

**Members, Alternates  
& Guests Present:**

Mark Cassell  
Dave Christensen  
Don Davidson  
Roger Eberhart  
Bob Elwell  
Gary Hajek  
Vicky Henderson  
Wes Jorgenson  
Arne Lind  
Sheldon Lynne  
Joyce Nichols  
Steve Ohlenkamp  
Greg Reed  
Paul Sentena  
Ron Sheadel  
Mary Shustov  
Laura Szentes  
Scott Thomasson  
Bill Tracy  
Bobbi Wallace

**King County Staff:**

Tim Aratani  
Sharman Herrin  
Kathy Loland  
Christie True

Tamie Kellogg,  
Facilitator

## MARCH'S MEETING NOTES

- I. Chair's Report – Scott Thomasson, MWPAAC Chair
  - A. Introductions were made.
  - B. Approval of Meeting Summary for February: tabled till next month
  - C. Meeting Time/Location Survey Results: 25 responses were received.
    - Question 1. Should MWPAAC change its meeting location from Renton Technical College to another location? 84% want to move to another location.
    - Question 2. If MWPAAC does change its meeting location, which of the following locations works best for you? 47.8% selected Bellevue City Hall.
    - Question 3. Should MWPAAC continue with its current 10:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. lunch meeting or change to a mid-morning meeting with light refreshments? 76% want to change the meeting time.
    - Question 4. If the meeting time for MWPAAC were to be changed, which one of the following meeting times works best for you? 44% selected 9 a.m. – 11 a.m.
- II. Housekeeping – Tamie Kellogg, Facilitator
  - A. If the MWPAAC Chair or Vice-Chair is unavailable, a subcommittee chair is authorized to present general info and updates to RWQC.
  - B. The monthly MWPAAC meeting will be cancelled if there is not a substantive topic to present.
  - C. Tamie explained that agenda items if they have “informational” next to them will not involve formal action or input. If an agenda item does require the committee to make a recommendation or offer input, materials will be sent out in advance of the meeting to allow committee members to be prepared for the discussion.

### III. WTD Director's Report – Christie True, Director

- A. King County Council and Regional Water Quality Committee Update: At the March meeting, the annual work plan was discussed and will be finalized at the April meeting. Pam Elardo, West Section Plant Manager, gave a briefing on the West Point draft permit. The Duwamish River Clean-up Coalition, People for Puget Sound and Washington State Department of Ecology commented on the permit. There was also a briefing on the financial policies, but no discussion. The Council adopted the MWPAAC Charter in March. The ordinance on the administrative changes in the Capacity Charge was also adopted by Council.
- B. Brightwater: WTD is continuing to see schedule impacts on the Central Tunnel contract. Significant service had to be completed on them. A sinkhole in Kenmore was created when they over-mined the area, and there will be schedule impacts from that.
- C. The WTD budget will be transmitted on June 1. The charter amendment that was approved by voters moved the transmittal date up.
- D. The Carnation Treatment Plant: Due to flooding in January, the plant temporarily stopped discharging to the wetland. They are now back on-line.
- E. NPDES permits: 1. West Point. WTD anticipates there will not be any additional conditions on the permit beyond those in the draft permit. There are additional studies being done in Puget Sound. Ecology has the authority to re-open a permit if necessary for West Point. 2. South Plant permit is up for renewal; the application is in the process of being submitted. The South Plant permit may be more controversial due to the deeper outfall; there may be more migration of effluent because of the depth and

the way the currents work. Ecology is working on a study with respect to that.

- F. Introductions: Christie introduced Kathy Loland as the new Project Planning and Delivery Manager.

In response to a question, Christie explained the reason for the tunnel slowdown. The face of the machine required a lot of interventions and replacement of the cutters due to wear and tear. Due to the air pressure in the tunnel, workers are only able to do repairs for 45 minutes daily.

#### IV. Subcommittee Reports

- A. Engineering & Planning Subcommittee Chair's Report – E&P is scheduled to meet on April 1.
- B. Rate and Finance Subcommittee Chair's Report – Introduced letter to MWPAAC recommending that the County Executive, in his rate transmittal to Council, propose maintaining the adopted two-year wholesale monthly sewer rate of \$31.90 for the second year (2010). MWPAAC approved the letter with edits. A copy of the letter and other MWPAAC recommendation letters can be found at:

<http://www.kingcounty.gov/environment/wastewater/MWPAAC/References/Recommendation.aspx>

- C. Advisory Committee on Sewage Disposal Agreements Chair Report: The next meeting will discuss specific provisions within the contracts. All are encouraged to attend.

#### V. MWPAAC General Business

- A. Sampling of Projects in the 6-year Capital Improvement Program Which Are Outside the Regional Wastewater Services Plan – Kathy Loland, Project Planning and Delivery Manager

A copy of the presentation and other materials from prior MWPAAC meetings can be found at:

<http://www.kingcounty.gov/environment/wastewater/MWPAAC/Committees/MWPAAC.aspx>

- B. Questions:

In response to a question regarding prioritization: Kathy explained that the prioritization is done each January for the next year. There is a quick review of the current year's projects though and the opportunity to make changes if needed.

In response to a question on the West Point Co-Gen project, Kathy explained that a decision was made to procure the 2.3 megawatt engine generators, which were bought outright and then stored to be used in an existing structure.

A question was raised on the selection process for the methodology of restoring the pipe, and Kathy responded that Linabond was selected based on tests run on different products that worked best with the County's type of sewage. King County sewage has lower hydrogen sulfide levels; these levels are often what other parts of the country are trying to achieve. This particular project involved lining that fully adheres. How are these working and what isn't working? Staff are still inspecting and comparing the pipes.