





### A Tale of two pilot tests

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## **Overview**

- Paradise Point Pilot Testing
  - 15 mgd planned new WTP
  - Well field approximately 1 mile from WTP site
  - Manganese approximately 10 x MCL



- Bridge Road Pilot Testing
  - 50 gpm well
  - Remote system
  - Elevated iron, manganese, ammonia, arsenic
  - Existing system backwashes every 30 min





### **Paradise Point**



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# **Paradise Point Overview**

- Long-Term Water Supply for Clark County
- Multiple Year Project
- Wellfield/Backwash Ponds
- River Crossing
- WTP & Pump Station
- Finished Water Transmission
- Planned Capacity Phases:
- 2500, 5000, 7500, 10,000 gpm







## Wellfield and Sludge Pond Site



### WTP Site





# **Pilot Testing**

- Manganese Removal 0.6 to 0.02
- Low Iron less than 0.01
- Chlorine Dose 2 mg/L
- Silica 40 to 50 mg/L Not Adsorbed

- AS-741 and Advantage Media Tested
- Loading rates up to 12 gpm/sq ft were successful
- Settling within 1 hour
- Silica did not stick to glassware/tiles







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Duties include:

- process control and quality control quality assurance
- maintain compliance with regulatory requirements
- designated operator in responsible charge



# The challenge, when groundwater doesn't act like groundwater

This is a case study whose genesis was some small scale, boiler plate, general pilot testing. How could we extend runtimes specifically unit filter run volumes and how could we "simplify" the process thereby reducing labor.



MANGANESE OXIDE MEDIA FILTERS

# The particulars

- Community water system (13) connections (25) residents
- 50 gpm well, 30,000 gallons of storage, 6" HDPE water main
- Pyrolusite filtration, sodium hypochlorite disinfection, orthophosphate corrosions control, sodium hydroxide pH adjustment.
- Raw water pH 6.5
- Raw water arsenic concentrations between 7 and 15 ppb
- Raw water iron concentrations between 3 and 14 mg/L
- Raw water manganese concentrations between 100 and 500 ppb
- Filter loading rate is 1.7 gpm/sq ft foot and UFRV is 1,225 gallons
- linear or tree type distribution. The well is on one end the reservoir the other. The development is existing



# 5 minute chlorine oxidation, filtration

Particle Size Distribution



# 30 minute chlorine oxidation, filtration

Particle Size Distribution



# 5 minute chlorine oxidation, .2 mg/L polymer, filtration

Particle Size Distribution



■ >.45 ■ .22 to .45 ■ <0.22



#### **Iron Concentrations**



#### **Manganese Concentrations**



#### **Arsenic Concentrations**



### The next step was a full scale demonstration

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#### Iron Concentrations



#### **Manganese Concentrations**

0.3



#### **Arsenic Concentrations**



# **Findings - Results**

Start small and do not be afraid to try a different approach





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