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RE: Fourth Quarter 2022 Progress Report – Stuttgart Wastewater Treatment Facility NPDES Permit #AR0034380

Ms. McCutcheon:

This letter serves as the 2022 Fourth Quarter Progress Report for the City of Stuttgart wastewater treatment facility. PMI has been tasked by the city to develop corrective action measures in response to CAO LIS 21-035. The Corrective Action Plan has submitted and approved by DEQ and the milestone schedule tasks are in progress.

On behalf of Stuttgart, PMI developed and submitted a preliminary engineering report to the WWAC for recommendation of funding sources. Subsequently, a meeting was held with ANRC and USDA to review current options and rates for funding treatment facility rehabilitation measures. Following the meeting our team performed a rate analysis and submitted an application to ANRC and developing an application to ARPA for funding. The ARPA review committee awarded Stuttgart the maximum amount allowable and subsequently Stuttgart has approved a resolution to fund the remainder of the project through ANRC. Presently design work is underway and per the ARPA grant requirements construction of improvements must begin by December 2023.

Please contact me at 501-221-7122 or <u>bwingfield@pmico.com</u> with any questions or comments concerning this report.

Sincerely, **PMI** 

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