

Meeting: Advisory Subcommittee on Sewage Disposal Agreements

Date: May 7, 2009, 10:45 a.m. to 12:15 p.m., KSC Room 5 B

Attendees: Tamie Kellogg (Kellogg Consulting) Facilitator; Sharman Herrin, King County; Lynn Johnston, King County; Ron Speer, Soos Creek Water and Sewer District; Don Davidson, City of Bellevue; Steve Ohlenkamp, Soos/Cedar; Margaret Wiggins, NUD; Joyce Nickels, City of Bellevue; Vicky Henderson, Roth Hill Engineering

Housekeeping:

Next meeting will be June 11, 2009.

Update on Billing for Contaminated Industrial Stormwater (CISW):

County had proposed a minimum billing threshold of 50,000 gallons billing per year for CISW (discharges less than 50,000 gallons per year would not be billed).

At the suggestion of MWPAAC, a minimum billing charge of 2 RCE's up to 10,000 gallons per year was established (any CISW discharge below 10,000 gallons per year will be billed the equivalent of 2 RCEs).

A letter will be sent by King County Industrial Waste to the local planning agencies about the billing process change and also encouraging the agencies to bill the dischargers so they can collect their local costs.

Quarterly Reports: Discussed changes in the form. No need to report wastewater that is not treated by King County. Deleted lines 3, 4, and 5.

Each subcommittee member to take the form back to their agency and review, and bring back any ideas or suggestions to the June 11 meeting.

Will bring revised form to full MWPAAC in July.

Draft List of Contract Issues:

Members discussed the need to identify issues the subcommittee will discuss as part of a process for advising the County on contract extensions. The following issues have been identified thus far: providing authority for out-of-cycle emergency rate increases, lowering the threshold for approving new contract provisions to 90%, extending the contracts to 2056, universal or common contract for all component agencies (any differences in a separate document) and defining the relationship between the contract and Washington state statutes.

Develop a Process to Discuss Issues and Add or Remove Them from List of Contract Issues:

Reviewing some of the issues that have been raised in the past will add perspective to these new discussions.

City of Seattle should attend these meetings.

Other suburban cities that typically do not attend should start attending to get broader representation.

Need consensus from the subcommittee to move an issue forward to MWPAAC.

This committee could recommend contract language, as part of its advisory role, to resolve an issue.

Some of the major decision makers are going to be different soon. Any advice offered by MWPAAC regarding the contract may be more effective after elections in November.

Discussed methods to identify issues for discussion. Agreed to identify the interest or issue, then prioritize that list, develop a recommendation, if there is a consensus take to full MWPAAC for a recommendation to Christie True and Theresa Jennings. Rather than listing all recommendations in one document, recommendations will be specific to an issue or small group of issues. This provides the greatest opportunity to build support between MWPAAC and WTD for specific changes.

Would like for Christy and/or Theresa to attend a future meeting.

Next agenda for June 11 will include:

Recap of issues by Ron Speer.

Identification of contract issues using process above.

Revised quarterly sewage report form.

Action Items:

Ron Speer will email proposed **alternative contract** to Sharman for purposes of **distributing as a reference document for identifying some contract issues.**

At the next subcommittee meeting, hand out the **Memorandum of Understanding developed by MWPAAC and the County** for the sharing of budget information several years ago as a **starting point for what guidelines should govern the subcommittee's discussion** of contract issues.