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Central County Water Reclamation Facility will be upgraded

The Sarasota County Commission Tuesday approved contracts totaling nearly \$6.8 million for upgrades to the Central County Water Reclamation Facility, located on McIntosh Road in the Palmer Ranch area of Sarasota.

A \$5,991,810 million construction contract was awarded to Westra Construction Co. in Palmetto. The Phase 2 improvement project will include a new preliminary treatment structure, a fourth blower with an enclosure for the blower building, general electrical, instrumentation and control facilities work and a building for operations staff.

These improvements are not designed to increase the capacity of the facility, which is currently permitted at 5.4 million gallons per day, and is expected to reach a capacity of 8 million gallons per day with future planned expansions.

Funding for the construction contract will be from utility rates, wastewater capacity fees and a commercial paper borrow to be repaid by rates.

Also approved Tuesday were related contracts of \$545,129 with MWH Americas Inc. for construction management services and \$250,014 with Carollo Engineers P.C. for professional engineering services. Both firms are located in Sarasota.

Construction of the improvements is scheduled to begin this month, with substantial completion in January 2012.

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