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Re: Centralized Sewer Option for the Community

Dear Property Owner:

As stated previously in April of this year, the Pearl River County Utility Authority (PRCUA) applied for funding from the United States Stimulus Package administered by the Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) to install a wastewater infrastructure within our community. The realization of this project has been a big “if” pending its funding. A grant of \$5.9 million dollars was awarded from MDEQ to the PRCUA for the Hide-A-Way Lake Centralized Sewer Project. The PRCUA will now put this project out for competitive bids and will have final cost for the wastewater infrastructure by December of this year. This system will have main collector lines throughout the community linked to the new PRCUA wastewater collection and treatment system located in Picayune.

The PRCUA has a signed memorandum of understanding with HAWL that states “PRCUA agrees NOT to mandate each HAWL development resident to connect to the wastewater infrastructure”. The Mississippi State Department of Health has, as well, put into writing that they would allow functioning and previously approved individual on-site wastewater disposal systems to co-exist with an available central collection disposal line. (A copy of this letter is enclosed with this mailing.) **BOTTOM LINE:** Both agencies have stated that you as a property owner **do not have** to connect to the system as long as your system is functioning and was previously approved. Connection to the system will be the choice to each property owner. By doing this in this way, we are protecting all property owners from something they may not necessarily want at the present time, and yet help the ones who desperately want and need an actual sewage system.

The type of system that will be used is a low pressure sewer system, which incorporates a grinder pump at each home that is connected to this system. Grinder pumps are contained in a 100 gallon tank installed underground on your property which grinds and pumps sewage into the centralized sewer system away from your property. This type of system is less invasive than other alternatives since the infrastructure (collector lines) would be mostly 3” or less and will be trenched along our roadways, bored under concrete/asphalt driveways, and the turf seeded. If

connected, your property would have a grinder tank installed underground (a 36” diameter hole will be made with an auger and the pump will be placed in the hole and backfilled) in the area of your present individual on-site wastewater tank which would be abandoned i.e. filled in. Final cost for the grinder system on your property, if you choose to connect, will not be known until after the bid process. Estimated cost is \$3,500 plus the costs associated for a 220 volts electrical hookup. Details will come later (first of the year) for anyone interested in connecting to the system. If connected, there will be a monthly sewer charge which is estimated to be \$25 - \$30 (which includes maintenance to the system). The time line to install all infrastructures is twelve months. Homes would not be connected until after that.

Our Lake Quality Committee has made the following statement about this project.

*“The Lake Quality Committee is in favor of the Pearl River County Utility Authority Project to provide and install a low pressure sewer system for Hide-A-Way Lake. Members reviewed available documentation, presented concerns and questions to be addressed by the Utility Authority, and completed a field trip for first hand observation of an onsite working installation. The Committee determined this project provides the most prudent means for Hide-A-Way Lake to afford, protect, and assure the long-term health of our lakeside community by the effective removal of all sewage materials from our subdivision. Further details provided by the Utility Authority shall be addressed in the future by Hide-A-Way Lake Management/Board of Directors and, as requested, by the Lake Quality Committee.”*

The approval of funding was the first step towards actual implementation of a centralized sewage system in Hide-A-Way Lake. There are many details and final costs that must be worked out with the PRCUA. Future updates will be communicated to you either through our Echoes newsletter/monthly billing statements or a separate mailing.

Sincerely,

Hide-A-Way Lake Club, Inc.

General Manager – Bruce Devillier

Board of Directors - Kathy Busco, John Rodish, Jim Danton, Roger Cooper, Donna Rushton, Danny Stockstill, and  
Jim Wells