



**MARYLAND  
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**Responses to DLS**

**FY2017 Capital Budget Analysis and Testimony**

**March 2016**

**1. Fiscal 2017 Funding and Projects, page 14, Cunningham Falls State Park – Water Treatment Plant: DLS recommends that MES comment on the updated schedule anticipated to be received from the architect/engineer.**

**MES response:** *As stated in the summary, the schedule to complete design in July 2016 and begin construction in December 2016 has slipped a couple of months. We are taking steps to minimize the amount of time lost by doing the following:*

- *Eliminating pre-selection of the treatment system. Initially MES thought it would be necessary to pre-select a treatment system in order for the A/E to complete the layout of the equipment in the building. Instead, the A/E will develop two (2) different layouts, which will be incorporated into the construction drawings;*
- *Eliminating some of the equipment. It was originally assumed the system at Cunningham Falls would be identical to the new water treatment plant constructed at Rocky Gap State Park, since both utilize a surface water source. However, MES has determined the systems are not classified the same way, as Rocky Gap has many more users that are at the Park year-round, working at the casino and hotel. Cunningham Falls, on the other hand, has 11 full-time employees, the majority of which utilize well water from a system located near the Park office. Therefore the treatment requirements are not the same, and the granular activated carbon filter and UV disinfection are not needed (however, the facility will still have chlorine disinfection as required). The Cunningham Falls water treatment plant will be designed to allow room for the installation of a carbon filter and UV in the future, if and when required by the regulations.*

*At this time MES is waiting for the A/E to provide us with a revised schedule, which will be made available to DLS as soon as we have received it.*