Cedar River groundbreaking

Just months after toasting the contract win for the Cedar Treatment Facility, CH2M HILL employees celebrated the next step—groundbreaking—with hard hats and ceremonial shovels all around.

Commenting on the June 5 event, Scott Trusler, CH2M HILL design manager, said, “Breaking ground is a significant milestone that further illustrates the project team’s commitment to completing this project on time and in a quality manner. Every phase of this project is the result of the talents and dedication of the Seattle Public Utilities and CH2M HILL teams.”

Greg Nickels, mayor of Seattle (left), and Don Evans, sr. VP, CH2M HILL, shake hands to celebrate a successful beginning of the Cedar River Water Treatment Facility project.

Media coverage of the groundbreaking included stories in the Seattle Post-Intelligencer, Eastside Journal and on KOMO TV.

Currently, Cedar River is one of the few unfiltered sources of surface water for any large municipality in the country, and it supplies about two-thirds of the drinking water for more than 1.25 million people in the Seattle area. When completed, the Cedar Treatment Facility will use innovative treatment methods, such as ultraviolet radiation and ozone. These processes will produce drinking water that meets or exceeds current, and expected, federal water quality standards. Expected to be up and running in 2004, the plant will treat 180 million gallons of water per day, with the capacity to treat 275 million gallons per day.

Noted Trusler, “The design for Cedar was cost effective while still providing long-term value, environmental stewardship, and innovative water quality treatment.”

When in Wilsonville, twist open a frosty bottle of Willamette River Water

Those fancy bottled water companies have nothing on the fine folks of Wilsonville, Ore. At the grand opening of their new water treatment facility this spring, they reached for crystal clear Willamette River Bottled Water.

The clients, the City of Wilsonville and Tualatin Valley Water District, came up dry in their search for a bottler that could quickly respond to a request to fill, cap and label about 1,500 bottles of the thirst-quencher, so they tapped CH2M HILL. Bill Hawkins was able to draw upon help from Jeff Cross of IDC’s Food & Consumer Products Division to locate a bottling company that could meet the clients’ tight timeline.

Steve Reynolds, along with help from the construction manager from the design/build contractor, spent a Saturday with Hawkins in his garage pasting labels on bottles; label’s designed by Laura Hunt. The district’s H2O promotion was “awash” with success.

CH2M HILL for the past year and a half has served as the client’s construction management agent for the new facility. Bottoms up!

From left to right: Don Evans, CH2M HILL; Bob James, Washington Department of Health; Diana Gale, former Seattle Public Utilities director; Chuck Clarke, Seattle Public Utilities director; Greg Nickels, Mayor of Seattle; Margaret Pageler, Seattle Councilwoman; Tom Hoffman, chair of the Purveyor’s Water Quality and Supply Subcommittee. CH2M HILL presented this plaque, created by Business Development Services graphic designer Rich Nortnik, to Cedar officials at the groundbreaking ceremony.