

USACE February Report for UMWA

1. Planning has already begun for the dredging season, Channels and Harbors is expecting to start dredging early (~ April) with several mechanical plants. We are hoping the water levels cooperate to facilitate an early start to the season. *No Change*
2. The Hydraulic Dredge Goetz and Maintenance and Repair Mechanical Dredge continue much needed maintenance to both sets of equipment over the winter. *No Change*
3. Lower Pool 2 Channel Mgmt Project: Phase I: Both rock structures are complete. The Met Council Sewer outfall that runs through the downstream structure is a concern of industry. Channels and Harbors has set up a meeting with Met Council, RIAC, USCG and Regulatory on 24 February to attempt to find a resolution before Spring. Phase II: Dredging portion; attempts will be made to continue dredging further out in the project area to meet plan objectives. The constraint is placement site capacity, in 2020 the plan is to make strides toward the end goal.
4. Miter Gates are being fabricated for Locks 5A, 8 and 10. Delivery of first set of gates not anticipated until 2021. *No Change*
5. Lock and dam tow rail design and replacement, Locks 4, 5, 5A, 6, 8, and 9: Contract awarded to Kraemer North America. Construction will take place over the next three years and will be scheduled during the winter months. Construction at LD 6, LD 8 and LD 9 scheduled for this winter is going according to schedule. *No Change*
6. Lock 4 Sandblast and paint chamber tainter valves construction is on schedule, work will be complete for the start of navigation season 2020. *No Change*
7. Pool 2 DMMP: The NSE request for Southport has been approved by MVD and is now under review at HQUSACE. MVD approval of the NSE include a contingency for completion of an environmental baseline survey, so the team is working to complete that work at the moment. The public comment period for the draft report closed on 8 JAN and the team hopes to have all comments addressed by EOM. Afterward, the report will be vetted through the River Resources Forum for interagency endorsement.
8. Pool 4 DMMP: The City of Wabasha and the COE continue to exchange cost information for a potential Sec. 217 Public-Private Partnership material management agreement. Biweekly conference calls between the PDT and the City of Wabasha are being held. A few more "willing sellers" have come forward since the release of the DRAFT Pool 5 DMMP. DRAFT DMMP is anticipated after 1st of the year for internal reviews. DRAFT to public anticipated in spring. *No Change*
9. Pool 5 DMMP: MVD approved the report on FEB 9 and Col Jansen signed the FONSI on FEB 10. RE Closing on the Rolling Prairie property is anticipated in 30 - 60 days.
10. Pool 6 DMMP: Public meeting was held in Winona on 11 FEB at Winona County History Center.
11. Pool 10 McMillan Island: MVP began planning site unload for this coming summer; ~100kcy to be moved hydraulically to COE-owned Buck Creek site north of Guttenberg. Anticipate CT advertisement in late March. *No Change*
12. St. Louis District: Lock 25 has run in to problems with the bulkhead slots, however they have decided to defer the less critical portion of the work and plan to be open for tow traffic 31 March.