

METROPOLITAN WATER POLLUTION ABATEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

General Meeting Agenda

Bellevue City Hall Room 1E-108		Wednesday, March 27, 2013	10:00 - Noon
1.	MWPAAC Chair's Rep	ort – Scott Thomasson	10:00 – 10:05

- a. Introductions
- b. Approval of February meeting summary (action item) Meeting summary unanimously approved

Wastewater Treatment Division Director's Report – Pam Elardo, P.E.

Bond refinancing- On March 18, King County issued \$123 million of sewer revenue bonds at an average interest rate of 3.27 percent in order to refund \$136 million of outstanding Wastewater Treatment division debt. This refinancing will save the utility about \$35 million over the next 22 years.

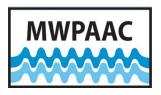
Brightwater- One follow-up from a prior meeting was the cost to complete the tunnel after moving the scope of work from VPFK to JDC. This was part of the discussion around the jury award of \$155 million in December 2012. The Brightwater trend report comes out annually with the sewer rate. The last report will be submitted to Council in April. We do not know if the decision will be appealed.

ROI for Asset Management- In a prior meeting it was asked about the return on investment in asset management. Those numbers are currently being developed as we implement our Strategic Asset Management program.

10:05 - 10:15

Root-killing Chemicals- King County Industrial Waste will be hosting a workshop for the local sewer utilities in October 2013. We are looking for some feedback on an agenda item regarding the use of root-killing chemicals. These chemicals could create a chemical exposure risk for sanitary sewer workers or impact the waste water treatment plant operations.

Appeal of Wahkiakum County Ordinance- On March 11, 2013 Ecology fielded an appeal stating that state legislation takes precedence over local ordinances.



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3. Subcommittee Reports

10:15 - 10:45

a. Rates and Finance Subcommittee

March 7

- 2014-5 Draft Operating #'s
- Draft updated 6-year CIP #'s by program
- Draft revenue projections
- Status of long-term debt review team

March 14

- Draft rate recommendation letter and
- get update on the following:
- Draft 2014-5 operating #'s by cost center
- Draft 2014-9 CIP #'s by program
- Draft rate options (2015-6)
- Review material for DNRP briefing
- Review material for Executive briefing
- Capacity Charge Update briefing
- Follow-up on variable debt

March 26

- Status of Executive's Rate Proposal
- Discuss any suggested revisions to the draft rate letter to the Executive which MWPAAC will consider on March 27

Approval of MWPAAC Recommendation Letter to the Executive Regarding the 2014 Sewer Rate (Action Item)

The Rates and Finance Subcommittee brought a draft letter to the general meeting and Board members agreed to work off of the 2^{nd} draft moving forward. The draft letter was approved to move forward with one objection.

b. Advisory Subcommittee on Sewage Disposal Agreements

- Anatomy of a Standard Contract
- Examples of Unique Elements in Contracts
- Setting the Framework

c. Engineering and Planning Subcommittee

- Follow-up on Development of Report on Options for a Summary Document
 - o Discussion of how WTD & KC drivers influence our work
 - o Proposed subcommittee schedule for this work



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- Brief Overview of EPA's Recommended Alternative Lower Duwamish Cleanup
- Water Quality Assessment/Monitoring Study Update
- Water Quality Monitoring Proviso Update

	Overview of EPA's Recommended Cleanup Plan for the Lower Duwamish Waterway – Pam Elardo, P.E., WTD Director Pam Elardo gave a presentation about EPA's cleanup plan for the Lower Duwamish Waterway. It was asked that the MWPAAC members comment on the plan and issue a letter in support of the County's position on the cleanup.	10.45 11.05
4.	King County staff offered to draft an email that MWPAAC and its members could consider sending to the EPA., Lisa Tobin, Chair of the Engineering and Planning Subcommittee will collect comments from members and work the potential draft letter through that subcommittee. Action Item: Send EPA's address and Sarah Ogier's contact information to members in order to comment on the plan.	10:45 – 11:05
5.	Overview of King County's Capacity Charge Policy and Its Implementation Tom Lienesch, Economist (WTD), and Tim Aratani, Manager, Finance and Administrative Services (WTD) Due to time constraints, this presentation will be moved to the next general meeting on April 24 th .	11:05 – 11:50

a. Informational

6. Me	leeting Summation – Robert Tovar, Facilitator	11:55 – 12 noon
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