

CEDAR KEY WATER AND SEWER DISTRICT UPDATE

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District Board Chooses New Chair, Vice Chair

After many years of devoted service as the Chair of the District Board, Thelma McCain nominated Dottie Haldeman to take over as Chair. Ms. Dottie was thereafter unanimously elected, and Chris Cowart was nominated and elected as vice-chair. The terms for these positions is one year.

2009 Annual Drinking Water Quality Report Issued

The District recently issued its 2009 Annual Drinking Water Quality Report, and mailed it to all District customers. This annual report is designed to inform customers about the District's compliance with the strict state and federal standards for safe drinking water. In all tested areas, water provided by the District over the past year exceeded safe drinking water standards. This report is available on the District's website: ckwater.org.

\$1,000 Reward Offered for Information on Vandalism

The District Board voted to offer a \$1,000 reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the person or persons responsible for vandalizing the water main suspended beneath the airport bridge. The vandalism involved drilling three small holes in the pipe causing water to leak out. Anyone with information should call the District Office at 543-5285, or the Police Department at 543-5180.

Phase II Utility Improvements to Begin Soon

The street and utility improvements funded by the City's Community Redevelopment Agency went out to bid with the bid opening on June 4th. The CRA chose Ciraco Underground as the contractor and work is expected to begin during July. This project will involve updating the utility infrastructure throughout the older parts of the City.

RDA Grant/Loan Improvements (Phase III)

The District took another step in finalizing the paperwork necessary to proceed with receiving the approximately \$2 million grant/loan from the federal Rural Development Agency. At its regular meeting on June 14, the District Board approved the engineering contract with Mittauer Associates. Mittauer Associates will now begin design work on the improvements which include a new 8-inch water line running from the water plant on State Road 24 to the intersection of Whiddon and State Road 24, the connection of the newly installed airport water line by underground boring to the Hodgson Hill area, and repairs and improvements to the water treatment plant. This design work should be completed by the first of next year, with work to begin in the fall of 2011 at the completion of the Phase II work.

District Website and Next Meeting

Please go to the District's website--ckwater.org--where you will find additional information about the District. The District's next meeting will be held on July 12, 5:00 p.m., at the District's offices on Third Street.