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## Appendix D. BAF for the Point Loma Wastewater Treatment Plant Protocol for Phase I and Phase II Pilot Testing

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**BIOLOGICAL AERATED FILTER FOR THE POINT LOMA  
WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT**

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# PILOT TEST PROTOCOL

## City of San Diego MWW Biological Aerated Filter Pilot Test at PLWTP – Phase I

### I. BACKGROUND

A technical memorandum (TM) was prepared that evaluated the technical and economic feasibility of utilizing the biological aerated filter (BAF) technology to provide secondary treatment technology at the Point Loma Wastewater Treatment Plant (PLWTP). Information from US BAF facilities visited by Brown and Caldwell (BC) and the City of San Diego (City), data received from the two BAF vendors and from the literature was used to develop the preliminary costs reported in this TM. However, the PLWTP facility has some unique characteristics that differ from facilities where data were collected. The temperature and strength of the PLWTP wastewater as well as other wastewater characteristics differ enough to possibly impact performance of the BAF system. In addition, many reports on the performance of BAFs are related to operations employing multistage BAF that provide carbonaceous BOD removal, nitrification, and/or denitrification; it is difficult to differentiate the performance of these systems on the removal of carbonaceous BOD, which is the primary design goal of the BAF technology that is being considered for the PLWTP facility. Evaluation of key design parameters through pilot testing of candidate BAF systems and a candidate clarifier/thickener system when operating under San Diego conditions will provide crucial information that will allow the City to evaluate the technical and economic feasibility of the BAF technology in more detail than has been possible to date.

Three implementation options (shown in the Figure 1) form the basis of the pilot test. These options are as follows:

Option 1 – Use BAF to treat advance primary effluent to secondary level. Recycle backwash to the primary sedimentation basin (PSB) influent channel to co-settle with primary sludge.

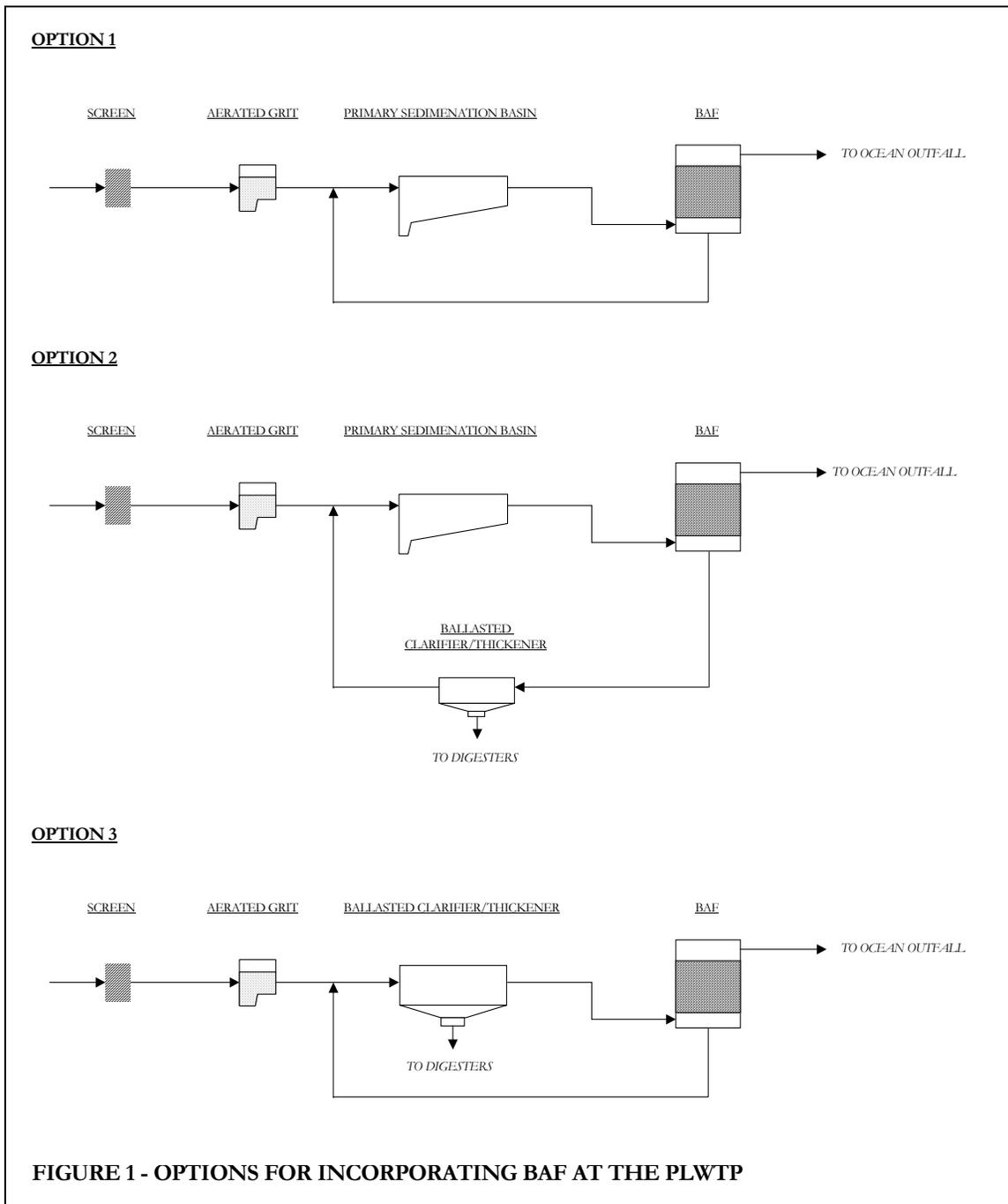
Option 2 – Use BAF to treat advance primary effluent to secondary level. Thicken backwash in a ballasted clarifier/thickener (BC/T). Recycle BC/T effluent to the PSB influent channel. Pump thickened solids to the sludge holding tank for subsequent digestion.

Option 3 – Replace existing PSBs with BC/Ts. Use BAF to treat primary effluent from the BC/T. Recycle backwash to the BC/T influent and co-settle BAF waste sludge with primary sludge. Pump thickened solids to the sludge holding tank for subsequent digestion.

A process flow diagram representing a scheme to Option 1, i.e. Phase I of the Study, is shown in Figure 2. A site plan showing the location of the pilot test facility relative to the existing PLWTP and the arrangement of the pilot units are shown on Figures 3 and 4, respectively. Complete design drawings are provided in Exhibit A.

City and BC representatives visited European facilities with full-scale BIODYR, BIOFOR and/or Densadeg in operation. The group found Densadeg to be very effective in thickening

backwash waste from the BIOFOR and was equally effective as a high rate primary clarifier. Because of the observed performance, the City subsequently directed BC to increase the



testing period for Densadeg. It was also concluded, after extensive discussions with the manufacturer of Densadeg, Odeco-Degremont, Inc. (ODI), that Option 2 could not be evaluated because of the low volumes of backwash generated relative to the capacity of the Densadeg. The Densadeg pilot unit has a minimum capacity of 100 gpm. By comparison, only about 60 gpm of backwash is generated with both the BIOFOR and BIOSTYR pilot units backwashing. In addition the backwash process only lasts for 60 minutes. Under this condition, the Densadeg unit will not be able to develop a sufficient sludge blanket to reflect

normal operations. Therefore, the pilot test will be developed to simulate Options 1 and 3 only. This protocol is for Phase I, simulation of Option 1.

## II. TEST OBJECTIVES

The main objectives for the pilot test are as follows:

To validate the following design parameters proposed by each BAF vendor:

Parameter	BIOFOR C	BIOFOR N	BIOSTYR
BOD loading rate (30-d running average) lb/1000 cf-d	224	90	218
TSS loading rate (30-d running average) lb/1000 cf-d	100	45	99.7
Hydraulic loading rate (MMF) (gpm/sf)	1.9	3.9	2.0
Hydraulic loading rate (PWWF) (gpm/sf)	3.0	6	2.9
Process air supply (MMF) (scfm/sf)	0.52	0.52	0.85
Backwash air (scfm/sf)	5.35	5.35	0.85

To determine the performance of the two BAF systems under consideration when operated over a range of anticipated seasonal hydraulic, organic and solids loadings  
 To develop solids generation factors required to support the selection of the appropriate solids thickening scheme that would obviate the need for construction of additional anaerobic digestion at the PLWTP  
 To determine power requirements for each BAF system  
 To determine the headloss development over the operational period  
 To determine aeration requirements for each BAF system  
 To determine backwash conditions (frequency, volume, air and water rates) associated with each BAF system  
 To ascertain the potential for media loss and plugging potential  
 To determine the settleability of the backwash solids, particularly focusing on their ability to co-settle and co-thicken with primary sludge

## III. SCHEDULE

### A. Overall Pilot Test Schedule

The pilot test is scheduled to commence February 2004 and continue until August 2004. The pilot test is expected to proceed as follows:

Date	Event
January – February, 2004	Project Startup
February –May, 2004  PHASE I	Testing of BIOSTYR and BIOFOR using primary effluent pumped from the primary effluent channel. No processing of backwash solids will occur. Occasional evaluation of solids settleability performed.

<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>
June-August, 2004  PHASE II	Pre-screened wastewater pumped from the screening channels (at the headworks) to the Densadeg. Testing of BIOSTYR and BIOFOR using Densadeg effluent. Backwash from BAF will be co-settled/co-thickened with the pre-screened wastewater in the Densadeg.

At the conclusion of the pilot test, a report will be prepared summarizing the pilot test findings and providing recommended design criteria for the full-scale design for each unit tested. A revised cost estimate will also be prepared, in light of the pilot test findings.

#### **B. Phase I –Schedule**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>
January 12, 2004	Delivery of BIOSTYR and BIOFOR pilot test units at PLWTP
January 23, 2004	Completion of the installation of pilot units, including media, anchoring and leveling of units, piping connections, electrical connections, and initial shakedown
January 26 to February 6, 2004	Training performed by ODI and US Filter on the proper operation of the BAF pilot test units
January 26 to February 22, 2004	Acclimation of BAF pilot test units Morning sample collection
February 23, 2004	Begin sampling and monitoring program
February 23 to May 31, 2004	To take advantage of wet weather conditions, initially operate (February-March, 2004) at increased rate relative to the proposals Evaluate pressure build-up Evaluate performance of each BAF pilot unit Evaluate backwash requirements Evaluate settleability of backwash solids Evaluate power requirements Summarize monthly data Meet to discuss data Determine changes in operating conditions, if necessary

#### **IV. PILOT TEST UNIT DESCRIPTION**

Specifications for the Biostyr, Biofor-C and Biofor-N pilot test units are provided in Exhibit B.

#### **V. SAMPLING PROTOCOL**

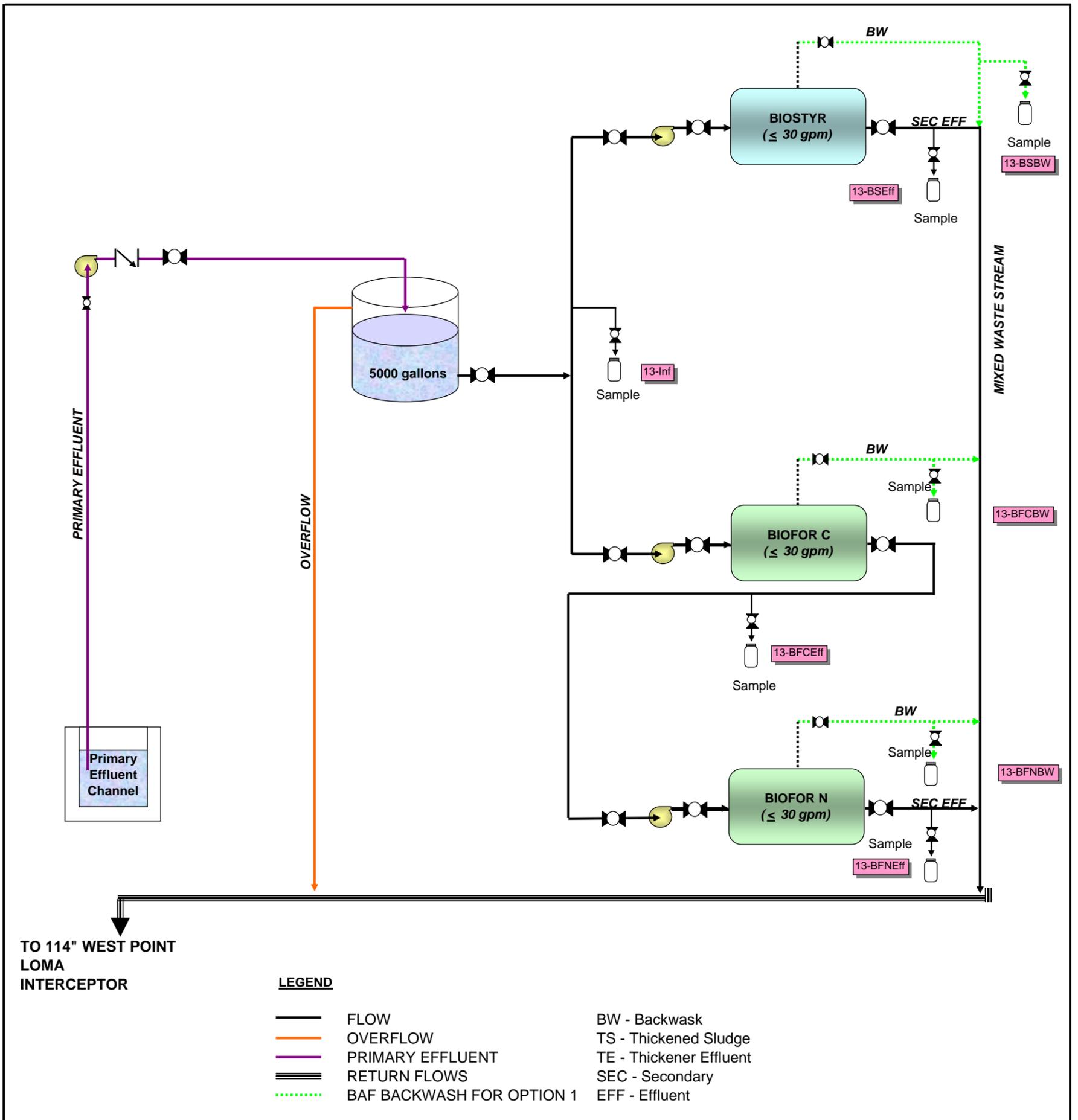
The Phase I sampling program is presented in Table 1. Sampling locations noted in Table 1 can be cross-referenced using Figure 2.

Table 1

City of San Diego MWW  
BAF Pilot Study Sampling and Monitoring Program  
Phase I

Analyte	Analytical Method	Analytical Equipment	Container	Volume (mL)	Preservative	Max Holding Time	Sampling Frequency	Sampling Locations						ANALYSIS PER DAY
								Influent	Biostyr		Biofor C		Biofor N	
								Effluent	Backwash	Effluent	Backwash	Effluent	Backwash	
<b>DAILY SAMPLING</b>														
<b>24-HR Time-Composited</b>														
BOD <sub>5</sub> (Total)	SM 5210-B	Lab	P, G	1,000	4-deg C	24h	EOD-1	X	X	X		X		4
SBOD <sub>5</sub> (Soluble)		Lab	P, G	1,000	4-deg C	24h	EOD-1	X	X	X		X		4
CBOD <sub>5</sub> (Carbonaceous)				1,000	4-deg C	24h	EOD-2	X	X	X		X		4
SCBOD <sub>5</sub> (SolubleCarbonaceous)		Lab	P, G	1,000	4-deg C	24h	EOD-2	X	X	X		X		4
COD	SM 5220-C	Lab	P, G	100	4-deg C, add H <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>4</sub> to pH<2	28d	D	X	X	X		X		4
TSS	SM 2540-D	Lab	P, G	200	4-deg C	7d	D	X	X	X		X		4
VSS	SM 2540-E	Lab	P, G	200	4-deg C	7d	D	X	X	X		X		4
TKN	SM 4500-F	Lab	P, G	500	4-deg C, add H <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>4</sub> to pH<2	28d	D	X	X	X		X		4
NH <sub>3</sub> -N	EPA 350.3	Lab	P, G	500	4-deg C, add H <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>4</sub> to pH<2	28d	D	X	X	X		X		4
Orthophosphate	SM 4500-P	Lab	P, G	100	4-deg C, add H <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>4</sub> to pH<2	28d	D	X	X	X		X		4
Alkalinity	SM 2320-B	Lab	P, G	200	4-deg C	14d	D	X	X	X		X		4
<b>Pilot Test Unit Instrument Readings</b>			TOTAL =	3,800										
Air flow	Pilot test unit instrument						D-NO; D-BO							
Air Pressure	Pilot test unit instrument						D-NO; D-BO							
Sample port pressure (P1, P2, P3, P4)	Pilot test unit instrument						D-NO; D-BO							
Backwash water pressure	Pilot test unit instrument						D-BO							
Power demand	Pilot test unit instrument						D-NO; D-BO							
Media loss	Visual						D-NO; D-BO							
Conditions of screen	Visual						D-NO; D-BO							
Backwash characteristics							D-BO							
Other observations							D-BO							
<b>Grab Samples-Portable Meter Readings</b>														
Temperature	Portable Meter	pH Meter					D	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Dissolved Oxygen	Portable Meter	DO Meter					D	X	X	X	X	X	X	
pH	Portable Meter	pH Meter					D	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Turbidity	Portable Meter	Turbidity Meter					D	X	X	X	X	X	X	
<b>EVERY OTHER DAY SAMPLING</b>														
<b>Grab Samples</b>														
BOD <sub>5</sub> (Total)	SM 5210-B	Lab	P, G	1,000	4-deg C	24h	EOD			X		X		3
SBOD <sub>5</sub> (Soluble)		Lab	P, G	1,000	4-deg C	24h	EOD			X		X		3
COD	SM 5220-C	Lab	P, G	100	4-deg C, add H <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>4</sub> to pH<2	28d	EOD			X		X		3
TSS	SM 2540-D	Lab	P, G	200	4-deg C	7d	EOD			X		X		3
VSS	EPA 160.4	Lab	P, G	200	4-deg C	7d	EOD			X		X		3
TS	EPA 160.3	Lab	P, G	200	4-deg C	7d	EOD			X		X		3
VS	EPA 160.4	Lab	P, G	200	4-deg C	7d	EOD			X		X		3
SETS (Settleable solids)	SM 2540-F	Lab	P, G	200	4-deg C	48h	EOD			X		X		3
			TOTAL =	3,100										
<b>OCCASIONAL SAMPLING</b>														
<b>- THREE TIMES PER WEEK</b>														
NO <sub>2</sub> -N, NO <sub>3</sub> -N	HACH Method 8507, 8171	Lab and Outside Lab	P, G	100	4-deg C	48h	OCC	X	X	X		X		4
<b>- TWO TIMES PER WEEK</b>														
Imhoff Settling	Imhoff Cone	On-Site	Imhoff	1,000	N/A	Immed	OCC			X		X		X
		Outside Lab					OCC	X	X	X		X		
<b>- THREE TIMES PER MONTH</b>														
MSB							OCC		X			X		
<b>- ONCE FOR WHOLE STUDY</b>														
Diurnal - TBOD <sub>5</sub> and CBOD <sub>5</sub> -2-hr Composites (1X)	SM 5210-B	Lab	P, G	1,000	4-deg C	24h	OCC	X	X	X		X		12
Diurnal - SBOD <sub>5</sub> and SCBOD <sub>5</sub> - 2-hr Composites (1X)	SM 5210-B	Lab	P, G	1,000	4-deg C	24h	OCC	X	X	X		X		12
Off gas test							OCC-NO							

D: daily  
D-NO: Taken during normal operation only  
D-BO: Taken during backwash operation only  
EOD: every other day  
EOD-1: every other day, pair samples-day 1  
EOD-2: every other day, pair samples-day 2  
EOD: even  
OCC: occasional  
EOD-1: ev  
OCC-NO: occasional, but only during normal operations



**BIOLOGICAL AERATED FILTER PILOT STUDY  
PROCESS FLOW DIAGRAM - PHASE I  
FIGURE 2**

The sampling crew (consisting of O&M, EPMD and BC personnel) will be responsible for retrieving the composite bottles from the autosamplers and delivering them to the PLWTP Lab. The sampling crew will also fill out Chain-of-Custody forms (sample given in Exhibit C) required by the PLWTP Lab to accompany the sample bottles. The PLWTP Lab staff will label the bottles, complete the manifests, and analyze the samples for the parameters indicated on the manifests.

## **A. DAILY SAMPLING AND MONITORING**

The following activities will be performed daily.

### **1. Composite Sampling**

Daily time-based composite samples are to be collected of the influent and effluent streams of the Biostyr, Biofor-C and Biofor-N pilot units. Refrigerated autosamplers set at 4 degrees C are to be used. The autosampler will be programmed such that a 75-mL sample will be collected every 15 minutes. This will produce about a 7.2-L composite sample which will be divided into various sample bottles, some of which contain preservatives as noted in Table 1.

During weekdays, the PLWTP Operations and Process Control Staff will remove the composite sample bottle from the autosampler; replace it with an empty and labeled bottle (note that the autosampler will not be reprogrammed); fill out manifests; and deliver the composite sample bottle to the PLWTP Lab. BC will perform this task during the weekends. Detailed instructions are provided as Exhibit D.

Samples requiring TKN analysis will be placed in the refrigerator separately by the PLWTP Lab. Every Monday, the EPMD Sampling Crew will take all samples requiring TKN analysis and deliver it to the NCWRP Lab for analysis before 16:00.

### **2. Meter Readings**

The temperature, dissolved oxygen, pH, and turbidity of the influent, effluent and backwash waste streams from each BAF pilot unit will be measured and recorded daily using portable meters. The readings will be recorded in daily pilot test unit meter readings sheet provided (samples given in Exhibit E). The portable meters will be calibrated daily by the EPMD or BC staff.

During weekdays at 06:30 and 22:00, the PLWTP Operations and Process Control Staff will perform this task. On weekends, BC will perform this task at 06:30 and 14:00 only when BAF backwash is to be sampled. The PLWTP Operations and Process Control Staff will do it at 14:00 (during non-backwash weekend days) and 22:00 on weekend evenings.

### **3. Pilot Test Unit Instrument Readings**

Every day, the sampling crew will record information taken from each of the BAF pilot test unit instruments. The instrumentation differs between the BAF pilot units. The sampling crew will use the daily pilot test unit instrument readings log sheet provided in Exhibit E as a guide on the type of data to be recorded.

During weekdays at 06:30 and 22:00, the PLWTP Operations and Process Control Staff will perform this task. On weekends, BC will perform this task at 06:30 and 14:00 only when BAF backwash is to be sampled. The PLWTP Operations and Process Control Staff will do it at 14:00 (during non-backwash weekend days) and 22:00 on weekend evenings.

#### **4. Headloss Measurements**

Pressure transducers will be installed on each BAF pilot unit to determine the pressures at four locations along the height of the bed: one at the bottom, one near the top, and two in between in order to measure the headloss across BAF media. The aim of using these additional ports is to determine points of plugging along the media and possibly determine the locations where biomass growth and influent solids filtration occur over the period between backwashes.

BC will provide training for two days. Subsequently, EMPD staff will perform this task, including calibration of the pressure transducers and download of data from the data logger. EPMD will provide BC with the data daily via e-mail. EPMD will have its own laptop download and store the data. The same laptop will be used by BC to download data during the weekends. Detailed instructions are provided in Exhibit F.

### **B. EVERY OTHER DAY SAMPLING AND MONITORING**

The following activities will be performed every other day.

#### **1. Backwash Sampling and Monitoring**

Backwashing of the BAF pilot test units will be scheduled on a specific time interval (initially every 24 hours) and set at time when the sampling crew is present (around 10:00 to 11:00 a.m. daily). Backwash times will be adjusted so that only one BAF unit is backwashed at a time. Backwash water will be collected in a backwash tank, mixed and then sampled. Mixing will be provided through a pump mixing system (see Figure 3 for a schematic of the mixing system). The mixing pump will be turned on after backwash is completed. The pump will be run for some time (about 3-5 minutes) to be sure that complete mixing is achieved in the tank. Daily backwash sample will be taken from the discharge line of the mixing pump. After the sample is taken, the pump will be turned off, the backwash tank will be drained and hosed off to clean the tank for the next backwash event.

BC will provide training for two days. Subsequently, EPMD will be responsible for this activity during the weekdays and BC will be performing the task on weekends.

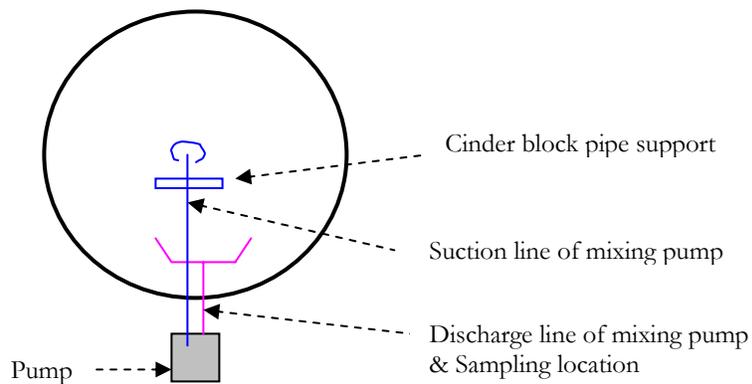


Figure 3. Schematic of mixing system in backwash tank

Detailed instructions are provided in Exhibit G.

### C. OCCASIONAL SAMPLING AND MONITORING

The following activities will be performed occasionally during the pilot test study. The frequency of these tests is shown in Table 1.

#### 1. Settleability Test

Two times per week, additional backwash samples will be taken to perform the settleability test. This will consist of pouring a 1-L backwash sample into an Imhoff Cone and recording the time and location of the Clearwater and solids interface. An SVI value will eventually be derived per the methodology described in Exhibit H. Log sheets to record readings are also provided in Exhibit H.

The EPMD/BC sampling crew assigned for that day will perform this analysis.

#### 2. Measurement of Biomass

TSS and VSS will be measured in both Biostyr and Biofor units once every other week during the study before and after backwashing at more than one elevation. Standard operating procedure for biomass media sampling and analysis is given in Exhibit I.

The BC team will coordinate with the PLWTP Lab to perform this analysis.

#### 3. Sampling and Monitoring of Diurnal CBOD

On two occasions, autosamplers will be used to collect 2-hr time-based composites to determine the diurnal CBOD profile of the influent and effluent streams. The BAF influent flow rate will remain constant during the period of diurnal CBOD testing.

On one of these occasions, the collected sample will be analyzed both for CBOD and Soluble CBOD (SCBOD). This extra sampling for monitoring diurnal CBOD will be performed concurrent with the normal sampling event (described in V.A.1 above). Non-refrigerated autosamplers cooled with ice packs will be used to collect the normal (V.A.1) daily samples. The refrigerated autosamplers will be retrofitted to allow

collection of 2-hour time-based composites. The following steps are required when converting the autosampler from one bottle to 24-bottle sampling:

1. Remove bottle rack from refrigerator.
2. Install distributor arm from top of refrigerator compartment.
3. Place 24 bottles in refrigerator.
4. Route pump tubing into top of one bottle.
5. Reprogram sampler to "multiplex mode".

The PLWTP Operations and Process Control Staff will be responsible for this task with assistance from BC.

#### **4. Continuous Turbidity Reading During Stress Testing**

Turbidity of the effluent streams of the Biostyr, Biofor-C and Biofor-N pilot units will be measured continuously two times during stress testing period, which is the last week of the Phase I. Turbidity meter with a data logger will be used for this purpose.

The continuous turbidity meter will also be cycled through the different BAF pilot units to track effluent turbidity continuously. The location of the meter will be tracked using the log sheets in Exhibit J.

The BC/EPMD team will conduct this testing and monitoring.

#### **5. Collimated Beam Testing**

To meet future standards, it may be necessary to disinfect the secondary effluent produced by the full-scale BAF units. Disinfection using ultraviolet light is desirable because of its reduced hazards and absence of unpleasant byproducts.

The secondary effluent from the BAF pilot units will be tested to determine the UV dosage needed to inactivate bacteria and viruses present. Two collimated beam testing will be performed on the effluent streams of the Biostyr, Biofor-C and Biofor-N pilot units for the whole study.

BC will conduct the sampling for this analysis. A contract laboratory will perform this analysis.

#### **6. MS2 Bacteriophage Testing**

Once PLWTP convert to secondary treatment, bioassay testing on the effluent will likely be required. Therefore, a limited bioassay will be performed during the study. MS2 Bacteriophage testing will be performed two times on influents and effluents of the Biostyr, Biofor-C and Biofor-N pilot units.

BC will conduct the sampling for this analysis. A contract laboratory will perform this analysis.

#### **7. Bioassay**

Ultimately, the effluent from the PLWTP must pass the toxicity requirements for discharge to the Pacific Ocean. On two occasions, the BAF effluent will be tested for toxicity using the same organisms currently used by the City to determine the toxicity of the advanced primary effluent currently being discharged.

BC will conduct the sampling for this analysis. The City will perform the bioassay.

## **8. Assessment of Oxygen Transfer Efficiency**

Oxygen transfer efficiency will be assessed in both Biofor and Biostyr BAFs. Off-gas testing protocols will be followed according to ASCE Guidelines on Oxygen Transfer Testing in Process Water. They will be conducted by Professor Mike Stenstorm of UCLA over a two day period during this phase (Phase 1) of the study only.

## **D. ADDITIONAL DATA (Normal PLWTP Monitoring Program for NPDES Permit)**

The City currently monitors the advance primary effluent from the existing plant to satisfy its NPDES permit. The sampling crew will collect from the City laboratory data on the following parameters:

- Total and volatile solids (bi weekly)
- Total and dissolved sulfides
- Conductivity
- Alkalinity
- Total hardness
- Calcium hardness
- Magnesium hardness
- Sulfate
- Phosphate
- Heavy Metals (weekly)

Information on these parameters will be used to compare advance primary effluent data with similar data for the influent to the pilot plant and possibly explain any anomalies or oddities that may be observed during the course of the test.

## **VI. OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE**

ODI and US Filter will be conducting training sessions for the City and BC personnel responsible for the operation of the pilot test facility. They will be providing O&M manuals, which will be placed in a covered container at the pilot test site. A sample O&M manual for the BIOFOR and BIOSTYR units are included in this protocol as Exhibit K.

Changes in operating parameters will be performed by the appropriate BC and City personnel after consultation with the respective vendors. Changes to the testing program will be performed only after discussing the previous data results and project goals and directions

amongst the City and BC team. This discussion is anticipated to occur during the monthly meetings (see Section IX for more details).

BC and City staff will not operate any of the instrumentation and controls (I&C) system of the pilot test units unless the respective vendor provides written authorization to do so and provides a release in liability from damages that may result from the operation of the I&C system.

Vendors will be given the opportunity to visit the pilot test site to conduct maintenance on their equipment. Based on preliminary discussions with the vendors, US Filter has indicated that it will send a representative monthly to inspect their unit. ODI has elected to visit only when necessary.

The proposed operating conditions for the BAF units during start up, wet weather and design conditions are presented in Tables 2, 3 and 4. During start up, the units will be first loaded at the minimum hydraulic loading rates proposed. Within three weeks, loading rates will be gradually increased to the average operating conditions. During the wet weather condition simulation, peak hydraulic, BOD and TSS loading rates proposed by the vendors will be simulated. Each BAF unit has different operational limits that are reflected by the proposed operating conditions shown in the Tables 2, 3 and 4. For example, BIOSTYR is limited by the peak hydraulic loading rate of 3.2 gpm/sf when one cell is in backwash for each battery. The corresponding BOD loading rate under this condition is 321 lb /1000 cf-d (based on the maximum monthly BOD concentration of 116 mg/L). By contrast, the limiting condition for the BIOFOR units is the BOD loading on Biofor-N unit (187 lb /1000 cf-d with a corresponding hydraulic loading rate of 2.82 gpm/sf).

**Table 2. Proposed Operating Conditions for BIOSTYR**

	Flow Rate (gpm)	Hydraulic Loading Rate (gpm/sf)	TSS Loading (lb /1000 cf-d)	BOD Loading (lb /1000 cf-d)	Process air (scfm)
<b>Stage 1- Start up (acclimation period) – Jan 26 to Feb 22</b>					
<b>Stage 2- Simulation of wet weather conditions</b>					
Week 1: Feb 23- Feb 29	8.9	2.4	100	241	2.0
Week 2: Mar 1-Mar 7	9.6	2.6	109	261	2.2
Week 3: Mar 8-Mar 14	10.3	2.8	117	281	2.3
Week 4: Mar 15-Mar 21	11.1	3.0	125	301	2.5
Week 5: Mar 22-Mar 28	11.8	3.2	134	321	2.6
<b>Stage 3- Simulation of average design conditions</b>					
Weeks 6-13: Mar 29-May 21	7.4	2	84	201	1.7
<b>Stage 4- Stress test</b>					
Week 14: May 22-May 30	The rates will be determined in the field				

**Table 3. Proposed Operating Conditions for BIOFOR C**

	Flow Rate (gpm)	Hydraulic Loading Rate (gpm/sf)	TSS Loading (lb /1000 cf-d)	BOD Loading (lb /1000 cf-d)	Process air (scfm)
<b>Stage 1- Start up (acclimation period) – Jan 26 to Feb 22</b>					
<b>Stage 2- Simulation of wet weather conditions</b>					
Week 1: Feb 23- Feb 29	7.38	2.35	93.3	224	1.66
Week 2: Mar 1-Mar 7	7.70	2.45	97.3	233.4	1.73
Week 3: Mar 8-Mar 14	8.17	2.60	103.2	247.7	1.84

	Flow Rate (gpm)	Hydraulic Loading Rate (gpm/sf)	TSS Loading (lb /1000 cf-d)	BOD Loading (lb /1000 cf-d)	Process air (scfm)
Week 4: Mar 15-Mar 21	8.48	2.70	107.2	257.3	1.91
Week 5: Mar 22-Mar 28	8.84	2.82	112	269	1.99
<b>Stage 3- Simulation of average design conditions</b>					
Weeks 6-13: Mar 29-May 21	6.30	2	79	191	1.41
<b>Stage 4- Stress test</b>					
Week 14: May 22-May 30	The rates will be determined in the field				

**Table 4. Proposed Operating Conditions for BIOFOR N**

	Flow Rate (gpm)	Hydraulic Loading Rate (gpm/sf)	TSS Loading (lb /1000 cf-d)	BOD Loading (lb /1000 cf-d)	Process air (scfm)
<b>Stage 1- Start up (acclimation period) – Jan 26 to Feb 22</b>					
<b>Stage 2- Simulation of wet weather conditions</b>					
Week 1: Feb 23- Feb 29	7.38	4.18	41.1	83.4	>0.5
Week 2: Mar 1-Mar 7	7.70	4.35	43.2	88.2	>0.5
Week 3: Mar 8-Mar 14	8.17	4.62	46.5	96.0	>0.5
Week 4: Mar 15-Mar 21	8.48	4.80	48.7	101	>0.5
Week 5: Mar 22-Mar 28	8.84	5.00	51.2	107.6	>0.5
<b>Stage 3- Simulation of average design conditions</b>					
Weeks 6-13: Mar 29-May 21	6.30	3.58	34.1	67.0	>0.5
<b>Stage 4- Stress test</b>					
Week 14: May 22-May 30	The rates will be determined in the field				

According to the vendors' proposals, there are multiple options for backwash sequence for each unit. Each option will be evaluated during the pilot test and the appropriate backwash sequence will be decided at the end of the study. The expected backwash air requirements for each BAF unit are shown in Table 5.

**Table 5. Backwash air supplied to the units**

Unit	Backwash air (scfm)
Biofor-C	16.8
Biofor-N	9.5
Biostyr	3.13

## VII. HEALTH AND SAFETY

A copy of Brown and Caldwell's Health and Safety Plan (BCHSP) is attached as Exhibit L. All Brown and Caldwell staff shall strictly follow the guidelines provided in the BCHSP.

The City is responsible for its own H&S protocol.

## VIII. EMERGENCY

All personnel working at the PLWTP on the pilot test site will abide by the contingency and emergency procedures contained in the November 19, 2003 version of the PLWWTP

Contingency Plan (Exhibit M). All personnel will be familiar with the plan prior to the start of any activity. A copy of the plan will be always available at the pilot test site.

During an emergency, the following people shall be contacted in the order provided:

## **City**

### **Engineering**

1. Pete Wong  
Work: (858) 292-6475  
Cell: (619) 980-5296
2. Amer Barhoumi  
Work: (858) 292-6421  
Cell: (619) 922-6421
3. Jerry Williams  
Work: (619) 221-8746  
Cell: (619)980-8047

### **Operations**

1. Royal Manaka  
Facility : 221-8740  
Home or 24 hr.: (619) 588-4241
2. For all others, see Emergency Notification Phone Roster, pg 7 of Exhibit I.

## **Brown and Caldwell**

1. Victor Occiano  
Work: (858) 571-6715  
Cell: (619) 203-3077
2. Joshua Newman  
Work: (858) 571-6763  
Cell: (619) 948-7779
3. Ray Fakhoury  
Work: (858) 571-6712

## **IX. MONTHLY REPORTS**

At the end of each month, Brown and Caldwell will generate a summary of the data collected for that month. Monthly reports will include influent and effluent characterization data, flows, loading rates, operating conditions, copies of logbook entries, and analysis results of the monthly testing with highlighting events critical to the evaluation. ODI and US Filter will also receive a copy of their respective data to facilitate discussions regarding the performance of their respective pilot units. Data will be transferred to the vendors weekly.

Decision-making during the pilot testing shall occur during a monthly meeting with the project team to establish direction. Attendees will include Brown and Caldwell, City and

possibly the vendors. The focus will be adjusting future test conditions based on current results. The operation of the pilot test units may be altered if the monthly data shows particular operating condition must be evaluated further. Monthly meetings will be held alternatively between MOC2 and PLWTP.

The PLWTP/City Lab shall provide Brown and Caldwell with weekly reports in Excel format of parameters analyzed up to the date of the report. The information shall be transmitted via e-mail to the following addresses:

Victor Occiano: [vocciano@brwncald.com](mailto:vocciano@brwncald.com)  
 Joshua Newman: [jnewman@brwncald.com](mailto:jnewman@brwncald.com)

## X. ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

The pilot study will involve coordination between Brown and Caldwell and several City department and staff. The proposed roles and responsibilities of key members of the pilot test team are shown below.

### City Management

Name	Role	Responsibility
Richard Mendes	Utilities General Manager	Overall project direction and City Council liaison
Scott Tulloch	Director, Metropolitan Wastewater Dept.	Project direction and liaison with City Manager's Office
Alan Langworthy	Deputy Director, Environmental Monitoring and Technical Services Division	Provide overall project direction Update Council on progress of Pilot Test
Ann Sasaki	Deputy Director, Deputy Director Engineering and Program Management Division	Project Direction – Engineering and Program Management
Bill Hanley	Deputy Director, Services and Contracts Section	Project Contracts Administration
Lori Vereker	Deputy Director, Operations and Maintenance Division	Project Direction – Operation and Maintenance
Allen Holden	Assistant Deputy Director, Engineering and Program Management Division	Assist Ann Sasaki on project related issues
Jesse Pagliaro	Assistant Deputy Director, Operation and Maintenance Division	Assist Lori Vereker on project related issues
Joe Cordova	PLWTP Superintendent	Provide technical assistance on operation and maintenance issues relating to the existing PLWTP One of two primary contact during emergencies at PLWTP
Pete Wong	Sr. Project Engineer	Provide detailed project direction
Jerry Williams	Sr. Plant Engineer	Provide technical assistance on engineering issues relating to existing the PLWTP One of two primary contact during emergencies at PLWTP
Jim Wageman	Senior Civil Engineer	Provide technical assistance on engineering issues relating to existing the PLWTP

<b>Name</b>	<b>Role</b>	<b>Responsibility</b>
Amer Barhoumi	Project Manager	Oversee City sampling personnel and sampling activities Track project budget Recipient of monthly data from BC Distribution of monthly data to City personnel Schedule and facilitate project meetings Primary contact during emergencies occurring during off work hours and weekends
Rey Sacro	Assistant PM	Assist Amer Barhoumi
Richard Snow	Assistant Construction Manager	Construction and PLWTP related issues

**City – Pilot Plant Operation, Sampling/Monitoring and Sample Analysis**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Role</b>	<b>Responsibility</b>
Steve Suhendra	Project Engineer	Grab sample collection Imhoff Cone – Settleability Analysis Daily observations Daily records Inspection of pilot test units and appurtenances Pressure Sensor Datalogger Dowload City Site Safety Co-Coordinator Delivery of TKN samples to NCWRP Lab every Monday
Monika Smoczynski	Project Engineer	Grab sample collection Imhoff Cone – Settleability Analysis Daily observations Daily records Inspection of pilot test units and appurtenances Pressure Sensor Datalogger Dowload City Site Safety Co-Coordinator Delivery of TKN samples to NCWRP Lab every Monday
Jim Lindsay	Shift Sr. Process Control Supervisor	Operations and PLWTP Health and Safety
Brent Bowman	PLWTP Associate Chemist	Supervise analysis of samples collected from the pilot test facility
Steve Meyer	Associate Chemist	QA/QC of analytical data Distribution of analytical data to City and Brown and Caldwell staff Data management and data support

## **Brown and Caldwell Management**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Role</b>	<b>Responsibility</b>
George Khoury	Principal In Charge	Project Direction Client Liaison Contract Administrations
Henryk Melcer, PhD	Sr. Technical Advisor	Provide advice on process-related issues QA/QC
Denny Parker, PhD	Sr. Technical Advisor	Provide advice on process-related issues QA/QC
Mike Anderson	Sr. Project Advisor	Provide advice on mechanical-related issues QA/QC
Victor Occiano	Project Manager	Supervise BC Team (Project Engineers and Assistant Project Engineers) Liaison between BC, City staff and Vendor staff Administration of Contract with Vendor and City QA/QC and submittal of summary reports to City Attendance to update monthly meetings Develop Site Safety Plan
Joshua Newman	Project Engineer	Primary person responsible for the day-to-day operation of the BAF units Supervise BC sampling crew Develop monthly summary reports Attendance to update monthly meetings

## **Brown and Caldwell Pilot Plant Operations, Sampling and Monitoring**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Role</b>	<b>Responsibility</b>
Nick Boswell	Assistant Project Engineer	Autosampler setup Delivery of composite samples to PLWTP Lab Completion and submittal of sample manifest to PLWTP Lab Grab sample collection Imhoff Cone – Settleability Analysis Daily observations Daily records Inspection of pilot test units and appurtenances Data compilation Site Safety Coordinator Weekend sampling and monitoring

Name	Role	Responsibility
Seval Sen	Assistant Project Engineer	Autosampler setup Delivery of composite samples to PLWTP Lab Completion and submittal of sample manifest to PLWTP Lab Grab sample collection Imhoff Cone – Settleability Analysis Daily observations Daily records Inspection of pilot test units and appurtenances Data compilation Weekend sampling
Anil Pai	Assistant Project Engineer	Autosampler setup Delivery of composite samples to PLWTP Lab Completion and submittal of sample manifest to PLWTP Lab Grab sample collection Imhoff Cone – Settleability Analysis Daily observations Daily records Inspection of pilot test units and appurtenances Data compilation Weekend sampling

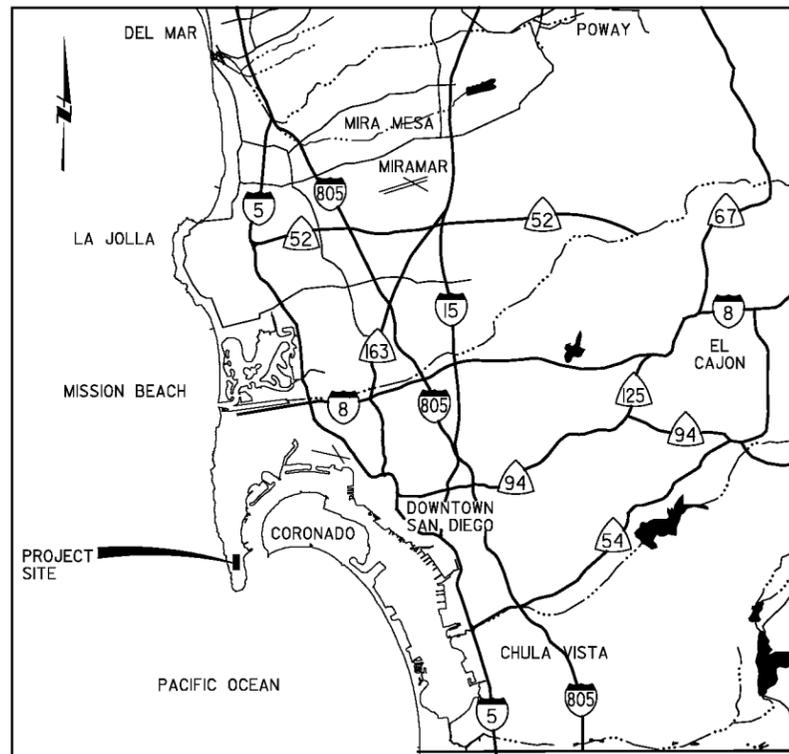
## **EXHIBITS**

- A Pilot Test Facility Design Drawings**
- B Pilot Test Unit Specifications**
- C Sample of Chain-of-Custody Record**
- D Composite Sampling Instructions**
- E Daily Pilot Test Meter and Instrumentation Readings Log Sheets**
- F Pressure Transducer Data Download Instructions**
- G Backwash Sampling Instructions**
- H SVI Methodology and Log Sheets**
- I Standard Operating Procedure for Biomass Media Sampling and Analysis**
- J Continuous Turbidimeter Log Sheet**
- K BAF O&M Manual**
- L Brown and Caldwell Health and Safety Plan**
- M PLWWTP Contingency Plan (November 19, 2003 Version)**

**EXHIBIT A**

**PILOT TEST FACILITY  
DESIGN DRAWINGS**

# CONTRACT DRAWINGS FOR METROPOLITAN WASTEWATER DEPARTMENT City of San Diego

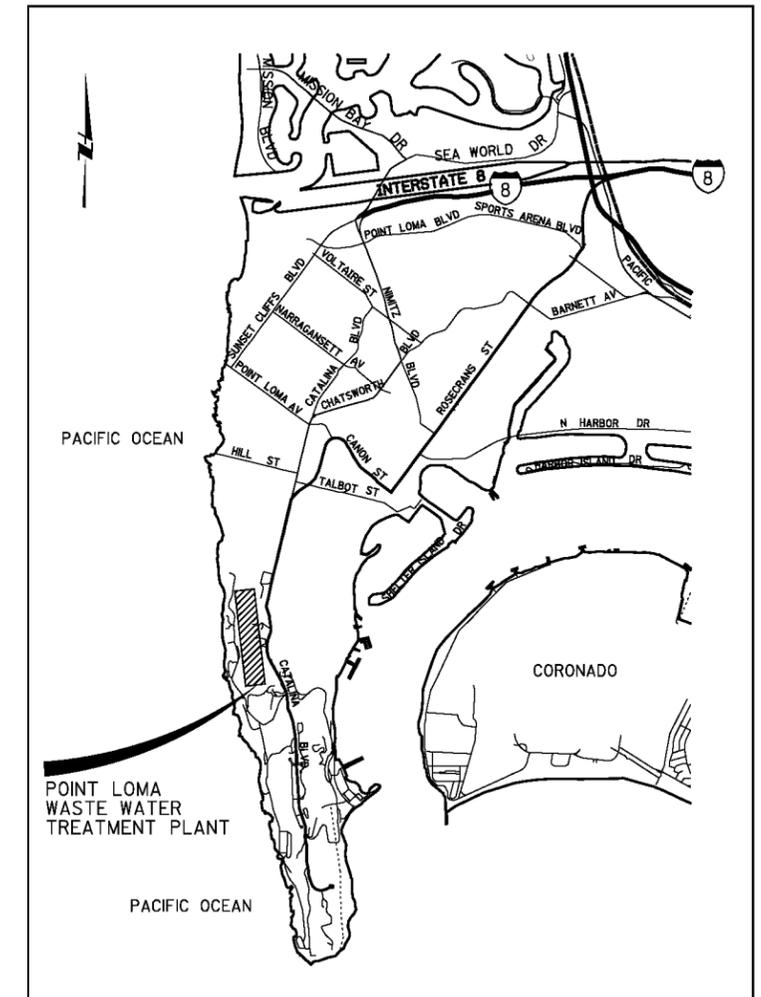


VICINITY MAP

## POINT LOMA WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT BIOLOGICAL AERATED FILTER PILOT STUDY

### VOLUME 1 – DRAWINGS

NOVEMBER 2003



LOCATION MAP

FOR THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO  
METROPOLITAN WASTEWATER DEPARTMENT

MWWD DIRECTOR \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_

DRAWING NO. <b>CS-01</b>	POINT LOMA WASTE WATER TREATMENT PLANT BIOLOGICAL AERATED FILTER PILOT STUDY		
SHEET NO. <b>1</b>	<b>COVER SHEET</b>		
CITY OF SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA SHEET 1 OF 22 SHEETS		WATER W.O. <b>NA</b>	SEWER W.O. <b>NA</b>
PROJECT MANAGER _____ DATE _____		DESIGN ENGINEER _____	
DESCRIPTION BY APPROVED DATE FILMED		CONTROL CERTIFICATION	
CONTRACTOR _____ DATE STARTED _____		<b>188-1692</b> LAMBERT COORDINATES	
INSPECTOR _____ DATE COMPLETED _____		<b>00000-01-D</b>	

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**BROWN AND CALDWELL**

SUBMITTED:	PROJECT MANAGER:	DATE:	
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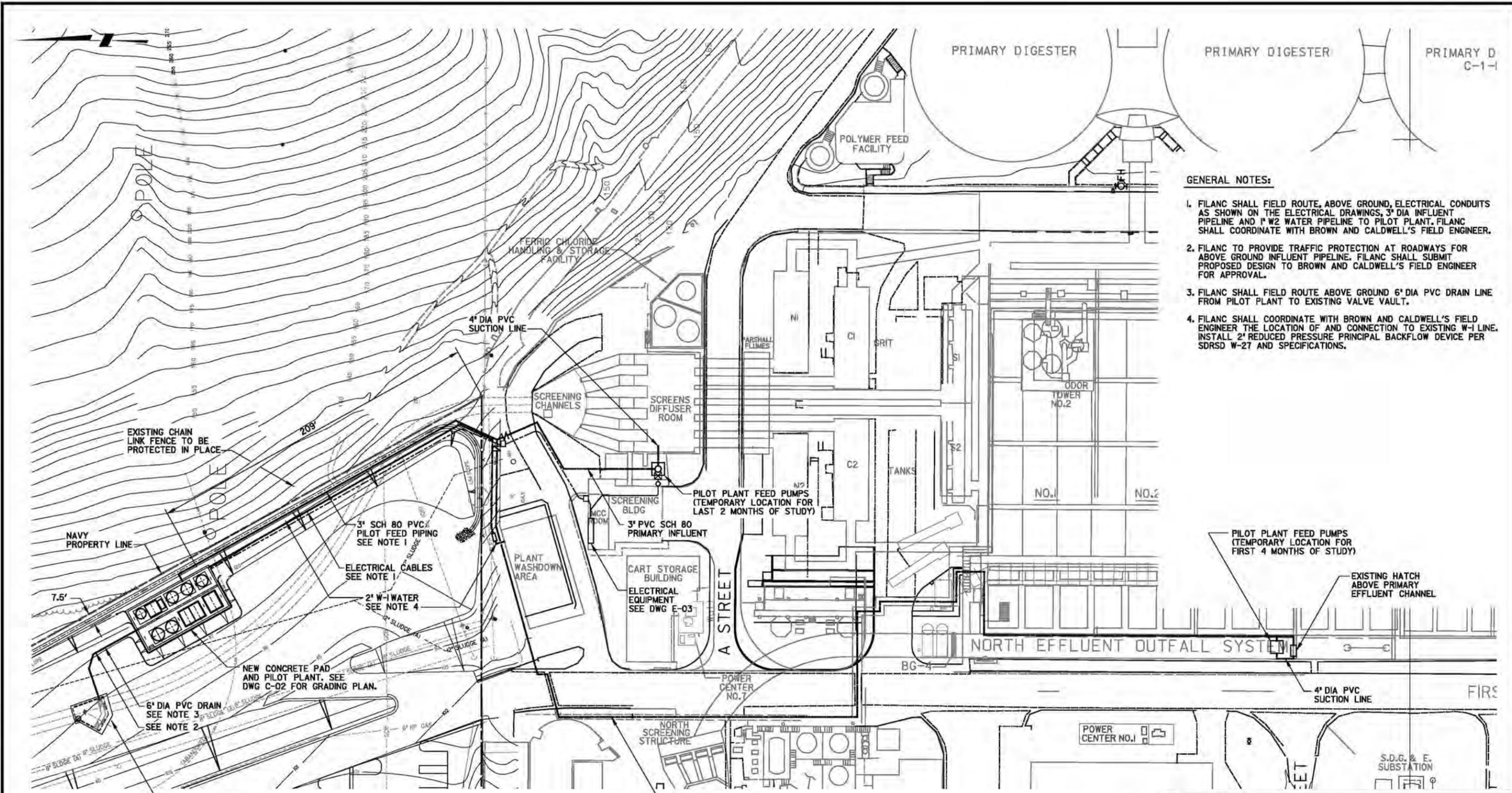
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City of San Diego



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- GENERAL NOTES:**
- FILANC SHALL FIELD ROUTE, ABOVE GROUND, ELECTRICAL CONDUITS AS SHOWN ON THE ELECTRICAL DRAWINGS, 3" DIA INFLUENT PIPELINE AND 1" W2 WATER PIPELINE TO PILOT PLANT. FILANC SHALL COORDINATE WITH BROWN AND CALDWELL'S FIELD ENGINEER.
  - FILANC TO PROVIDE TRAFFIC PROTECTION AT ROADWAYS FOR ABOVE GROUND INFLUENT PIPELINE. FILANC SHALL SUBMIT PROPOSED DESIGN TO BROWN AND CALDWELL'S FIELD ENGINEER FOR APPROVAL.
  - FILANC SHALL FIELD ROUTE ABOVE GROUND 6" DIA PVC DRAIN LINE FROM PILOT PLANT TO EXISTING VALVE VAULT.
  - FILANC SHALL COORDINATE WITH BROWN AND CALDWELL'S FIELD ENGINEER THE LOCATION OF AND CONNECTION TO EXISTING W-1 LINE. INSTALL 2" REDUCED PRESSURE PRINCIPAL BACKFLOW DEVICE PER SDRSD W-27 AND SPECIFICATIONS.

DRAWING NO. C-01		POINT LOMA WASTE WATER TREATMENT PLANT BIOLOGICAL AERATED FILTER PILOT STUDY	
SHEET NO. 4		CIVIL SITE PLAN	
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**METROPOLITAN WASTEWATER DEPARTMENT**  
City of San Diego

**BROWN AND CALDWELL**

PROFESSIONAL ENGINEER  
No. 64115  
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