



## Unique Riverbank Filtration System Provides 80 MGD at Louisville.



Henry Hunt  
Ranney Collector Wells  
A Layne Christensen Technology





# Riverbank Filtration (RBF)

- RBF has been developed since the early 1940's in the US and for over 100 years in Europe (induced infiltration)
- Biblical and primitive references
- LWC brought the term to forefront
- LWC has in effect become the Face for RBF here in the U.S.





# Louisville Water Company



- Celebrated 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in 2010
- 7 Member Bi-partisan Board appointed by Mayor
- Officers elected annually by Board
- Over 800,000 Customers
- Two Water Treatment Facilities:
  - **B.E. Payne WTP – 60 MGD**
  - Crescent Hill WTP – 180 MGD
- Demand – 110 MGD – Winter
- Demand – 200 MGD peaks in Summer
- EPA-certified lab, >300 samples/day





# Louisville, KY – alluvial deposits



Riverbank Filtration  
@ B.E. Payne WTP

ASR Collector well

Crescent Hill WTP

1-5 Miles  
Wide

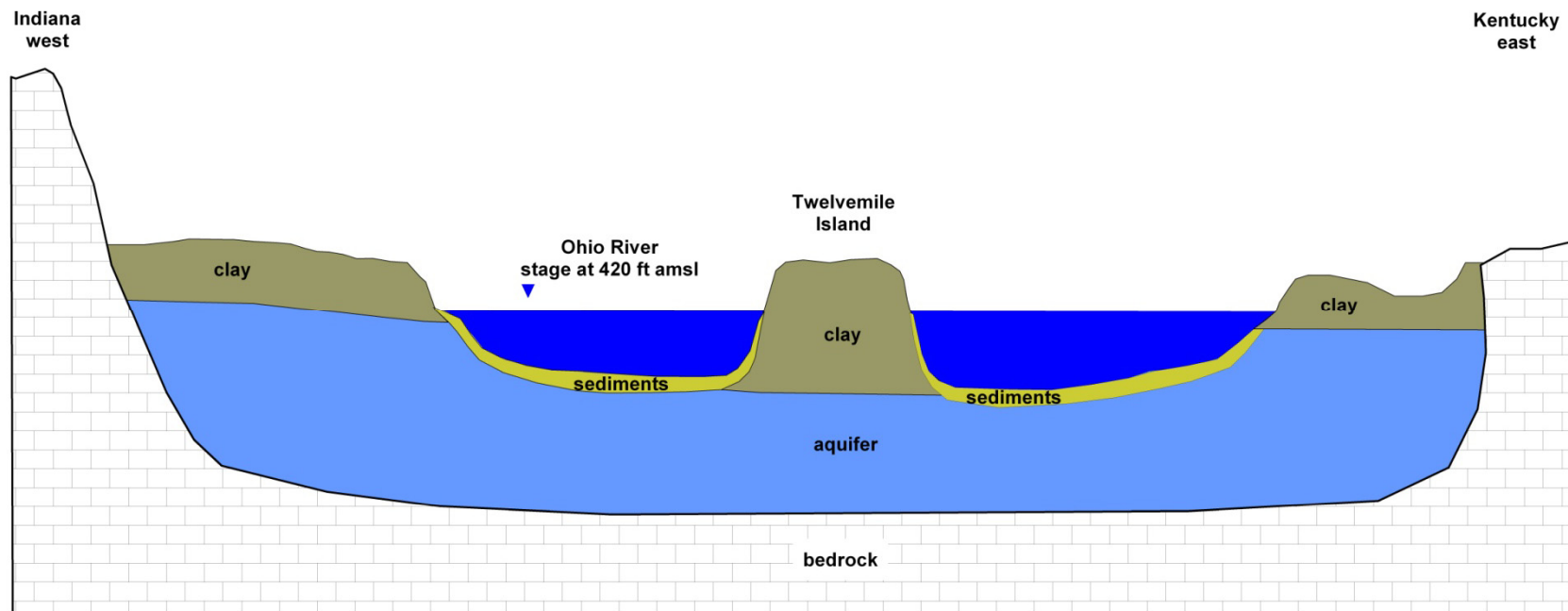




# Generalized Cross-section



River width (average) =  $\sim$  2000 feet



Vertical exaggeration: 8.2X







# LWC - RBF Experience

- 1860 – George Warren Fuller filtration experiments
- Began studying RBF in 1940's with USGS
- USGS indicated 280 MGD available
- Milwaukee Cryptosporidium outbreak in 1993 re-focused interest in protection
- Facilities Plan in 1995 (1995 – 2015)
- Advantages: turbidity, NOM, Cryptosporidium, temperature control - line break reductions, etc.
- Phase I – 1997-1999 (Well #1 – demonstration)
- Phase II – 2006-2010 (Wells #2-5)





# Comparison of non-economic factors

**Table 3-25**  
**Comparison of Alternatives for Noneconomic Criteria**

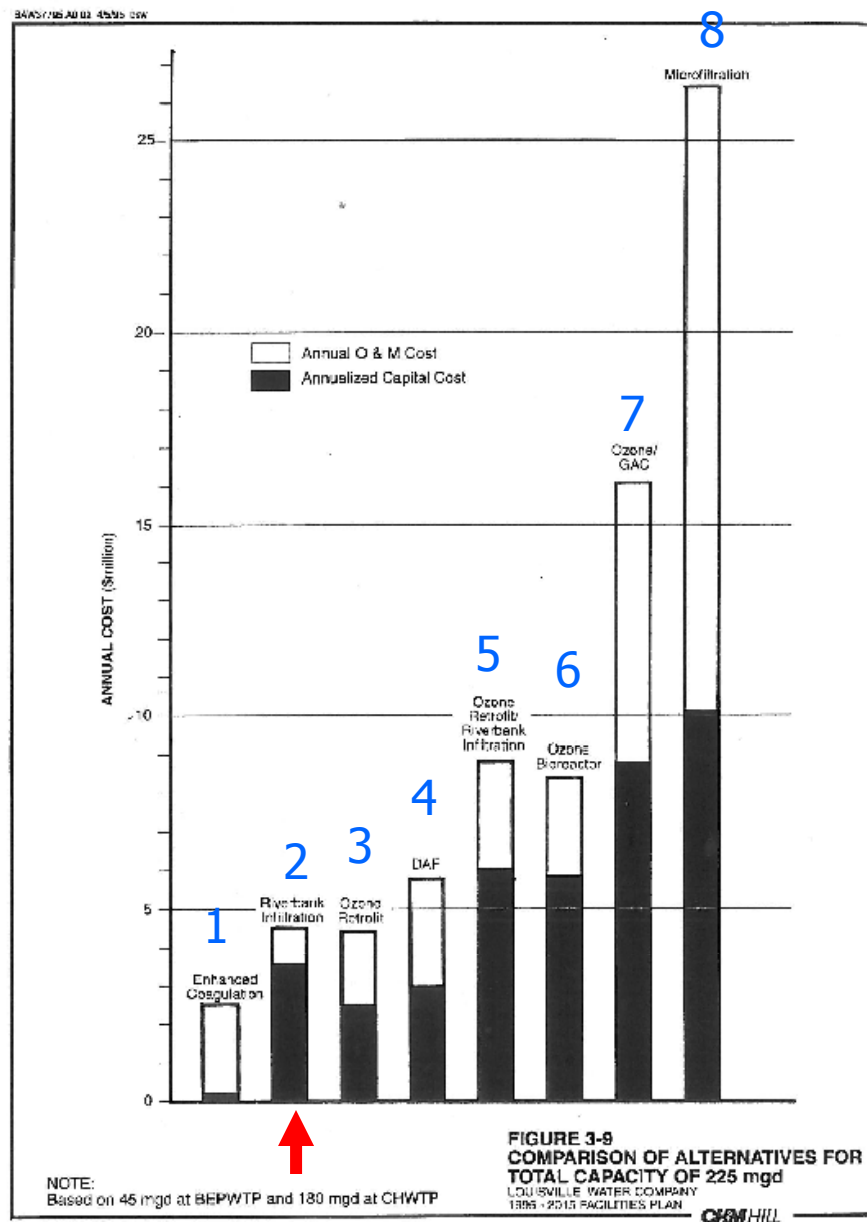
Alternatives	Future Regulations			Additional Benefits					
	ESWTR (Crypto Removal)	D/DBPR (THM Precursor Removal) (percent)	Flexibility Future Regulations	Distribution Water Quality	Synthetic Organics Removal	Zebra Mussels	Reduction of Chemical Use	Temp. Main Breaks	Turbidity Reduction
No Action	2 log ±	20	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Enhanced Coagulation	3 log	30	0	0	0	0	-	0	+
Dissolved Air Flotation	4 log	20 to 30	+	0	0	0	+	0	+
Ozone Retrofit	4 log	30	+	0	0	0	+	0	+
Riverbank Infiltration	4 log ±	30	+	+	+	+	++	+	++
Ozone/GAC	5 log	80	++	+++	+++	0	+	0	+
Ozone/GAC Bioreactor	5 log	60	+	++	+	0	0	0	+
Riverbank Infiltration/ Ozone Retrofit	6 log	50	+	+	+	+	++	+	++
Microfiltration	6 log	20	0	0	0	0	+	0	—
Nanofiltration	6 log	90	++	+++	+	0	0	0	—

Facilities Plan, 1995, CH2M Hill





# Comparison of Annual O&M Costs



- 1 - Enhanced Coagulation
- 2 - RBF
- 3 - Ozone retrofit
- 4 - DAF
- 5 - Ozone Retro/RBF
- 6 - Ozone Bioreactor
- 7 - Ozone/GAC
- 8 - Microfiltration







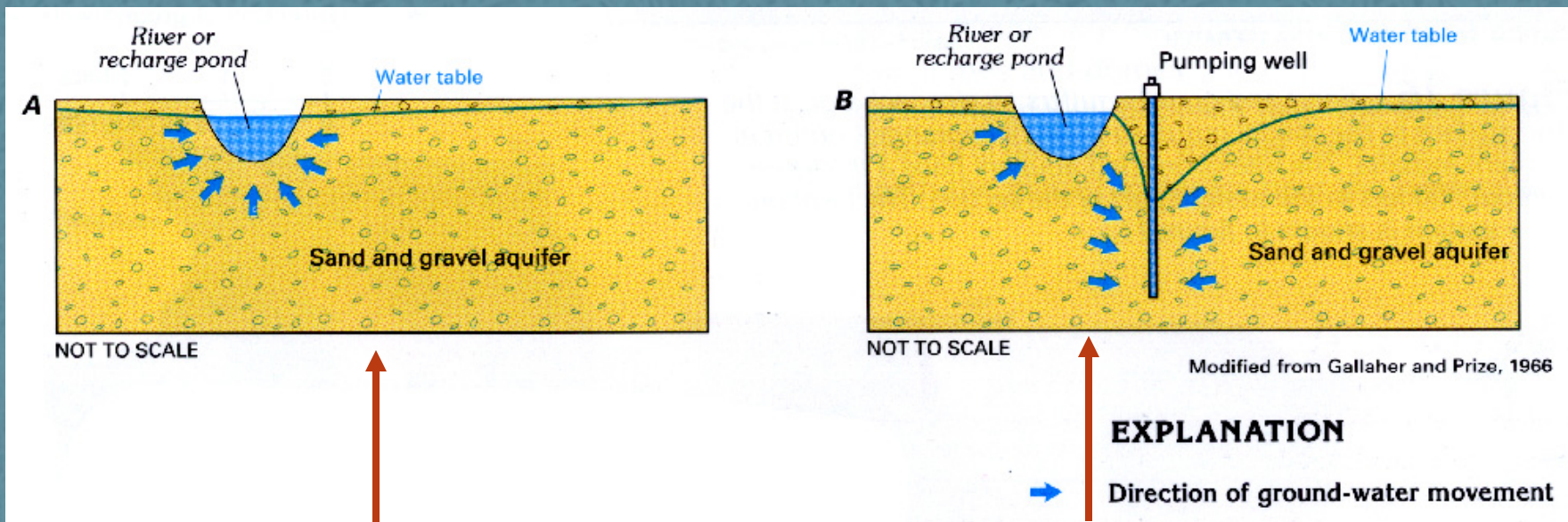
# Riverbank Filtration (RBF)

Natural filtration process using alluvial deposits

- Selected following Facilities Plan
- Demonstration well and trial period (Well #1)
- Treat water through B.E. Payne WTP
- Evaluate O&M costs vs Surface Water
- Work w/local historical/conservation groups



# Riverbank (Induced) Filtration



Groundwater recharges river

Gradient Reversed



# Benefits of RBF vs Surface Water

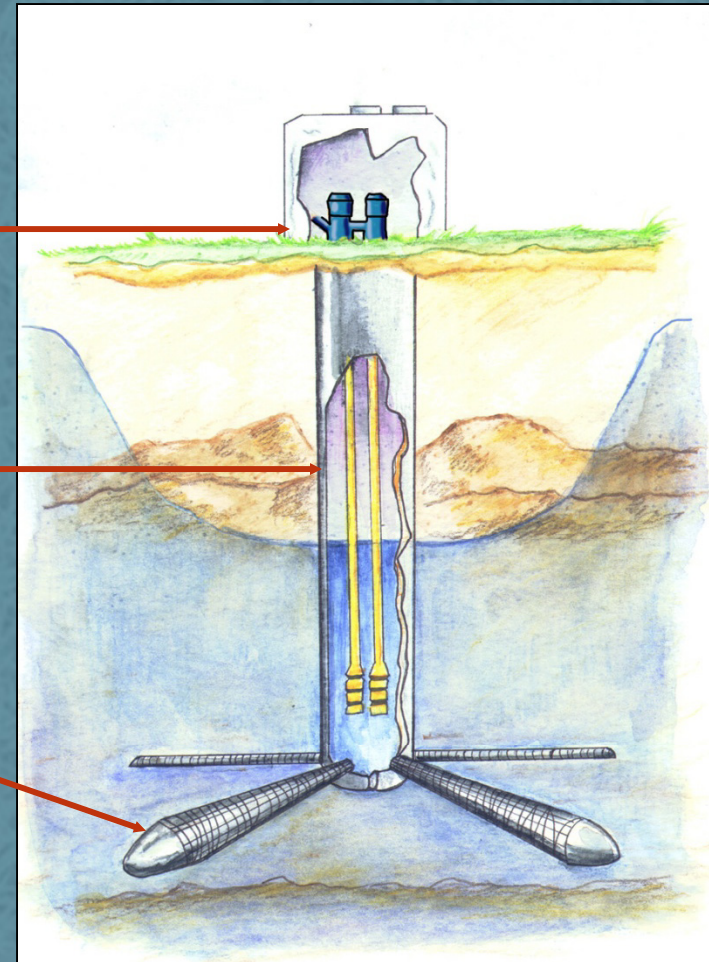


- Avoids intake of aquatic organisms
- More consistent water quality
- Reduced temperature extremes
- Easier to permit than intakes
- Fish protection
- Can allow automation of WTP
- Natural filtration of suspended particulates, turbidity, NOM, microbials, DBPs, EDs, PPCPs
- Dampening of shock loads and spill protection
- Reduced vulnerability to weather events
- Reduced effects of pesticides and agricultural runoff



# Demonstration Radial Collector Well

- 🔥 Pump Station
- 🔥 Reinforced Concrete Caisson
- 🔥 Lateral Well Screens







# Building caisson sections



## Port assemblies





# Sinking the caisson



## Forming & pouring sections







# Sampling of riverbed interface







# Lateral well screen projection





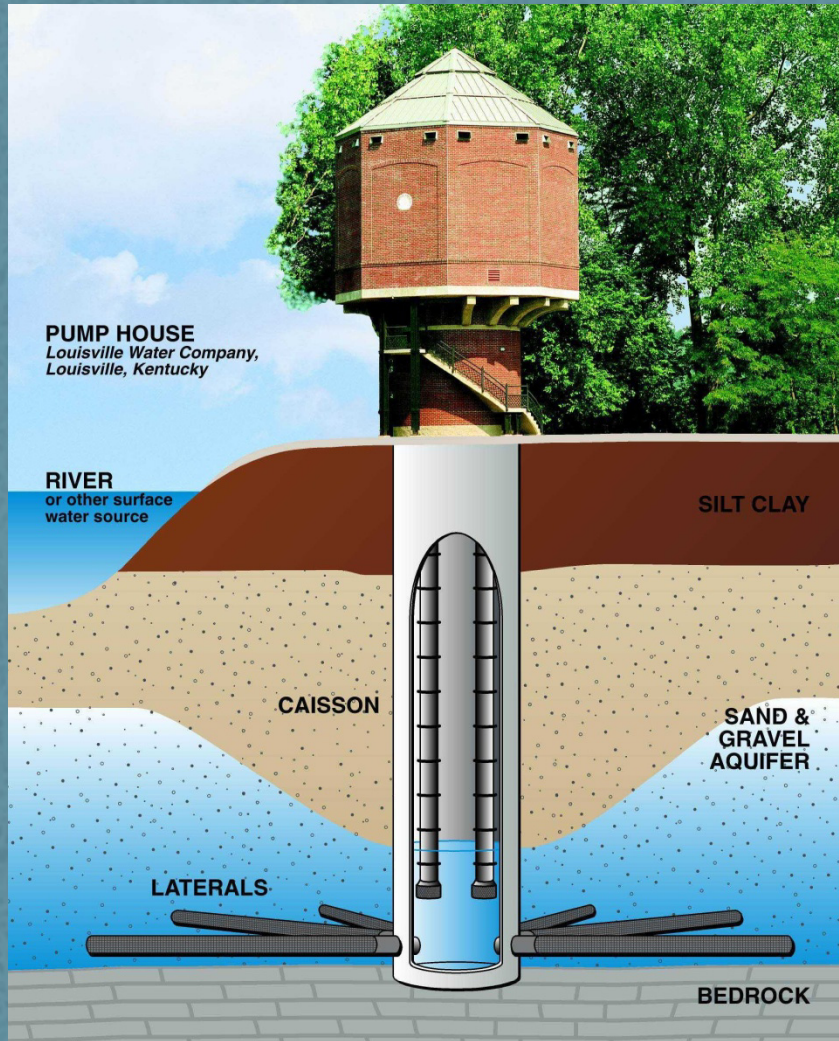


# Well Screen Development





# Phase I – demo well complete



100 feet deep

25 feet above grade

> 1560 LF 12' screen  
in 8 laterals

Q = 15-20 MGD





# Water Quality Comparison – Well #1



Parameters	River Water	Infiltrated Groundwater	Groundwater
pH	7.7 - 7.9	7.4 - 7.5	7.2 - 7.3
Total Hardness (mg/L)	90 - 205	205-250	530 - 582
TDS (mg/L)	184	234	606
TOC (mg/L)	2.1 - 4.9	0.3 - 0.6	0.4 - 0.7
Turbidity (NTU)	2 - 1,500	<0.08	NA
D.O. (mg/L)	>5.0	<0.1	NA
Iron (mg/L)	<1	2.5	15.8
Temperature (F) <sup>1</sup>	32 - 86	50 - 78	About 55

From Wang 2002, 2003, and CH2M Hill 1996





# System configurations

- Soft-ground tunnel with laterals
  - Hard rock tunnel with vertical wells (30+)
  - Hard rock tunnel with collector wells (4)
  - Collector wells with pumps and piping
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- Preferred gravity (tunnel) approach
  - Vertical well arrangement - well over budget
  - Collector wells with tunnel - within budget
- “- Limited Risk and more cost-effective”







# Tunnel Approach Advantages

- Gravity Flow – centralized pumping
- Aesthetics – low profile completions in residential and public-use areas
- Flood accessibility to Pump Station



# Soft-ground tunnel approach



**Tunnel with lateral well  
screens**

**Alluvial Aquifer**

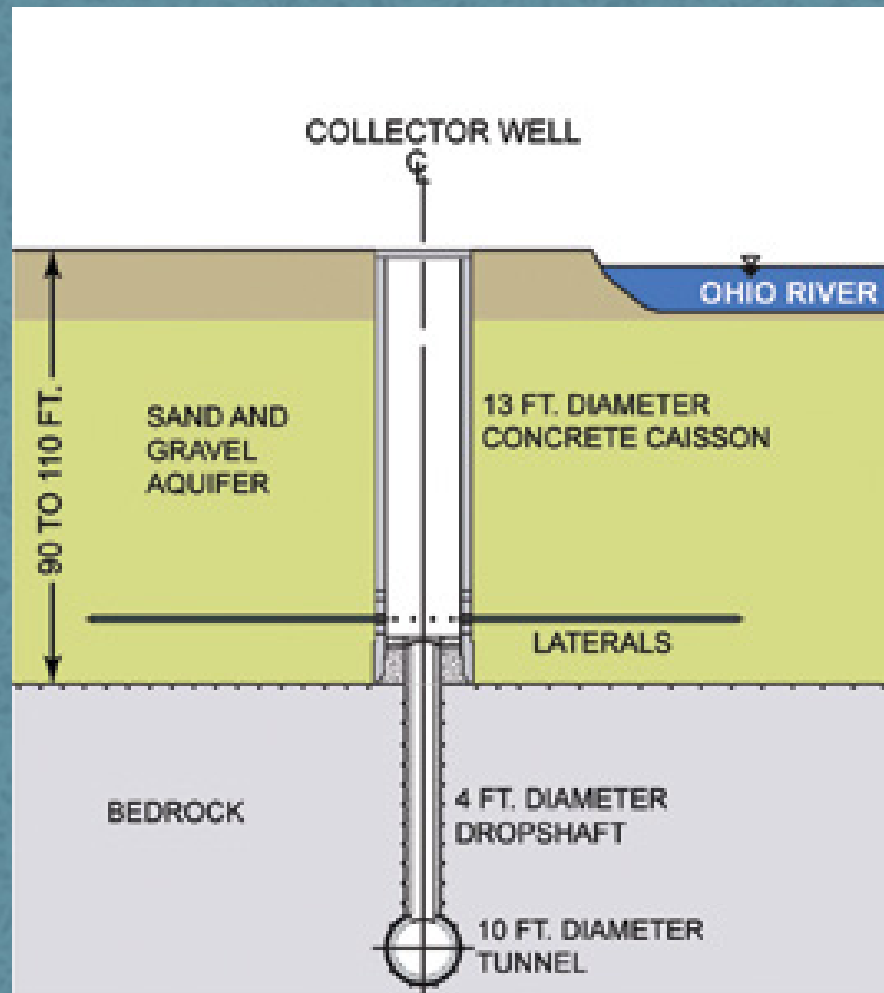
**Laterals**

**Hard Rock**





# Hard-rock tunnel approach





# Project Site

● Pump Station

● Collector Wells







# Riverbank Filtration Tunnel and Pump Station B.E. Payne Water Treatment Plant







# Phase II – collector wells + tunnel



4 Collector Wells

Each shaft ~ 100 feet deep

13 – foot ID

8 – 12" laterals

Q ~ 15 MGD each





# 8-foot diameter drop shaft





# Drop shaft reaching tunnel







# Low-profile completion







## Pump station shaft

Hydromill – slurry wall

40 – foot diameter

100 feet of overburden

15 feet into rock

Traditional drill & blast to 200 feet with finished diameter of 25 feet



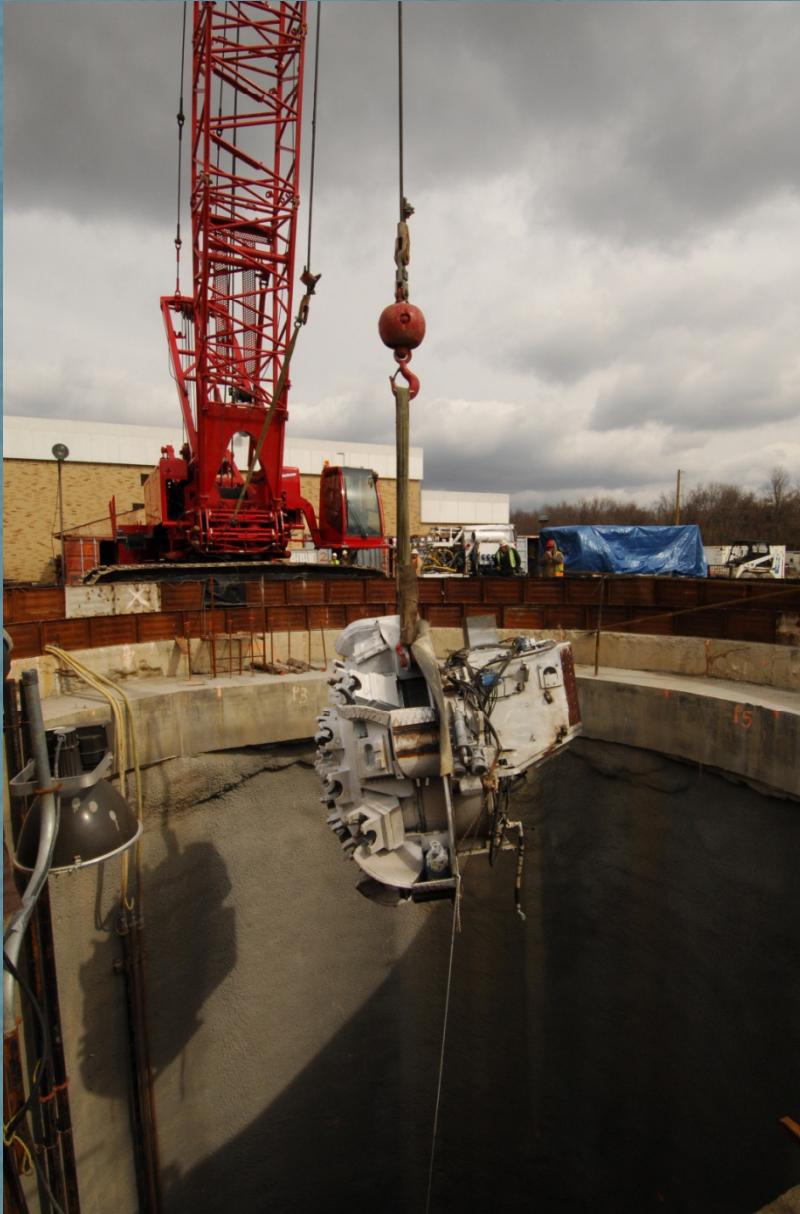


# Shaft & tunnel construction





# Tunnel Boring Machine (TBM)







# Tunnel start within pump station shaft







# Tunneling







# Water tunnel



1.5 Miles long – 12 ft borehole  
150 ft below grade  
10 ft finished ID







# Pump station – 65 MGD



2 – 20 MGD pumps, 1 – 15 MGD pump, 1 -10 MGD pump







## Currently . . .

- Wells pumping into the treatment plant
- Finding the right treatment settings as the water quality stabilizes
- **Winner** - Outstanding Projects and Leaders Awards (OPAL) (ASCE) 2011 competing with the Dallas Cowboy's new stadium, Incheon Bridge (Korea), Taum Sauk Upper Reservoir Rebuild Project (MO), and the Washington Dulles new Airport Terminal.



# Start-up Findings (from the Owner)



- Minimizes Water Quality Challenges:
  - Taste & Odor
  - Spills
  - Pesticides
  - Contaminants of emerging concerns
  - Microbials
  - Distribution Water Quality – Unexpected !
    - NO nitrification events in any tanks
    - Removals of 90% AOC (assimilable carbon)
    - Removals of 70% NDMA Formation







## Project Team

- Owner - Louisville Water Company
- Design - JJG (Jacobs Engineering)
- Tunnel/GC – Mole Constructors
- Shaft – Bencor (Layne Christensen)
- Collector Wells – Ranney Collector Wells (Heavy Civil Division –Layne Christensen)
- Pump Station – Reynolds, Inc. (Heavy Civil Division - Layne Christensen)



# Carmichael Water District, CA



22 MGD

Pumping Station

WTP

*Gravity Flow to  
PS @ WTP*

← *American River*

CW3

CW2

CW1





# Tunnel System – St. Louis

## Layout Number 3 rev1

Collector Wells along Missouri River










Tunnel to Central Pump Station

Force Main Pump Station – C.O.R

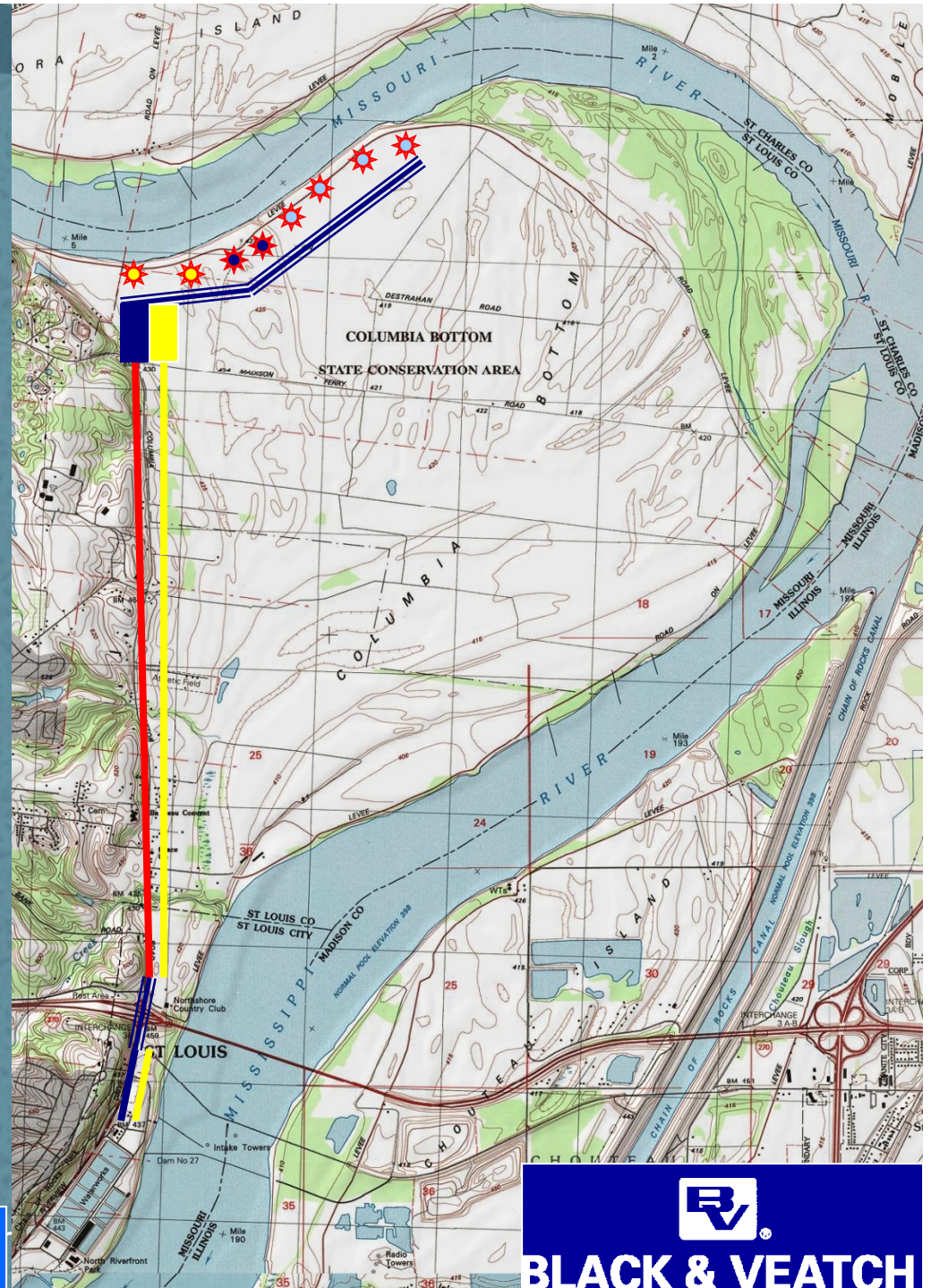
60 mgd initial

65 mgd second phase

35 mgd final phase (15 mgd left)

-  Phase 1 Collector Well
-  Phase 2 Collector Well
-  Phase 3 Collector Well
-  Phase 1 Force Main
-  Phase 2 Force Main
-  Phase 3 Force Main
-  Phase 1 Tunnel
-  Phase 1 Pump Station
-  Phase 3 Expand Pump Station

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# Thank You ~ Questions ?



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