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## **GWA to Lift Moratorium April 1, 2009**

GWA announced today that the efforts to lift the moratorium in Central Guam have progressed to the point that an April 1, 2009 deadline is expected for lifting the moratorium.

According to Don Antrobus, Chief Engineer for GWA “there are three phases that must be completed to insure sufficient Wastewater capacity is available to serve Guam’s growth in Central Guam”.

They are as follows:

1. Route 4 Wastewater Line correction: Cost: \$2M; TIME LINE: 8-12 months.
2. Pump station(s) upgrades: Cost: \$2-3M; TIME LINE: 6-8 months.
3. New pump station and 2<sup>nd</sup> pressurized Wastewater line running parallel to existing Marine Corps Drive line Cost: \$30M +/-: TIME LINE: 24 months

Total costs for all projects are expected to be between \$30 and \$40 M.

According to John Benavente, Consolidated Utilities Services Manager “ In order to speed up the project, GWA plans to us use private partners to complete the design, finance, and construct the upgraded system”, he went on to say, “ once it is finished the private partners will turn it over to GWA to be managed through our wastewater partner Veolia Water”.

Don Antrobus, Chief Engineer for GWA adds the following notes on the projects:

- A. Design work is on-going to take it to 30% completion so a clear scope of work can be developed for bidding. To be complete by December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2008.
- B. Test solutions with computer model to be complete by October 15, 2008.
- C. Bid package available by December, 31<sup>st</sup>, 2008.
- D. Bids due: 60 days from release.
- E. GWA review/award: 30 days.
- F. RFP issued 1<sup>st</sup> week of January for the first two smaller pieces.
- G. Notice to proceed (NTP) will be April 1, 2009.
- H. Moratorium lifted April 1, 2009.

Consolidated Commission on Utilities Chair, Simon Sanchez said, “These improvements are paramount as protecting our water resources and our environment are our first priority”, additionally he noted, “The temporary delay will insure that we do not risk the quality of life for our people while still promoting balanced growth.”

Slide Show to follow.

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