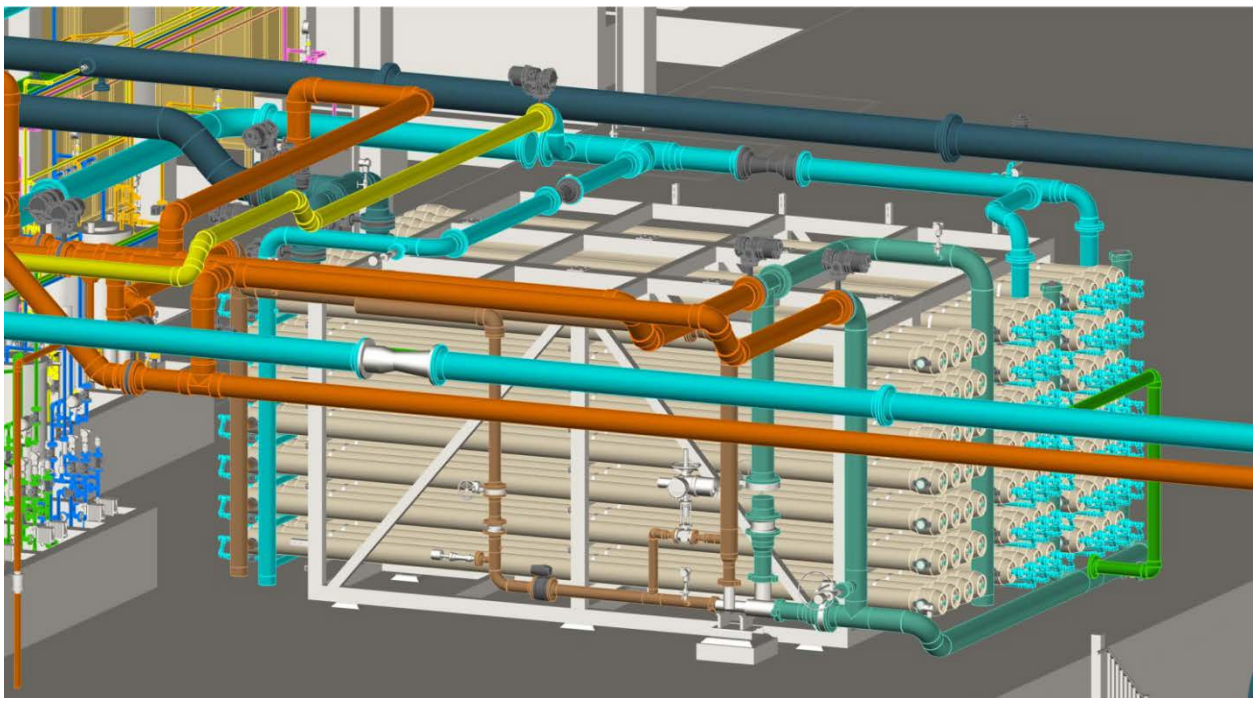
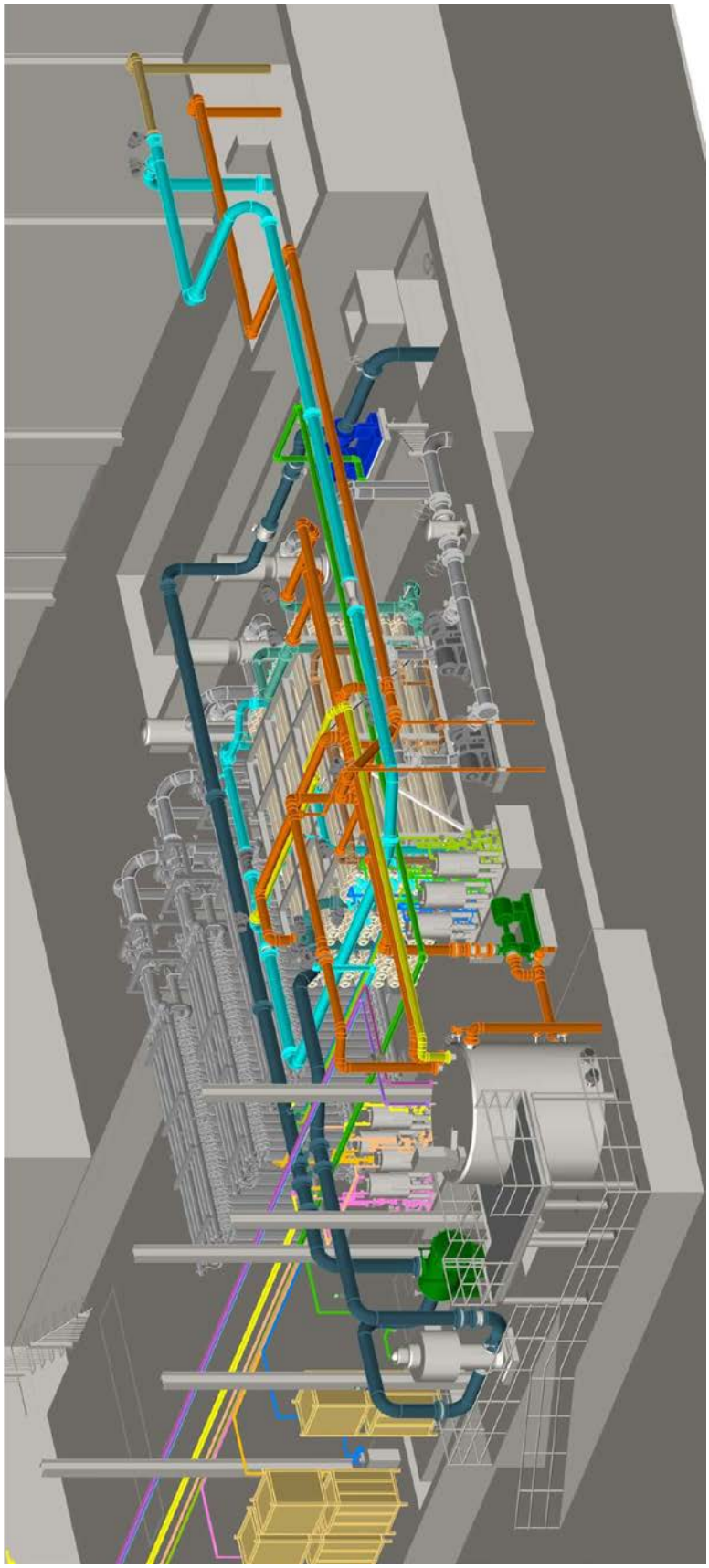
Yucaipa Valley Water District

Workshop Memorandum 12-068

Date: **March 27, 2012**

Subject: **Status Report on the Construction of the Wochholz Improved Salinity Effluent (WISE) Project**

Yucaipa Valley Water District is in the process of constructing the Yucaipa Valley Regional Brineline in order to produce recycled water that complies with groundwater basin objectives as established by the Regional Water Quality Control Board. In order to comply with these limits, the District is required to add a reverse osmosis process to the wastewater treatment plant. This will enable the District to remove salts and minerals from depositing in to the groundwater basin. The proposed reverse osmosis system will produce salt water, referred to as “brine”, that must be sent to the Pacific Ocean so it does not impact any fresh water supplies downstream of the Yucaipa Valley.

The first phase of the reverse osmosis equipment is being designed as part of the Wochholz Improved Salinity Effluent (WISE) Project. This project is currently scheduled for the completion of the construction phase by November 2012.