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### **HEADLINE: Wickenburg Town Council visits the South Wastewater Treatment Plant**

**WICKENBURG, AZ** – Have you ever wondered where the water released from your washing machine, sinks, and toilets goes? If your answer was along the lines of a huge pot of water, then you are correct! Once it is released by a residence or business, the Town’s wastewater travels through miles of various sized pipes known as the collection system, which delivers it to one of the Town’s two Wastewater Treatment Plants. During its first years of life, the South Wastewater Treatment Plant collected and treated approximately 450,000 GPD (gallons of wastewater, a.k.a. effluent, per day) from Town residences and businesses. At varying times, the current peak flows are exceeding 800,000 GPD at the South Wastewater Treatment Plant.

In early 2022, the Wickenburg Town Council expressed support for town staff to do an overall water rate study for the Town. This task was assigned to the Town’s engineering firm. The results of that study, as well as the newly completed Wastewater Master Plan, have revealed that “over \$5 million of investments are needed at the South Wastewater Treatment Plant within the next year alone”, stated Frederick Tack from GHD Engineering. He added that the rate study identified a variety of components that have reached their end of life and require replacement. These include improvements to the Headworks, Clarifiers, and UV Disinfection System.

On Wednesday, June 21, 2023, members of the Wickenburg Town Council visited the South Wastewater Treatment Plant in an effort to understand the investments required in the upcoming years to maintain a sustainable treatment plant. Mr. Tack, along with town staff, offered support in assisting the Town Council as it strives to make the right investments for the community. For further information, please contact Matt Egan at Megan@wickenburgaz.gov or by phone at (928) 684-5451 x1559.



*Pictured Left to Right: Public Services Director Herschel Workman, Councilmember Rebecca Rovey, Utilities Manager Matt Egan, Town Manager Stephen Erno, Mayor Pereira, Councilmember Bedoian, and Frederick Tack, GHD Engineering. Also in attendance but not pictured is Councilmember Rubash.*