

HUMAN RESOURCES

SERVICE ANNIVERSARIES

- Jeff Matheson, Lab Manager - 25 years
- Michael Whiteley, IT Cybersecurity Manager - 5 years
- Mark Gonda, Systems Administrator - 5 years
- Breana Jackson, Executive Administrator - 5 years
- Augusto Robles, Engineer I - 5 years
- Dylan Jackson, Maintenance Technician - 5 years



EQ Basin Repairs

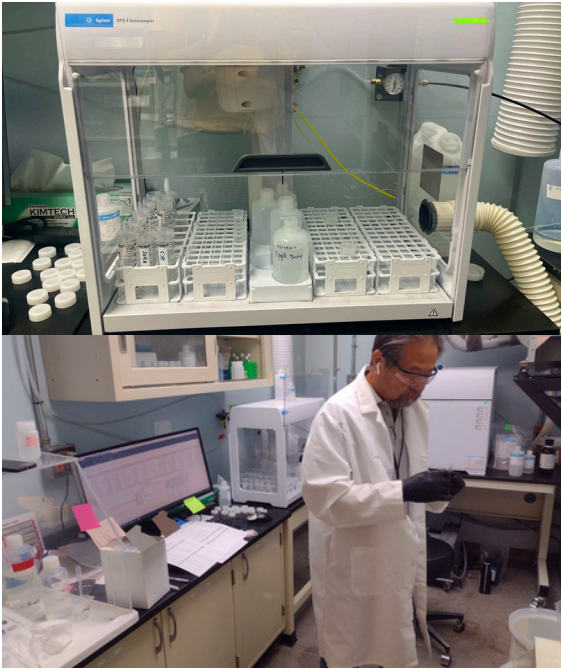
The Equalization (EQ) Basin is a critical part of the District infrastructure as it is vital to transporting dirty water to the drying beds. Four pumps and motors are used to push wastewater to the drying beds, and historically, these pumps and motors have had problems keeping up with demand. Staff discovered the motor and pump sizes were too small. Staff has been working to correct the issue for the last few months. The pumps were removed and rebuilt, and two new motors were purchased. Now, the EQ pumps are working correctly, and the Operators can utilize them without concerns.



Brice Meier Retirement

After 21 years of dedicated service, Brice Meier retired from the District on June 15, 2024. Brice spent his career working in the Operations department. He was one of the key operators in bringing the Point of the Mountain Water Treatment Plant online in 2007 and throughout his time has trained and mentored at least 19 operators. Brice was involved in many on-site improvement projects and plant expansion projects, as well as served on the emergency response team. During his last three years with the District, Brice worked closely procuring chemicals for the water treatment at both plants. Brice will be dearly missed and we wish him the best in this next phase of his life.

Lead and Copper Samples Begin



The Lab has recently started running compliance lead and copper samples for Salt Lake City. Salt Lake has contracted with 120Water to facilitate sampling efforts with homeowners. Through this program, residents are asked to take a first draw 1-liter sample after the water has remained stagnant for 6+ hours, as well as a 5th liter sample. Homeowners then mail samples to the lab. After samples are delivered, Lab staff preserve them with acid and scan them in the chain of custody to 120Water staff. Once approved for analysis, Lab staff runs them on the inductively coupled plasma mass spectrometer (ICP-MS). This instrument was purchased in September 2023 as a replacement for a 23-year-old instrument that was no longer supported. It has been running well, and the Lab has been able to deliver results to Salt Lake City within a week of receiving compliance samples. We have received 82 of these 1st & 5th liter water samples from Salt Lake City and have reported results for 74 of these samples to date. Sandy City has also brought in 38 compliance lead and copper samples and has reported 38 samples.

Exchange Online Email System

The District has upgraded from Exchange 2010 to Exchange Online as part of its ongoing efforts to enhance the IT infrastructure and provide staff with a more powerful and feature-rich email experience. IT took time to meet with staff, give an overview of the changes and benefits, and offer continuous support throughout the transition. As staff continues to use the program, the IT department has been working to answer questions and have minimal disruption to daily tasks. This ongoing effort will provide staff with many useful features and easier access to email.

ACE24



Three District staff recently attended the American Water Works Association (AWWA) ACE24 National Convention in Anaheim, California. Each of the 50 states was represented and AWWA members from 11 other countries were in attendance. Many topics covered addressed aging infrastructure: including the reconstruction of water treatment plants while maintaining water delivery, hiring and retaining good employees, and project delivery options. In addition to the learning opportunities, staff always appreciates meeting others in the water industry.



Utility Potholing for Cottonwoods Connection

Whitaker Construction is potholing utilities to prepare for the construction of the SLAR-CC, the largest branch of the Cottonwoods Connection. In June, the Little Cottonwood Conduit and Salt Lake Aqueduct were exposed north of the 10 Million Gallon Reservoir. Utility locating is also occurring around Fort Union Boulevard. This important process provides clarity for unmarked and mismarked utilities. The project team works with multiple utility providers to relocate utilities before construction.