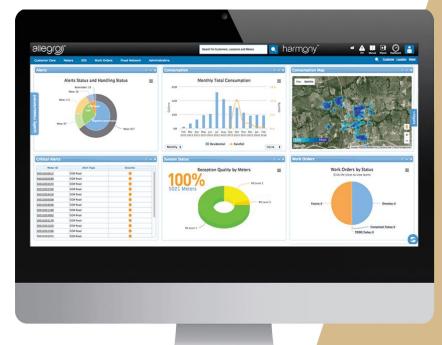
Drive-By Meters: 6,321

• Fixed-Based Meters: 7,086

Total Project Cost: \$7 Million

FY 2021 Project Budget: \$2 Million

FY 2022 Project Budget (proposed): \$2 Million









### Hurricane Ida Impacts on Waterworks

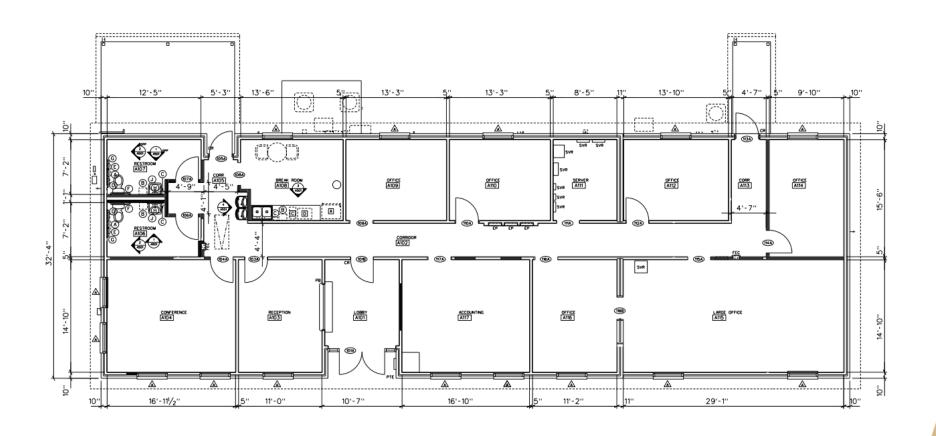
- West Bank Billing Office severely damaged.
  - Office moved to 403 Milling Ave.
- Loss of revenue
- East Bank River Intake damage
- East Bank Treatment Plant damage
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- Severe water loss
  - Tree roots entangled throughout the water distribution systems caused major water line breaks

# Hurricane Ida: West Bank Billing Office





## West Bank Billing Office Rebuild Design



#### Hurricane Ida: East Bank Intake

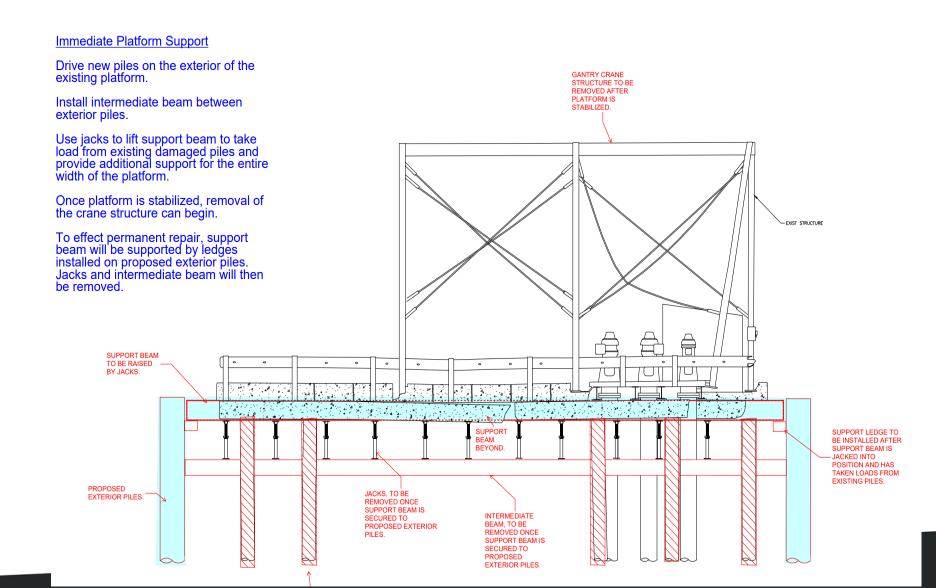




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#### East Bank Treatment Plant Design



#### Hurricane Ida: East Bank Treatment Plant



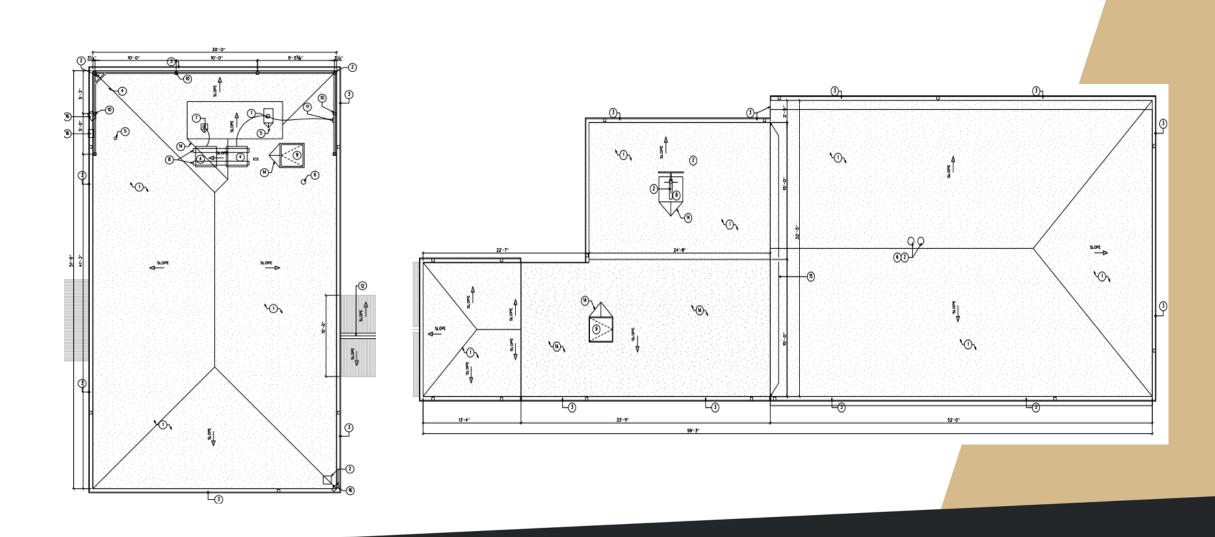
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