2015 ESRI WATER CONFERENCE

Increase Efficiency and Data Accuracy of Water AMI Installations Using Cloud and Mobile GIS Technology



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About Us





- 135,580 Service Connections
- □ 1,579 Miles of Water Pipe
 - 1,431 Miles Distribution Mains (< 14")</p>
 - 148 Miles Transition Mains (> 16")
- 2 Water Treatment Plants
 58% of City Metered

Project Background





Project Drivers

- Accelerated Water Meter Program
- Time-Sensitive AMI Replacement Program
- Streamlined AMI installation and meter inspection work
 - Eliminate paper based data collection process
 - Remove back office manual data entry and backlog of paper forms
 - Reduce error and time-consuming QA efforts
 - Decrease repeated trips to job sites





Project Objectives

- Streamline field data collection activities
- Use a single handheld device in the field
- Single point of data entry to maintain data integrity and decrease percentage of error
- Streamline integration with back office systems including Esri GIS



- Improve tracking of AMI installation work in the City's CMMS (Cityworks)
- Accurately gather critical asset information including location information

Solution: Trimble Unity

- Unified Cloud-based and Mobile Collaboration Suite of Applications for Smart Water Management, integrating:
 - Mobile workers and office professionals
 - Field and back office enterprise systems
 - GIS and field operations
 - Sensors and wireless communications
 - Utilities with their contractors
- Focus on workflow and business process improvement with the added benefit of better information for decision making
- Supports various mobile platforms and workflows



Integrated Software & Hardware















AMI Installation Workflow



Benefits & Outcomes

ROI in 3 Months

- Streamlined data collection activities
- Single point of data entry
- Reduced error & QA efforts
- Single handheld device in the field
- Eliminate repeated trips to job sites
- \$1.6M Total projected cost savings for the meter program
- Accurately gather additional asset information including GPS location information and assist with repair work
- Avoid liability issues by documenting water meter condition and taking photos to mitigate billing disputes







Future Plans

 Direct integration with Cityworks to eliminate manual Import and Export processes.

Leverage the meter data and GPS positions captured in the field to update the City's GIS.

Extend the use of the platform for various maintenance and asset inspection workflows.



Questions & Answers

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