

# Customer PipeLine

## Progress Continues on Sewer Projects

The following provides a brief update on several sewer expansion projects currently under construction:

### Navy Point Sewer Expansion, Phase 1

All construction is complete. This project provided sewer service to an additional 170 customers.

### Edgewater Sewer Expansion

All construction is complete. This project provided sewer service to an additional 355 customers.

ECUA SEWER EXPANSION PROJECTS AIM TO PROVIDE RELIABLE SEWER SERVICE TO MORE PROPERTIES IN OUR COMMUNITY

### Bellshead Sewer Expansion

This sewer expansion project was initiated by the Escambia County Community Redevelopment Agency. The project area is located north of Scott Street and south of Fairfield Drive, between Mission Street and the Burlington Northern railroad tracks. ECUA has provided \$140,000 toward the cost of the project, including the engineering design work. Construction is being funded by Escambia County. Brown Construction Company is the contractor. The project was completed in early February and provided sewer service to 97 additional customers.

### Aviation Field Sewer Expansion

This sewer expansion project is being constructed under a Hurricane Mitigation grant acquired by Escambia County. ECUA is contributing engineering costs. The project is located in an area south of Texar Drive, and west of Interstate 10. The project was completed in early February and provided sewer service to 109 additional customers.

### Navy Point Sewer Expansion, Phase 2A

This sewer expansion project is being constructed under a Hurricane Mitigation grant acquired by Escambia County. ECUA is contributing engineering costs. The project is located in the southeastern part of the Navy Point Subdivision. The ECUA awarded the bid at its October meeting to Tindle Enterprises. The Notice to Proceed has been issued and construction began in mid-February.

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## SIMPLE TIPS TO WINTERIZE YOUR HOME

Every winter, many homeowners face the inconvenience and expense that come with frozen water pipes. Here are a few simple measures you can take to ready your home's plumbing for winter.

**1. DISCONNECT AND DRAIN OUTDOOR HOSES:** Detach all hoses from faucets and allow them to drain. This keeps the water in the hose or pipe from freezing, and bursting the faucet or pipe to which it is connected.

**2. INSULATE PIPES OR FAUCETS IN UNHEATED AREAS:** Pipes located in any unheated area of your house are subject to freezing. Wrap these pipes with insulation materials made especially for this purpose *before* freezing temperatures arrive to avoid having to scramble at the last minute. Also, it's a lot easier to work in an unheated area when temperatures are mild!

**3. FIND THE MASTER SHUT-OFF VALVE:** The master shut-off valve controls the water flow to your home's plumbing and is usually located near the entry point of your home's water line, near the water heater or the washer and dryer hook-ups. Knowing where this valve is located will be important if a pipe bursts anywhere in your home. You can mark this valve with bright paint or by hanging a tag marker on it. Make sure all family members know where it is, and how to turn it off.

**4. RUN A TRICKLE OF WATER:** Run a thin trickle of water from the faucet furthest from the water line coming to your house. Usually this is in a room at the back of the house or outside, in the yard. Allowing the water to circulate through your home's plumbing helps to keep it from freezing. Some consider this a waste of water but the cost of the water used is slight compared to repairing broken pipes and resulting water damage.

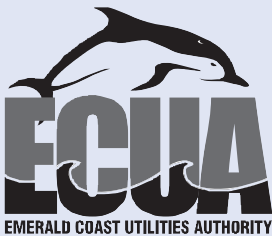
## Call Before You Dig...



Underground lines, both on and off your property, can be easily damaged by digging equipment. To ensure community safety, all area utilities work through a free "line locator" service to help you spot utility lines before you dig. In our area, the number to call is:

**1-800-432-4770**

It is important to call at least 48 hours in advance so that all the utility companies affected by your project may be contacted for verification.



### *Sewer Projects, Continued*

#### **Intendencia Street Sewer Rehabilitation**

Work has begun on the major sewer rehabilitation work on Intendencia Street between Alcaniz Street and Cevallos. All work has been closely coordinated with the City of Pensacola Engineering and Public Works Departments. The contractor has contacted local residents directly to explain the work and possible temporary limitations of access. The project is underway and is proceeding with complete neighborhood approval.

#### **Binkley Road Sewer Expansion Contract 2**

Escambia County has recently indicated that they will be proceeding with the next phase of the Ferry Pass Drainage Improvement Program. ECUA had previously planned and budgeted funds for constructing sewer lines in conjunction with this phase of the County work. This project will provide sewer service to approximately 160 additional residences.

#### **Brent Area Sewer Upgrade**

This project was re-advertised for bids after modifications suggested by contractors during pre-bid meetings were made. Bids have been opened and a recommendation for Award of Bid was presented to the Board at its January meeting. The project received Board approval and is scheduled to begin in March 2007.

#### **Scott Street Sewer Expansion**

This sewer expansion project was initially approved by the Board in 2005 but was postponed due to conflicts with other utility lines in a two-block section of Baylen Street. The conflicts have been since resolved, and the project was re-advertised for bids. Award of Bid was presented to the Board at its January meeting, and received approval. The project is scheduled to begin in mid-February, and will provide sewer service to 99 additional residences.

## **ECUA Receives Hazard Mitigation Grant**

In January, ECUA received notification from the State of Florida, Division of Emergency Management, that our project to construct a diversion line from the Bayou Marcus Water Reclamation Facility to the proposed Central Water Reclamation Facility (CRWF) transmission main had been approved through the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP). This will allow us to divert wastewater flow away from storm surge areas near Pensacola Bay during severe weather events. Funding for this project is being provided through the FEMA Long Term Recovery Office. The total project cost is estimated at \$26.7 million, and FEMA will provide 72 percent, or \$19.2 million. The 28 percent balance of the costs, \$7.5 million, will have to be provided by non-federal sources.