

## Meeting Minutes

City of Mena (AR0036692, AFIN 57-00423)  
4/11/2024 @ 10am – DEQ NLR HQ

### **Background:**

- DEQ and the City of Mena entered into CAO LIS 18-046, with an executed date of May 24, 2018 to address Sanitary Sewer Overflows (SSOs) and effluent violations. Amended CAO LIS 18-046-001 became effective on December 6, 2019. Final compliance with the Order was to be achieved by December 1, 2023. The City did not meet this deadline.
- Facility is permitted as 3.1 MGD design flow, though this number is regularly exceeded by the facility.
- City has recently raised water and sewer rates, with additional increases planned for the future.
- SSES is in progress. Smoke testing and some rehab/repairs have begun. Some camera work was done in the past.
- City has plans to construct a new treatment plant to address violations, but costs are a limiting factor.
- City is pursuing funding through ANRC, etc.
- City did bid the project, but only 1 bidder came forward. The bid was too cost prohibitive, and the bid was rejected by the City.

### **Minutes:**

- City stated that chlorine has been replaced with paracetic acid.
- Facility believes increasing the design flow at the treatment plant could help reduce SSOs.
- Facility acknowledged that levees may be seeping.
- Facility to replace sand filters with DAF system.
- Facility would like to pursue the construction of a new treatment system, but is currently looking at more short-term and affordable solutions until funding for the large project is secured.

### **Actions:**

- DEQ will revise the Amended CAO 18-046-002, and re-propose the Order. The City will then have 20 days to review and sign the document.
- Facility shall submit a milestone schedule within 6 months of the effective date of Amended CAO LIS 18-046-002.
- DEQ will provide the City of San Diego document relating to estimating and reporting SSO volume.
- City will withdraw or terminate any permits not currently needed.
- Facility will develop and submit a Corrective Action Plan (CAP) to address compliance with Copper limits.

