



METROPOLITAN WATER POLLUTION ABATEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

DRAFT MEETING SUMMARY

Bellevue City Hall
Room #1E-108

Wednesday, February 26, 2014

Start 10:00

End 11:10

1. MWWPAAC Chair's Report – Judi Gladstone (Vice-Chair)

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

2. Subcommittee Reports

- a. **Engineering and Planning Subcommittee**
 - RWSP comprehensive review
- b. **Rates and Finance Subcommittee**
 - Budget status overview
 - Potential future of Culver
 - Premium costs for bond issuances
- c. **Advisory Subcommittee on Sewage Disposal Agreements**
 - Development process and schedule
 - Status and next steps

3. WTD Director's Report- Pam Elardo, P.E., Director, Wastewater Treatment Division (WTD)

2014 Northwest Flower and Garden Show

WTD Staffed the LOOP booth at the show that ran from Feb. 5-9 and gave away thousands of LOOP samples. This is typically the best public event for biosolids information during the year. Ticket sales were down this year, but still a lot of interest in the product.

Human Health Water Quality Standards

US EPA is proposing changes to the human health criteria and methodology under the Clean Water Act that is used to regulate the discharge of chemicals into an aquatic environment. The proposed changes are expected to be released at the end of February or March and there will be a 60-day comment period. King County staff will be reviewing as this could impact WTD's discharge limits and other aspects of our operations.

South Plant Digesters

Extensive upgrades and renovations were just completed on Digester 1 at South Plant. Upgrades and repairs were made to the floating digester cover, sludge piping, digester gas piping and pressure relief system. All four digesters will ultimately be upgraded. These digesters were originally constructed in the 1980's.

East Waterway Superfund Cleanup

The East Waterway Group (EWG) recently submitted the first draft of a feasibility study to US EPA. Initial cost estimates range from \$235 to \$380 million. These cost estimates have similar range to that of the Lower Duwamish even though the East Waterway cleanup area is one-third the size. This is because most of the East Waterway site will require dredging. EPA will submit comments to EWG and then a final draft of the feasibility study will be released later in 2014 for public comment. This timeline will likely change.

State Revolving Loan Fund (SRF)

Good news last week from the State, WTD received the maximum loan amount for four of our capital projects. Those projects are the Fremont Siphon Upgrade, South Magnolia CSO Project, Barton CSO Control Project and the North Beach CSO Project. The total award for all 4 projects was \$67,500,000. SRF loans offer very favorable interest rates, resulting in lower borrowing costs for ratepayers. Our Murray CSO Project also ranked high, but we had already received the maximum loan amount in this loan cycle. We will reapply for funding for Murray next year.

4. Overview of the WTD Business Plan – Pam Elardo, P.E., Director, WTD

Highlights of the goals, strategies and activities that comprise annual WTD Work Plans. The presentation is available on the MWPAAC website.

5. General Announcements- All

- APWA spring conference April 15-18
- Costco has asked for a meeting to discuss flushable products
- No March 6 round of Subcommittee meetings, they have been rescheduled for March 17 at City of Bellevue
- Staff will begin to identify any action items in the general meeting summary

6. Action Items

- Identify action items in the meeting summary
- Add contact information for Subcommittee chairs on the meeting summary and through email
- Include details of discussion during the WTD Director's report in the meeting summary
- Send out Human Health Water Quality Standards
- Send link for the Business Plan

The meeting was adjourned at 11:10am

The next full MWPAAC meeting is March 26, 2014