METROPOLITAN WATER POLLUTION ABATEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

General Meeting Summary

Bellevue City Hall
Room 1E-108

Wednesday, February 27, 2013

10:00 – Noon

1. MWPAAC Chair's Report – Scott Thomasson

a. Introductions
b. Approval of January 23 meeting summary (action item)
   - January 23 meeting summary was unanimously approved

2. Director's Report

- King County's clean-water utility hosted a booth at the Northwest Home and Garden show February 20-24, which featured Loop Biosolids, a natural soil amendment and renewable resource. Employees gave out free samples of GroCo, a high-quality, nitrogen-rich compost made with Loop.

- On February 20th, an estimated 18,000 gallons of wastewater overflowed for five minutes through an emergency outfall in Puget Sound near Lowman Beach Park, which prevented raw sewage backups and equipment damage. Wastewater Treatment Division (WTD) crews responded quickly and division employees notified health and regulatory agencies about the overflow. WTD will install a permanent generator at the pump station as part of the Murray Combined Sewer Overflow (CSO) project.

- On February 28th, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) will release the proposed recommended clean-up alternative and environmental justice analysis for the cleanup of the Duwamish River which is listed as a Superfund site. The Department of Ecology will issue its Source Control Document as well. MWPAAC may be discussing a comment letter to EPA regarding the report. It is very important for the region and businesses who are potentially liable parties. The comment period will run from February 28 through June 13, 2013.

3. Subcommittee Reports

Rates and Finance Subcommittee

- Industrial waste fee update
  - Subcommittee raised the issue of whether the fee incorporates capital costs for the capacity to convey high strength waste. This topic will be further discussed at the next Rates & Finance committee meeting on March 7th.

- WTD's Variable Rate Issuance
  - King County has part of their bonds in variable rates. Short term interest rates are under .5% and the cap on the amount of variable debt WTD can carry is now 20%. There is a risk with rates that can change on a monthly basis. One question discussed is how we use this to our advantage in the long term? It makes sense to take advantage of the rate, but we must also carefully assess the benefits and risks.

- Review preliminary 2014 rate assumptions and projected 2012 performance
  - The expectation going forward is that there is no new rate increase for 2014. There will be several meetings to discuss future rates and when the next increase will occur. Growth is higher than assumed. The operating expenses remain in control. The next meeting will be March 7th with a presentation of the Rates Forecast. The purpose of the March 14th meeting will be to draft the letter and the March 26th will be to finalize the letter with a vote at the full MWPAAC meeting on March 27th.

Advisory Subcommittee on Sewage Disposal Agreements

- Discuss Potential Approach to Standard Agreements
  - Looking to have one common agreement between agencies and the County.
- A Brief Look at Efforts
  - Sharman Herrin gave an overview of past efforts and discussions with the subcommittee.
- Potential Review and Development Process
  - The subcommittee will initially focus on creating a process for being kept in the loop on unique provisions within the agreements and this should be written out in the standard agreement. The expectation is that the subcommittee could take up to two years to complete the

entire effort on the contracts.

- Subcommittee Membership
  - The Chair is interested in more participation for this subcommittee and thinks it is important that members attend on a consistent basis.

Engineering and Planning Subcommittee

- Schedule of Milestones for Current and Planned CSO Projects
  - WTD staff provided a short briefing on the CSO projects. There are five CSO projects underway (four in design and one in construction). Green infrastructure projects will be assessed on a site specific basis. WTD is working with the City of Seattle to save costs and maximize the benefit of CSO projects.
- Initial Discussion of Options for a Summary Document on WTD's Long-Range Capital Program
  - The County Council has required a white paper report on options for a summary document regarding WTD's long-range capital programs. They are asking for suggestions or matrix on what the summary document could look like. This is looking at options to integrate several plans (not changing the content of the plans). WTD staff will provide input and suggestions for the E&P subcommittee. The subcommittee will be working on this white paper on for the next few months with a short turn around; the report is due to Council August 1st. Please send ideas and suggestions to Sharman Herrin (mailto:sharman.herrin@kingcounty.gov) or Lisa Tobin (mailto:lisa.tobin@sammplat.wa.org).

4. Briefing on WTD's Strategic Asset Management Program – Kathy Loland, PE, PMP, WTD Project Planning and Delivery Section Manager

For more information on this presentation, please go to http://www.kingcounty.gov/environment/wastewater/MWPAAC.aspx

5. Meeting Summation – Robert Tovar, Facilitator

Action Item- Update on appeal of Wahkiakum County's ban on biosolids
Action Item- Provide information on rate on investment for WTD's asset management program
Action Item- Provide list of all extended sewage disposal agreements