

Town of Oak Bluffs

WASTEWATER DEPARTMENT

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RE: Southern Tier Affordable Housing Project

Martha's Vineyard Commission,

The Town of Oak Bluffs Wastewater Department has made significant progress in our project to upgrade the Treatment Facility, which will allow for enhanced nitrogen removal and increased treatment capacity. The Town has been ready to go to bid, and recently the Mass DEP approved our WP-68 application which allows us to move forward with the process. We currently anticipate advertising the bid in September, opening the bids in November, and to be under contract for construction by the end of 2023.

I have been involved in the Southern Tier Affordable Housing Project and have discussed the project with the Wastewater Commission, our engineers, Affordable Housing Committee and Craig Nicholson. We believe that the Wastewater Treatment Facility will be able to accommodate the additional flow from Southern Tier Affordable Housing Project, based on the current timeline for both projects. Connecting to Town Wastewater will be more cost effective than an I/A system as it is on the same parcel of land as our pump station and will allow for a gravity connection and remove wastewater effluent from an environmentally sensitive area. It is our intent that Southern Tier Affordable Housing connects to the Town of Oak Bluffs Wastewater Collection System. Please contact the Wastewater Office with any questions.

Regards.

Patrick Hickey

Facilities Manager, Chief Operator

Town of Oak Bluffs Wastewater Department.