

OPTIMIZATION OF LIME –SOFTENING PROCESS AT WADSWORTH WTP

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Agenda

- Plant Overview
- Plant Process Description
- Water Quality Data
- Hardness Removal Chemistry
- Recarbonation Systems
- Chemical Optimization Study
- Recommended Improvement Plan
- Alternatives
- Lessons Learned
- Questions

Wadsworth Water Quality Data 2013



	Plant Tap										Distribution System		
	pH	P Alk	Tot Alk	Total Hardness	Ca	Mg	CaCO ₃ Stability	Free Cl ₂	Total CL ₂	Fl	Free Cl	Tot Cl	Fl
Max.	8.1	0	88	223	127	96	0	1.2	1.4	1.03	0.9	1.1	1.00
Min.	7.9	0	69	186	117	91	0	1.0	1.1	0.91	0.7	0.8	0.90
AVG.	8.1	0	81	208	122	94	0	1.1	1.2	0.96	0.8	0.9	0.95

Purpose of the Study to Optimize Hardness Removal

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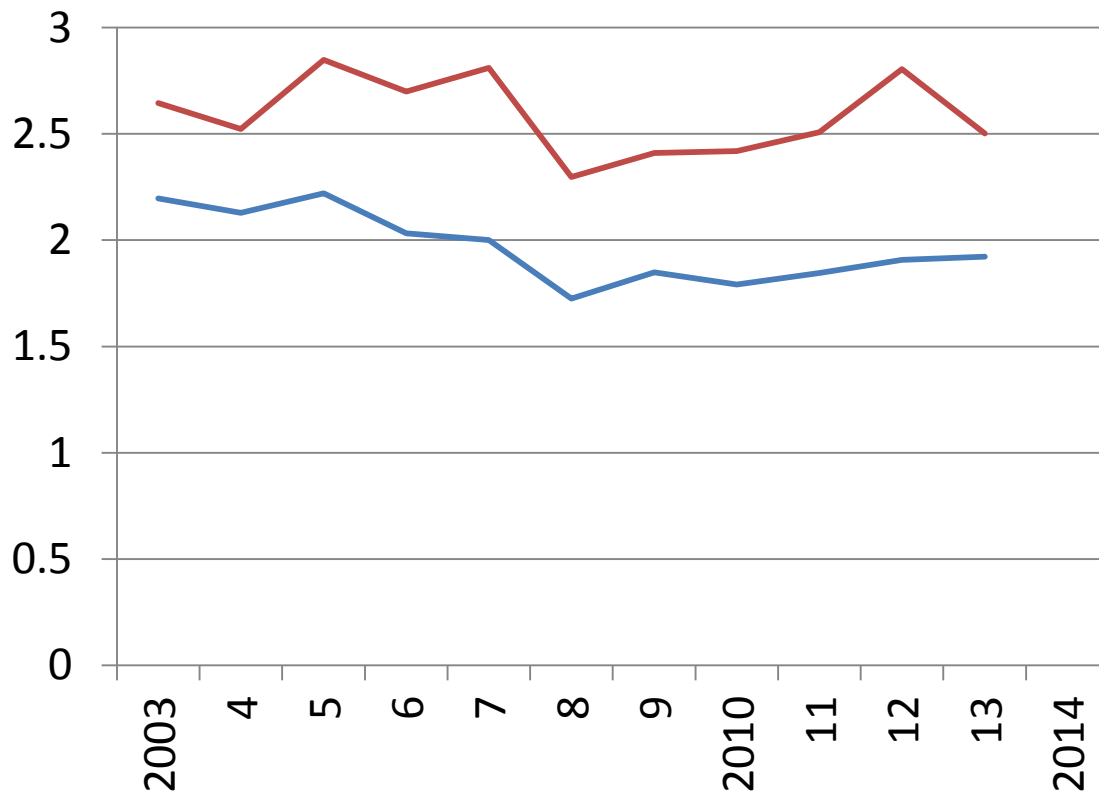
Water Well Information

Well #	2	3	4	7A	9	10A	11	12	13	14	15	19
Depth, Feet	275	275	275	275	275	275	275	275	275	275	275	275
Capacity, GPM	300	250	360	195	390	245	335	250	300	240	300	700

Notes:

1. #16 used as monitoring well.
2. Wells #7A & #9 cannot run at the same time.
3. Wells #11 & #12 cannot run at the same time unless it is an emergency.

Average Annual Daily Flow Rates



Peak Day Factor

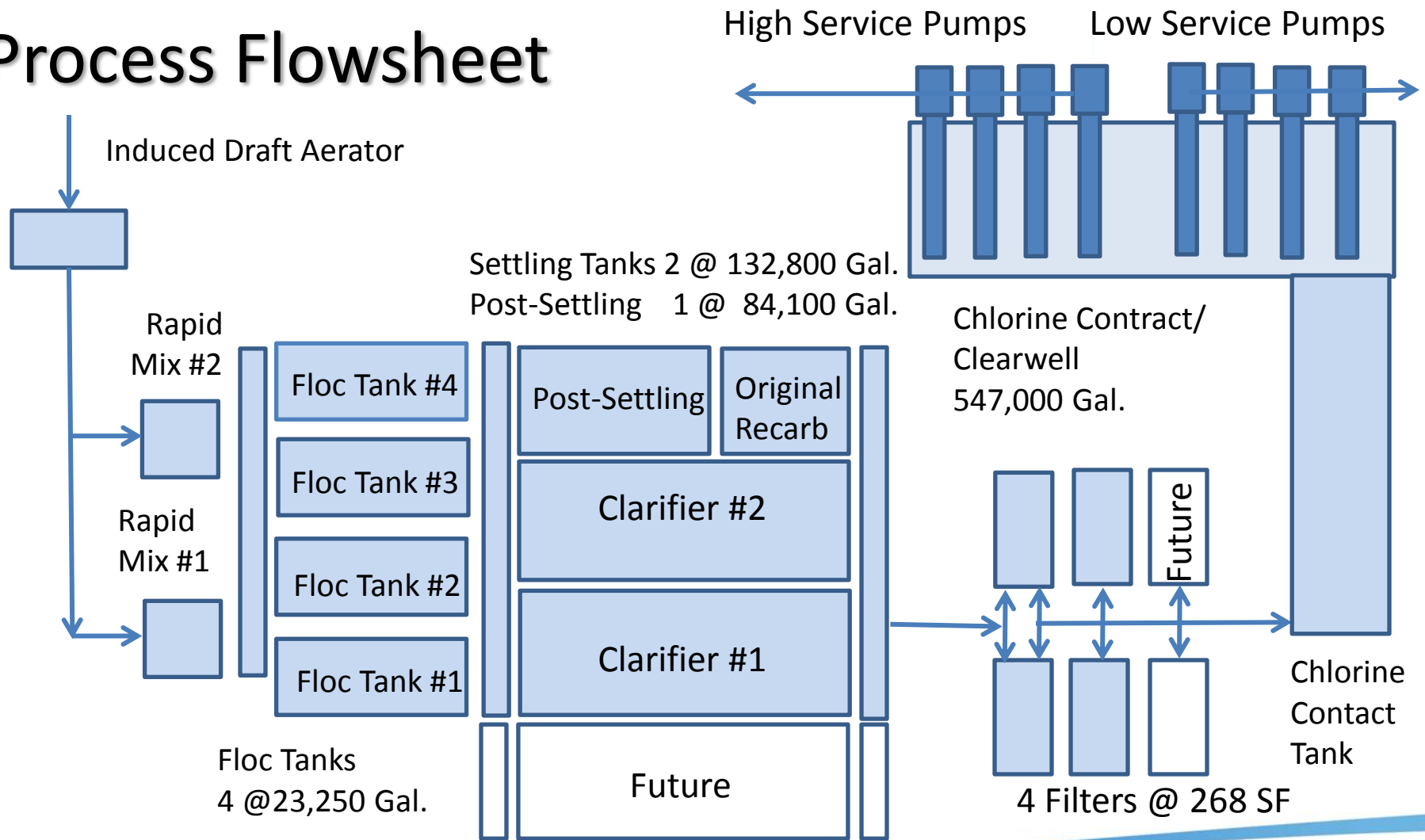
Max Flow: Avg. Flow = 1.3

- Annual Average Daily Flow, MGD
- Annual Max Daily Flow, MGD

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Process Flowsheet



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INDUCED DRAFT AERATOR

- Oxidation of Iron and Manganese
- Reaction Basin: 64,000 gallons
- Detention Time: 20 Min. @4.6 MGD
- Plant Design Capacity; 3 MGD
- Peak Hourly Flow 3.3 MGD
- Peak Day Capacity 4.5 MGD
- Treatment to Reduce Hardness
 - Lime Feed to Precipitate Ca^{++} and Mn^{++} at pH 8.9
 - No pH Re-adjustment
 - Chlorination
 - Flouridation

Flash Mix

- Two (2) units each:
 - 2 HP Mixer
 - 5.5' x5.5' x 5.5' SWD
 - 166.4 CF 1,244 Gallons
 - Detention Time:
 - 60 sec Min Required
 - 72 sec @ 3.0 MGD



Floculation

- Four (4) tanks each:
 - 2 HP Mixer
 - 33.0' x 9.42' x 12' SWD
 - 3730.3 CF
 - 27,903 Gallons Each
 - 111,611 Gallons Total
 - Detention Time:
 - 53.6 Minutes (4 in service)



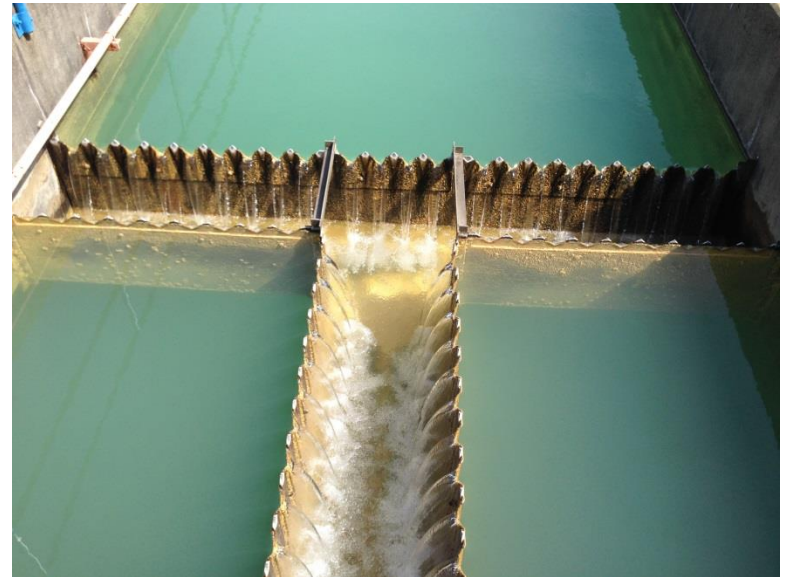
Settling Basins

- Two (2) tanks each:
 - 88.5' x 20.0' x 12' SWD
 - 21,240 CF
 - 158,875 Gallons Each
 - 317,750 Gallons Total
 - Detention Time:
 - 2.54 Hours (2 @ 3 MGD)



Existing Recarb & Post Settling Basin

- Post Settling Basin (1 Each):
 - 76.0' x 14.83' x 12' SWD
 - 13,525 CF
 - 101,167 Gallons Each
 - 418,917 Gallons Total
 - Detention Time:
 - 0.81 Hours (Post Settling Tank only)
 - 3.35 Hours (2 Settling & 1 Post Settling Tanks in Service)



Chemical Feed:

- Zinc Orthophosphate



- Chlorine Feed



Sand Filters

- 4 Filters each:
 - 16.5' x 16'
 - Dual Media
 - 268 SF Each (Typical 4)
- Loadings w/1 Filter Out of Service
 - 804 SF
 - 3.48 MGD @ 3 gpm/sf
 - 4.63 MGD @ 4 gpm/sf
- Filters Rebuilt in 2013-14





High Service Pump Station

- **High Service Pumps:**
 - 3 @ 1,400 gpm
 - 1 @ 2,000 gpm
 - Max. Hydraulic Pumping Rate:
 - 2,800 GPM
 - 4.00 MGD
- **Low Service Pumps:**
 - 3 @ 1,500 gpm
 - 1 @ 2,000 gpm
 - Max. Hydraulic Pumping Rate :
 - 1,800 GPM
 - 1.87 MGD



CLEARWELL CAPACITY = 0.547 MG

Hardness Classification

- Hardness Classification Scale:
 - 0 – 75 mg/L as CaCO_3 : Soft
 - 75 – 150 mg/L as CaCO_3 : Moderately Hard  *Goal*
 - 150 – 300 mg/L as CaCO_3 : Hard  *Current Condition*
 - > 300 mg/L as CaCO_3 : Very Hard

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Hardness of Tap Water

- Total Hardness:
 - Calcium + Magnesium
= 122 mg/l + 94 mg/l = 216 mg/l
- Carbonate Hardness:
 - Alkalinity
= 79 mg/l
- Non-Carbonate Hardness:
 - Total Hardness – Carbonate Hardness
= 216 mg/l - 79 mg/l = 137 mg/l

Goals:

Calcium 80 mg/l

Magnesium 40 mg/l

Total Hardness 150 mg/l

Non-Carbonate Hardness can only be removed: by lime & soda ash

- Calcium Sulfate: CaSO_4
- Calcium Chloride: CaCl_2
- Magnesium Sulfate: MgSO_4
- Magnesium Chloride: MgCl_2

Influent Water Quality

Composite Wells Raw and Post-Aerator

	Wells #	Total Alk	Total Hardness	Non-Carb Hardness	Calcium Hardness	Mag Hardness	Iron	Mn	TDS	pH	CO2
Raw 10/1/14	15-19	196	336	140	230	106	7.76	0.56	430	7.2	28.62
Aerator 10/1/14	15-19	176	338	162	230	108	5.70	0.56	430	7.3	25.7
Raw 10/2/14	3-10-12-14-19	209	310	101	204	106	4.20	0.34	340	7.3	30.51
Aerator 10/2/14	3-10-12-14-19	194	330	136	208	122	3.30	0.33	500	7.6	11.25
Raw 10/9/14	4-11-13-15	192	302	110	200	102	8.30	0.67	440	7.2	28.02
Aerator 10/9/14	4-11-13-15	170	318	148	224	94	6.70	0.63	430	6.9	39.44

Secondary Limits:

- **Iron** = 0.30 mg/l (99.65% Removal)
- **Manganese** = 0.05 mg/l (99.25% Removal)

Secondary OEPA Standards

- Aesthetic
 - Standards related to color:
 - Aluminum, Color, Copper, Foaming Agents, Iron, Manganese, Total Dissolved Solids
 - Standards related to odor and taste:
 - Chloride, Copper, Foaming Agents, Iron, Manganese pH, Sulfate, Threshold Odor Number (TON), Total Dissolved Solids, Zinc
- Cosmetic
 - Silver and Fluoride
- Technical
 - Standards related to corrosion and staining:
 - Chloride, Copper, Corrosivity, Iron, Manganese, pH, Total Dissolved Solids, Zinc
 - Standards related to scale and sediments:
 - Iron, pH, Total Dissolved Solids, Aluminum.

Secondary Drinking Water Regulations:



Contaminant	Secondary MCL	Noticeable Effects above the Secondary MCL
Aluminum	0.05 - 0.2 mg/L*	colored water
Chloride	250 mg/L	salty taste
Corrosivity	Non-corrosive	metallic taste; corroded pipes/ fixtures staining
Fluoride	2.0 mg/L	tooth discoloration
Iron	0.3 mg/L	rusty color; sediment; metallic taste; reddish or orange staining
Manganese	0.05 mg/L	black to brown color; black staining; bitter metallic taste
pH	6.5 - 8.5	low pH: bitter metallic taste; corrosion high pH: slippery feel; deposits
Sulfate	250 mg/L	salty taste
Total Dissolved Solids (TDS)	500 mg/L	hardness; deposits; colored water; staining; salty taste
Zinc	5 mg/L	metallic taste


*mg/L is milligrams of substance per liter of water.

Hardness Removal

- Most chemical forms of hardness are water soluble, except:
- Exceptions: Calcium Carbonate & Magnesium Hydroxide removed by precipitation
- Lime softening removes only carbonate hardness
 - Calcium Carbonates $[CaCO_3]$ & Calcium Bicarbonates $[Ca(HCO_3)_2]$
 - Magnesium Carbonates $[CaCO_3]$ and Mg Bicarbonates $Mg(HCO_3)_2$
- ***Lime & Soda Ash softening required to remove non-carbonate hardness***

Hardness due to Anions:

- Bicarbonate (HCO_3^-)
- Carbonate (CO_3^{2-})
- Sulfate (SO_4^{2-})
- Chloride (Cl^-)
- Nitrate (NO_3^-)
- Silica (SiO_3^{2-})

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- Chloride: $MgCl_2$
 - Calcium Sulfate: $CaSO_4$
 - Calcium Chloride: $CaCl_2$
 - Magnesium Sulfate: $MgSO_4$
 - Magnesium Chloride: $MgCl_2$

Alkalinity and pH

- **Alkalinity = Measure of the acid neutralizing capacity of water**
- **Forms:**
 - Bicarbonate
 - Carbonate
 - Hydroxide
- **Total Alkalinity = [Bicarbonate] + [Carbonate] + [Hydroxide]**
expressed in mg/L as calcium carbonate

Lime Required for Removal of Carbonate Hardness and Magnesium

- $\text{CaO (lb/mil gal)} =$
 $= 10.6 \text{ lbs./MG} \times \text{CO}_2 \text{ (mg/L as CO}_2\text{)}$
 $+ 4.7 [\text{Alkalinity (mg/L as CaCO}_3\text{)}]$
 $+ \text{Mg hardness (mg/L as CaCO}_3\text{)}$
 $+ \text{required excess hydroxide alkalinity}$
 $\text{as CaCO}_3 \text{ (typically 30 -70 mg/l)}$
- $\text{CaO} \times \text{MGD} = \text{CaO/divided by 0.88 to 0.95 (actual chemical purity of CaO)}$
- $\text{CaO}_{\text{Total/MGD}} \text{ Required} \times 3 \text{ MGD} =$
- $\text{CaO}_{\text{Total/MGD}} \times 3 \text{ MGD} / .90 \text{ purity} = \text{Required Daily Usage}$



Acid Feed for Neutralization

- CO₂ offers safer and more robust system over acids as shown in Table 1:
- Final pH should be selected by looking at scaling indices:
 - Langlier index
 - CCPP (Calcium Carbonate Precipitation Potential)
 - Ryznar index
 - Lead solubility

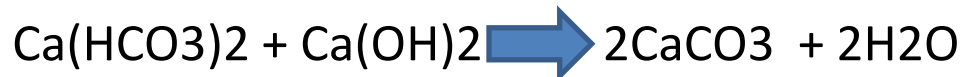
Table 1: Comparison of chemicals for pH control at water treatment plant

	CO ₂	H ₂ SO ₄	HCl
Safety	●	◐	◐
Permit for use	●	◐	◐
Availability	◐	●	●
Price Variability	●	◐	◐
Ease of Storage	●	◐	◐
System Maintenance	●	◐	◐
Environment-friendliness	●	◐	◐
Process Control	●	●	●
Effect of Overdosing	●	◐	◐
Cost of Implementation	◐	●	●
Limitations for Use	◐	◐	◐

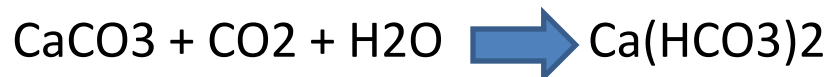
Recarbonation Chemistry

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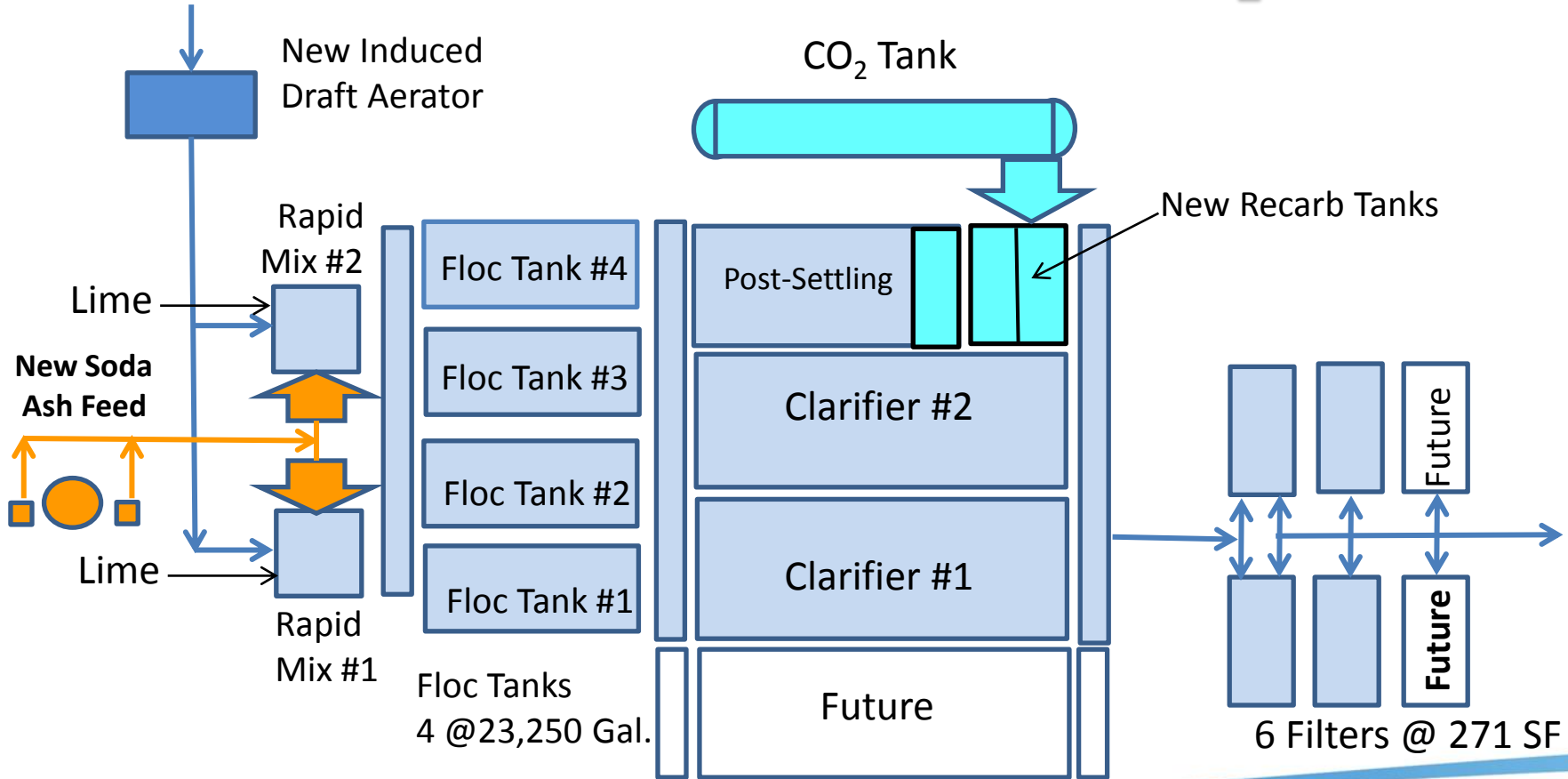


- Recarbonation



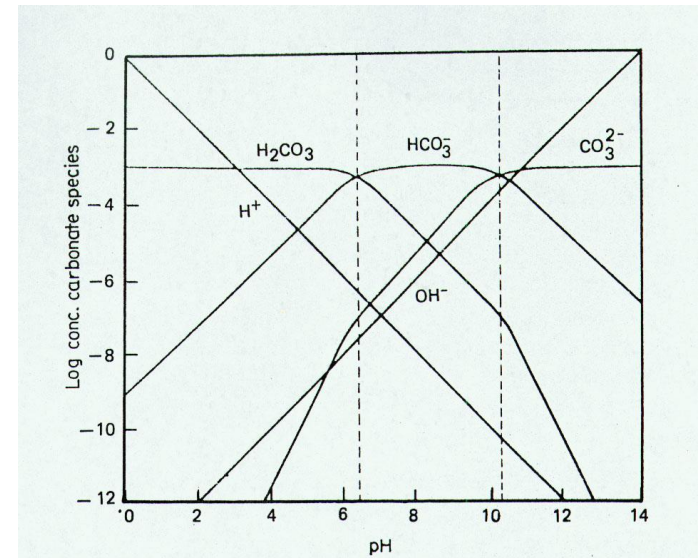
Process Flowsheet

Soda Ash & Recarbonation with CO₂



Carbonate Forms vs. pH

- The effluent from lime softening process is supersaturated with carbonates at high pHs (10 or greater) and it is necessary to stabilize the water to prevent deposition of a hard carbonate scale on the piping and filters.
- pH lowered to below pH of 9.5 and dissolve the CaCO_3 into bicarbonate form.
- CO_2 Usage
 - Theoretical 330 lbs /MG
- Finished Water pH = 8.8 - 9.2 (Adjustable)



CO₂ Recarbonation Schematic

Gas Feed Systems Recommended Design Parameters

- Contact basins shall provide a minimum detention time 30 minutes, and
- Tank water depths greater than 15 feet to achieve 60 – 85% transfer efficiency.

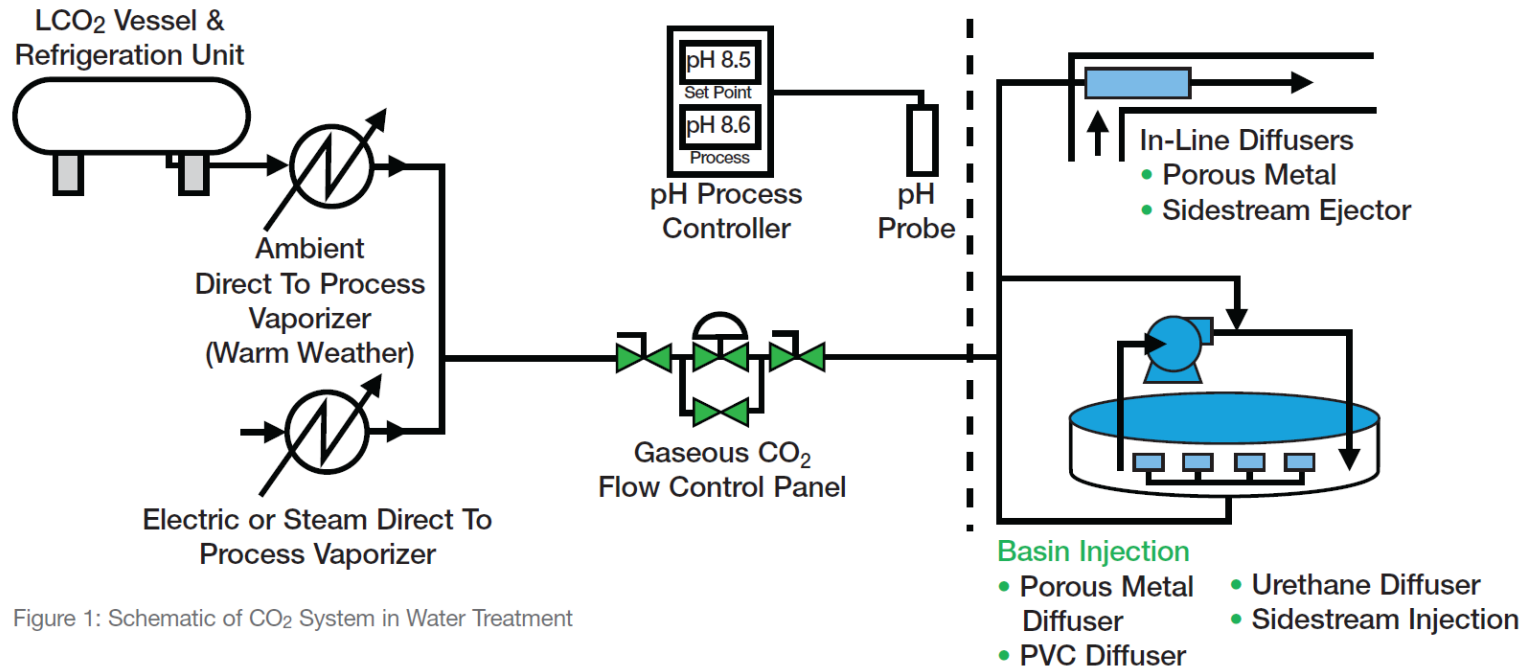
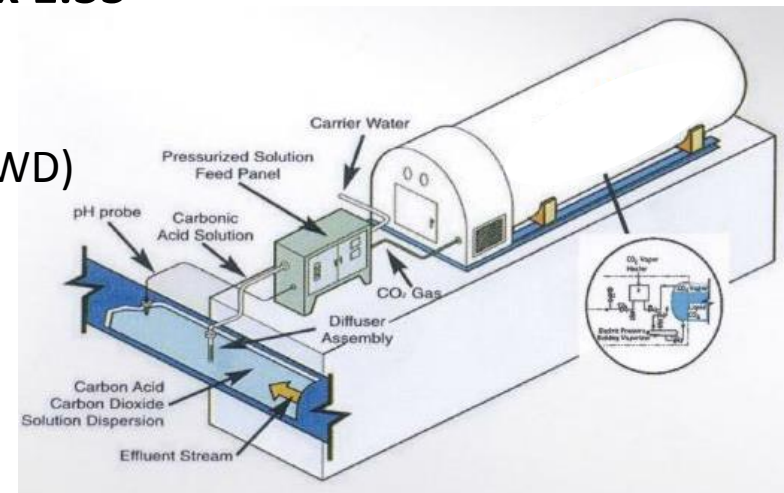


Figure 1: Schematic of CO₂ System in Water Treatment

Pressurized CO2 Feed System

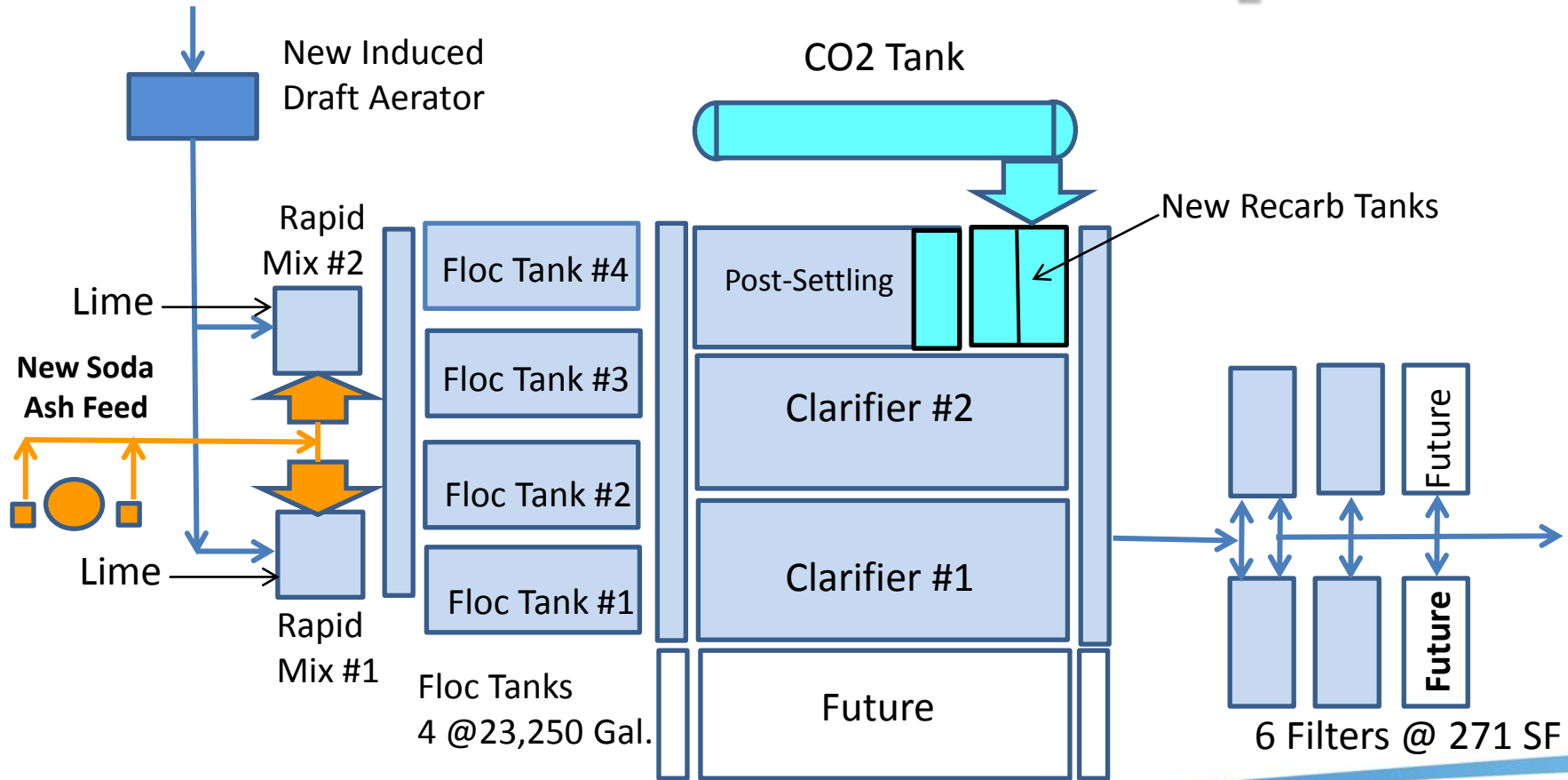
- 99.9% of the chemical reaction has taken place within 3 minutes of the carbonic acid injection.
- **pH is controlled and the water is stabilized within this 3 minute period.**
- **Recarb Basin Basis of Design = 4.5 MGD x 1.33**
 - Flow = 6 MGD
 - Detention Time = 5 minutes (min.)
- **Existing Recarb Basin (11.5' x 14.83' x 12' SWD)**
 - Capacity = 15,300 gallons
 - Detention Time (Ex. Recarb Tank) = 3.67 min.
- **Add Mix Chamber in Influent Channel**
 - 14.83' x 5' x 12' SWD = 890 CF
 - Capacity = 6,655 gallon
 - Detention Time = @ 1.6 minutes

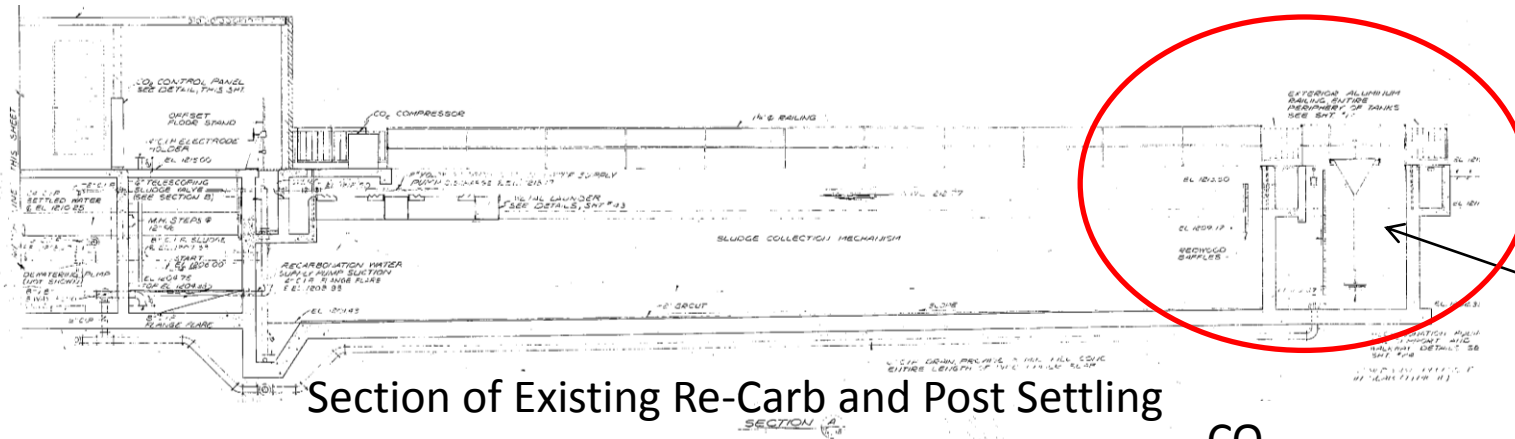


CO2 Storage Tank & Feed System

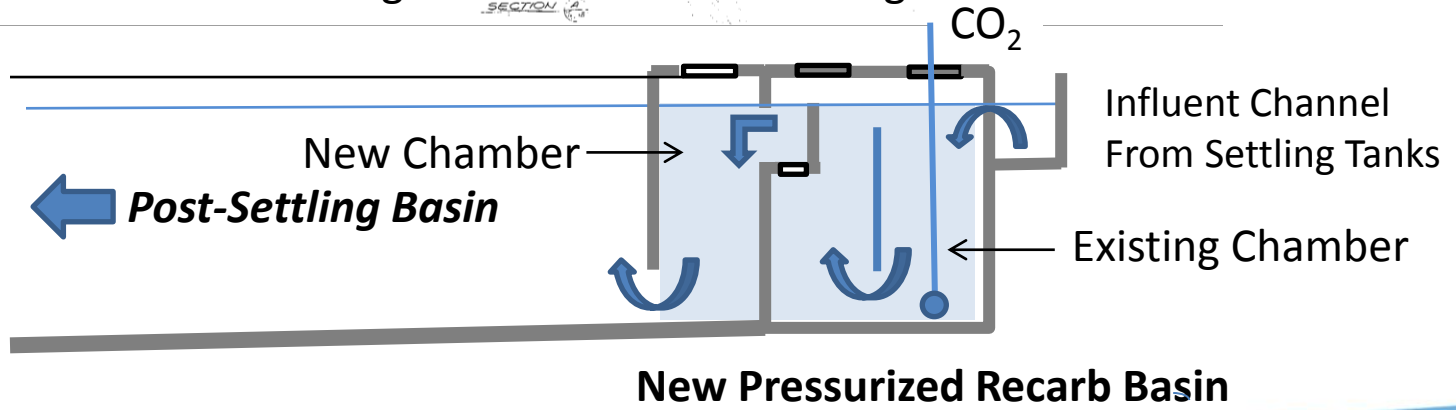
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Existing Recarb Basin



Optimization for Hardness Removal

Raw Water	pH	6.9	Non- Carb Hardness	148 mg/l	Induced Draft Aerator	
Wells 4-11-13-15 (10-9-14)	TDS	430 mg/l	Hardness	318 mg/l	Fe ⁺⁺	6.70 mg/l
	Alkalinity	170 mg/l	Ca ⁺⁺	224 mg/l	Mg ⁺⁺	0.63 mg/l
	CO ₂	39.4 mg/l	Mg ⁺⁺	94 mg/l		

Lime = 120 mg/l
pH = 8.8

Hardness 216 mg/l
Ca⁺⁺ 122 mg/l
Mg⁺⁺ 94 mg/l
Alkalinity 79 mg/l

3 MGD

Lime Only

Lime = 206 mg/l
pH = 10.94

CO₂ @ 39 mg/l

Hardness 176 mg/l
Ca⁺⁺ 80 mg/l
Mg⁺⁺ 94 mg/l
Alkalinity 38 mg/l

3 MGD

Lime Only w/Recarb

Lime = 300 mg/l mg/l
Soda Ash = 58 mg/l
pH = 11.16

CO₂ @ 39 mg/l

Hardness 120 mg/l
Ca⁺⁺ 80 mg/l
Mg⁺⁺ 40 mg/l
Alkalinity 20 mg/l

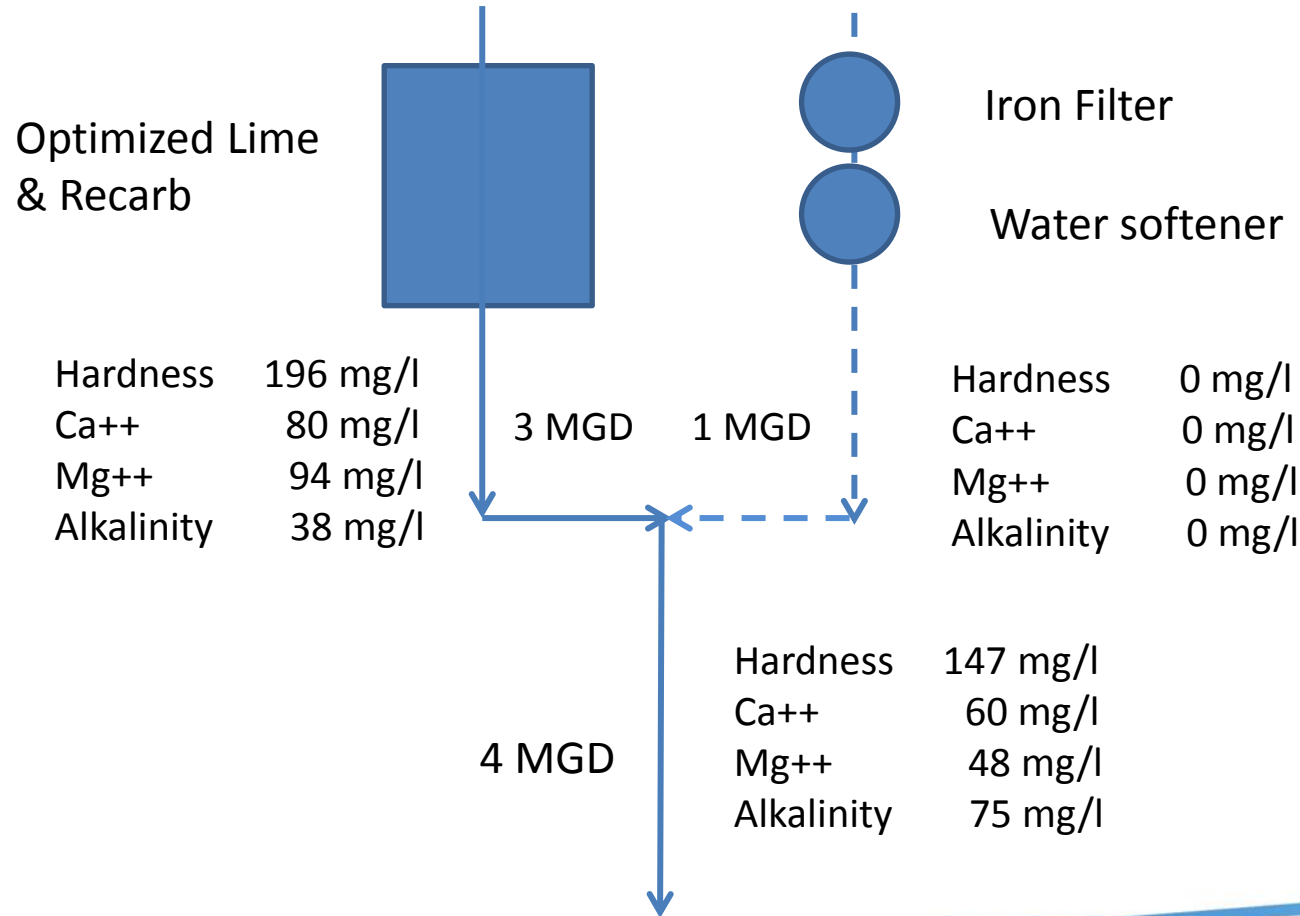
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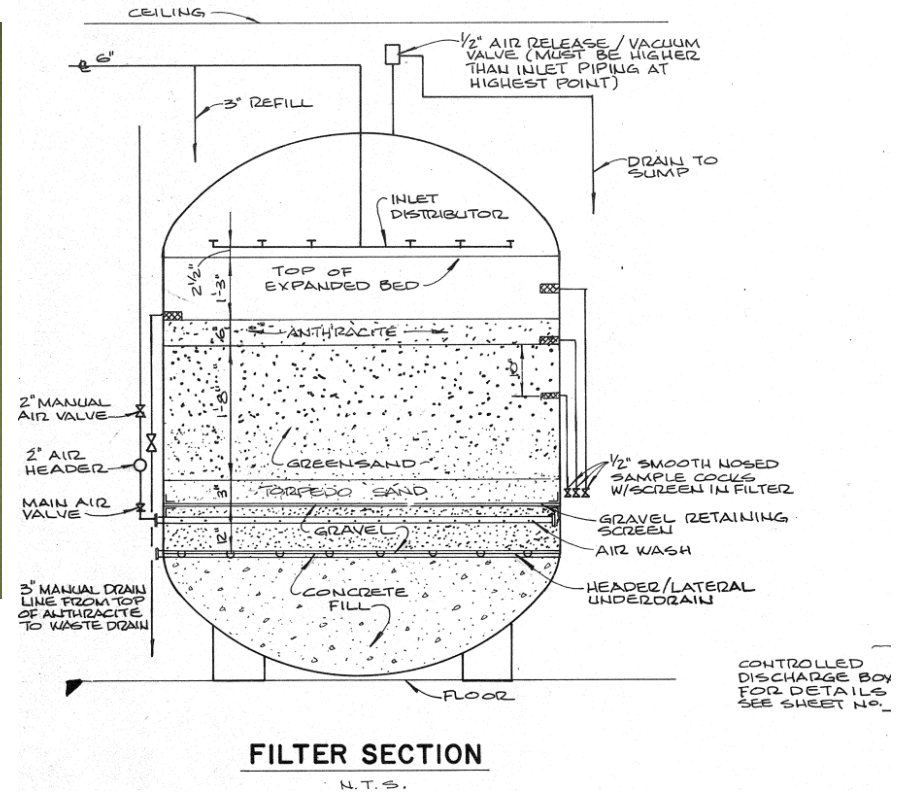
Sludge Production for Alternates

Parameter		Lime w/o Recarb	Lime w/ Recarb	Lime & Soda Ash /w Recarb
pH		8.8	10.97	11.16
Magnesium Hydroxide	mg/l	0	0	38
	Lbs./MG	0	0	321
Calcium Carbonate	mg/l	284	338	442
	lbs./MG	2,380	2,831	3,685

Blending or Split Treatment W/O Soda Ash



Pressure Filters and Softeners



Water Softeners



FEATURES AND SPECIFICATIONS

Model Prefix	Vessel Diameter inches	Flow Rate Range gpm	Resin Quantity cubic feet	Capacity Range		Inlet/Outlet Pipe Size Range inches	Brine Tank Diameter x Height inches	Approximate Dimensions L x D x H inches
				grains				
ZSO-20	20	26-54	5-7	150,000	210,000	1 to 1 ½	24x54	56x32x94
ZSO-24	24	37-75	7-10	210,000	300,000	1 ½ to 2	24x54	60x36x94
ZSO-30	30	59-118	11-16	330,000	480,000	2 to 2 ½	30x60	72x42x98
ZSO-36	36	85-170	16-24	480,000	720,000	2 to 3	39x48	87x48x98
ZSO-42	42	115-230	21-32	630,000	960,000	2 ½ to 3	50x60	104x54x101
ZSO-48	48	150-225	28-42	840,000	1,260,000	2 ½ to 4	50x60	110x60x101
ZSO-54	54	190-380	36-53	1,080,000	1,590,000	3 to 4	60x46	126x66x110
ZSO-60	60	235-470	44-65	1,320,000	1,950,000	3 to 4	72x46	144x72x110
ZSO-66	66	285-570	53-79	1,590,000	2,370,000	3 to 4	72x46	150x78x110
ZSO-72	72	340-680	64-94	1,920,000	2,820,000	4 to 6	84x46	168x84x110
ZSO-78	78	400-795	75-111	2,250,000	3,330,000	4 to 6	Not Included	174x90x110
ZSO-84	84	460-925	87-128	2,610,000	3,840,000	4 to 6	Not Included	180x96x110

Specification Bases: (For your specific water source, contact Res-Kem for estimates)

Flow Rate Range: Minimum Flow 12 gpm/ft² to Maximum Flow 24 gpm/ft²

Resin Quantity: Bed Depth 27 – 40 inches

Capacity Range: Regeneration Level is 15lbs NaCl /ft³

Area = 700 GPM/2 units

= 350 gpm/12 gpm/sf = 29.2 sf

Provide 3 - 72" Dia. (1 standby)

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Water Softener Regeneration

Regeneration = 84" Dia. Bed Capacity/ Loading
= 2,400,000 Grains Hardness
360 mg/l / 17.1 mg/l / grain

= 2,400,000 gr x 3 beds
700 gpm x 21.05 gr/gallon

= 8.4 hours / bed @ 1 MGD flow



Stabilization for Corrosion Control

- Increasing Ca hardness, alkalinity or pH:
 - Increase scaling and decrease corrosive tendency
- Increasing temperature:
 - Increase scaling and corrosive tendency
- TDS can affect scaling and corrosivity
- Caustic soda is commonly used as an acidity buffer
- Unstable water: red water, lead and copper corrosion problems
- Orthophosphates, silicates used to prevent lead & copper corrosion, sequester Ca & carbonate
- CCPP: Calcium Carbonate Precipitation Potential

STABILIZATION
Process of
making water
less corrosive
and less
depositing

Conclusions

- **Assess variability in raw water quality analysis and water demand.**
- **Assess impact of process improvements for aeration, mixing, settling, recarb, filters, chemical feed, and solids handling.**
- **Establish effluent water quality goals.**
- **Establish EPA rules and water quality standards.**
- **Evaluate options and improvements needed to meet goals.**
- **Estimate any additional O&M costs or savings.**
- **Prepare Capital Improvement Plan with prioritized improvement plan, budgetary costs, impact on rates, and funding sources.**

Thank You!



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