

## East Jefferson Levee District

### **I. Safety**

**A. Number of lost time accidents for year – 6**

**B. Accidents since last report – 0**

**C. Safety training conducted since last report (dates and topics)**

- 10/30/13 – Safety meeting with DVD shown entitled “Driving to Distraction.” Handbook regulations regarding leave slips discussed.
- Two officers attended Homicide Investigation class at the Jefferson Parish Sheriff's Training Academy.

### **II. O&M**

**A. Levee Systems:**

**1. Work accomplished since last report:**

- Material is being placed on Reach 2 landside runoff to eliminate ponding and grading for better drainage.
- Grass cutting continues.

**2. Issues:**

- The saturated area on Reach 2 near the Erlanger ramp was grubbed to place new embankment and water began seeping near the toe on the protected side. EJLD, Corps and SLFPAE personnel met on site to discuss. The Corps' Geotech Division will investigate the cause and determine a solution.
- At the West Return Wall near Vintage, the joint between the scour protection and the T-wall is opening up. We believe it to be from loaded tri-axle trucks from the landside runoff project running next to the scour protection.

**3. Planned activities for the next 30 days**

- Continue grass cutting.
- Continue high water MRL debris removal.
- Place material on the Reach 1 landside runoff swale.
- Continue remediation work from the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter levee inspection report.

**4. Comments:**

- Meetings and discussions are ongoing for possible slide of rocks on the Reach 3 Foreshore Protection project. Continued erosion behind the dike on Reaches 1 and 3 and the Corps' fix are also being discussed.

**B. Equipment:**

- Dump truck #77 has been down for a week with transmission problems. Projected length of down time is unknown.

**C. Office/Shop Facilities:**

- N/A

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### **III. Inspections**

#### **A. Schedule for next inspection cycle:**

-4<sup>th</sup> quarter levee inspection will be held in December.

### **IV. Flood Fight Activities**

#### **A. Issues/Comments**

-EJLD hosted a new material demonstration by HESCO on one of our levees. The demonstration displayed a new fold out system which should speed up the deployment of baskets during emergency operations. HESCO also demonstrated another product which is a 2500 pound supersize bag which can be deployed as a unit instead of a single bag.

### **V. FEMA Active Public Assistance Grants**

#### **A. FEMA PROJECT WORKSHEET: (list by PW# and Description)**

##### **1. Status:**

- ISAAC – Still awaiting obligated funds on Cat B money (Emergency Protective Measures).
- EJLD is seeking a new \$9,000 reimbursement for fuel lost in Isaac.

### **VI. MRL Lift Project**

#### **A. Status:**

-The project has been awarded to Hernandez Consulting. The Corps expects the contractor to mobilize in early December. The construction duration is approximately two years. The construction will occur in two sections – the Orleans Parish line upstream to Crislaur Ave. and Orchard Road upstream to the St. Charles Parish line.

### **VII. Capital Improvement Projects**

#### **A. Project: Safehouse & Consolidated Facility**

- 1. Status:** Waggoner & Ball met with Kenner Planning and Zoning and they are proceeding with the Planned Unit Development application.
- 2. Issues:** We are awaiting the preparation of the documents needed for the purchase of the airport property. The appraisals of the private parcels are being updated. A second appraisal is also being done on these parcels per state guidelines.

### **VIII. Capital Equipment Purchases – See attached**

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### **IX. Personnel**

- 1. 59 – Active Employees**
- 2. 0 - New Hires**
- 3. 0 – Separations**
- 4. 3 – Active Employees on FMLA**

### **X. Executive Director's Assessment**

All EJLD departments are continuing to work short-handed and are doing an admirable job. Each of the 3 departments is suffering from employees out on sick leave or workmens compensation and from unfilled positions. The Police and Maintenance departments are working hard to fill vacancies with well-qualified applicants. In the meantime, active employees are making a concerted, team-effort to get all of the departments' work accomplished in spite of the lack of manpower. Reserve officers are being called upon to serve a greater number of hours to relieve shortages.

Capital Equipment Purchases

Maintenance

	<u>Budgeted</u>	<u>Actual</u>
<u>September</u>		
2 – Toro Zero Turn mowers	37,898	27,351
5 – Trimmers		
3 – Chain Saws		
60 – Toro Blades		
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18 – Blade H Kits for Woods Mowers	13,513	11,949
144 – Blade R Kits for Woods Mowers		
 <u>October</u>		
1 – 96" Dozer Blade, 6 way for Bob Cat attachment	4,566	4,151
 <u>November</u>		
Inspector 920 Trailer Air light and ABS diagnostic tool	7,063	6,342