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4 projects underway to bring water to south Apache Junction

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The Superstition Area Water Plant owned by Apache Junction Water District is to be expanded to accommodate growth to the south including at the D.R. Horton and Brookfield Residential developments.

The facility on Ironwood Drive near Baseline Road is to be changed from a capacity of 2 million gallons per day to 4 million gallons per day, Water District Director Mike Loggins said during the Jan. 18 meeting of the water district board, which is comprised of city council members.

The water plant expansion and three other ongoing projects he briefed the board on will be funded initially by the developer before property owners in two community facilities districts will pay the developer back, Loggins said.

“So initially the developer will pay for all of this infrastructure and then they’ll come back to ... the community facilities district to bond those and then to repay them back for that infrastructure they built,” he said.

Superstition Vistas

Within the larger 275 square miles of Superstition Vistas is a 2,783-acre parcel where D.R. Horton and Brookfield Residential master-planned communities have broken ground. The communities are just south of Elliot Road, bordered to the west by Meridian Road, east by Idaho Road and south by Ray Road.

The communities are planned to consist of approximately 10,500 residential units once completed.

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Developers chose Carollo Engineers, which has provided a 30% design for adding the 2 million gallons of water a day capacity to the Superstition Area Water Plant; and Garney Construction as the construction manager at risk, Loggins said.

“They are looking for a fin-



Non-potable water will be used at lakes at the Brookfield Residential project. A non-potable water tank and booster are to be constructed at the sewer district’s site. [Arianna Graine/Independent Newsmedia]

ish date of July 1, 2023, so a pretty aggressive schedule,” he said. “They are going to try to do it in 18 months with this expansion.”

A second water district project is a 30-inch water transmission line from the Superstition Area Water Plant to a new 3.2 million gallon tank and booster site, with a 24-inch line from the tank site to Ray Road and Ironwood Drive.

Hilgart Wilson Engineers has prepared a 30% design, and the construction manager at risk is Garney Construction.

“This is that 30-inch transmission line and a 24-inch distribution line that heads south to serve the first phase of that... They need to finish this by Jan. 1, 2023 — so a 12-month schedule to get that done and actually start delivering water to the tank and booster site so we can service this property,” Loggins said.

Board Chairman Chip Wilson asked where the water tank will be installed.

“If you know where the flood control canal is — there’s a concrete-line ca-

nal there; just north of that is where the new tank is going to be placed. It’s going to be 3.2 million gallons with booster pumps and then it will have a generator on site there. There potentially will be a well site there to put a well on later... It’s roughly about a 5-acre site we will be provided to service this development,” Loggins said.

The third project is for a non-potable water tank and booster constructed at Superstition Mountains Community Facilities District No. 1, the sewer district, which has facilities at 5661 S. Ironwood Drive.

Carollo Engineers prepared a 30% design, and the construction manager at risk is Garney Construction, Loggins said.

“And the first phase is a 1 million gallon storage tank with booster pumps to deliver non-potable water to the lakes for the Brookfield side of the project to the south.

They are looking more of an April 1, 2023, finish date on that so they can get start getting all their lakes and irrigation and turf in that they are going to be doing for the big

public parks they’d like to do down there,” he said.

The fourth project is a non-potable water transmission line at the sewer district with Wood Patel Engineers preparing a 30% design, and the construction manager at risk is Garney Construction, Loggins said.

“Again a non-potable transmission line to get from the sewer plant down to the first lake in Brookfield; and again, April 1, 2023, so they can start watering their grass and get some water into the lakes in that area,” he said.

GLENDALE Glendale Elementary School District to host hiring event

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The Glendale Elementary School District is hosting a hiring event this weekend.

The event takes place from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, Jan. 22 at the GESD

District Office, located at 7301 N. 58th Ave., Glendale.

Job seekers are invited to stop by to submit an application. Hiring for all positions in all departments and school sites including:

- Bus drivers
- Maintenance workers
- Campus and bus monitors
- Educational assistants
- Food and nutrition supports
- Guest teachers and teachers

Visit gesd40.org or text HireMcGESD to 25000 for more info and to apply.

PHOENIX Executive Director of Ballet Arizona announces exit

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Ballet Arizona Executive Director, Samantha Turner, has announced that the 2021-2022 will be her last with the ballet, after serving the organization for nine years, including six as executive director. She leaves the organization as it emerges from the pandemic in the strongest financial position in its history.

The Chair of Ballet Arizona’s Board of Directors, Miranda Lumer, stated Turner has stewarded the ballet to its current position through her dedication, leadership, and vision.

“Samantha has been with the organization for almost a decade and in that time, she has helped build and solidify relationships with donors to secure millions of dollars in funding, recruited and retained some of the most impressive staff members I have ever met, and kept the organization intact throughout the COVID-19 crisis,” Lumer said.

“Samantha became Executive Director around the same time I joined the Board of Directors and since then I, along with my fellow board members, have developed an incredible bond with Samantha built on trust and respect for her intellect, work ethic, generous and thoughtful spirit, and grit.” Lumer continued. “She will be missed, but I look forward to hearing all the incredible things she accomplishes on her next stop.”

Over the next five months, Turner will work to ensure a smooth transition of executive leadership. Artistic Director Ib Andersen continues his tenure of more than 20 years providing the artistic vision for the company.

Ballet Arizona’s Search Committee, headed by Board of Directors Vice Chair Michael Bolar, is working closely with m/Oppenheim to conduct a nationwide search for the company’s next Executive Director. m/Oppenheim has deep experience with non-profit performing arts organizations.

“It has been an honor to serve as Ballet Arizona’s Executive Director, and a pleasure to work with an extremely talented group of professionals and a highly committed board,” said Turner. “I’m confident that Ib Andersen and the next Executive Director will lead the organization to new heights, continuing to provide the community with exceptional experiences.”

Ballet Arizona is grateful for Turner’s commitment to the organization over the past nine years and wishes Turner all the best in her future endeavors.

For information on Ballet Arizona and to receive updates on the search for the next Executive Director, please visit balletaz.org.

Ballet Arizona connects to more than 35,000 children and families every year through its free and low-cost outreach programs.



Samantha Turner