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Burns & McDonnell Selected for Progressive Design-Build Delivery of New Water Reclamation Facility in San Marcos

SAN MARCOS, Texas — [Burns & McDonnell](#), a 100% employee-owned engineering, architecture, construction, environmental and consulting firm, has been selected to deliver a new 2-million-gallon-per-day [water reclamation facility](#) for the City of San Marcos. The facility will help manage increasing wastewater demands from rapid residential development and meet an accelerated timeline driven by continued growth in the region.

“We’re proud to help San Marcos meet its critical wastewater infrastructure needs,” says Sarah Isbell, leader of the Water Group for Burns & McDonnell in Texas. “Our progressive design-build approach gives us the ability to collaborate early, make informed decisions and accelerate delivery — all while keeping the city’s priorities front and center.”

The City has entered into a cost-sharing agreement with several residential developers to provide a centralized wastewater treatment facility to support their planned homebuilding schedule. As part of the agreement, the City has committed to providing wastewater service to developers as new homes are occupied, in advance of the permanent water reclamation facility completion.

To support the City in meeting this commitment, Burns & McDonnell will implement a fast-tracked interim wastewater management system while concurrently designing the permanent facility. The firm’s integrated team brings the ability to manage both phases under a single contract, providing continuity, speed and cost efficiency.

“Having a forward-looking project that meets the needs of developers who are participating in a cost sharing agreement and for the area’s high growth potential, it is essential that we have the right team to execute the design and construction of this facility,” says Tyler Hjorth, director of utilities for the City of San Marcos. “Burns & McDonnell is the perfect fit for us to meet schedule, budget and the innovation we are looking for. We are truly looking forward to this partnership delivering a world class project that will meet our immediate and long-range needs.”

The new facility is part of the City’s broader plan to accommodate population growth while protecting public health and the environment.

“This project exemplifies the value of experience, regional knowledge and integrated delivery,” Isbell says. “We’re excited to bring the full strength of our team to a community that’s shaping the future of Central Texas.”

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