



METROPOLITAN WATER POLLUTION ABATEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MEETING SUMMARY

Bellevue City Hall
Room #1E-108

Wednesday, March 26, 2014

Start 10:00

End 12:00

1. MWWPAAC Chair's Report – Scott Thomasson (Chair)

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

2. Subcommittee Reports

- a. **Engineering and Planning Subcommittee, Lisa Tobin, Chair**
 - RWSP Report Review and Schedule
- b. **Rates and Finance Subcommittee, Jack Broyles, Chair**
 - Overview of the 2015-2016 rate & drivers
 - Development of Draft MWWPAAC Rate Letter to Executive
 - Invitation for Subcommittee Vice Chair
- c. **Advisory Subcommittee on Sewage Disposal Agreements, Alison Bennett, Chair**
 - Formation of Task Force scope, membership & criteria
 - List of regional issues to discuss

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

On March 20, Wastewater Treatment Division (WTD) staff discovered a man who had trespassed on to the West Point Treatment Plant and had fallen into a tank that contained water and sewage. Crews had to remove a grate to pull the man from the tank. After being pulled from the tank, the man indicated he had taken drugs and did not know what happened to his girlfriend. She was found walking on the beach.

The man was decontaminated by WTD crews and firefighters and then transported to Harborview Medical Center. He did not appear to be injured from the incident. Everyone involved in this rescue did an amazing job.

Overflow at King County Manhole in Bothell

The record rainfall in the Seattle area on March 16 resulted in WTD manhole overflow south of Thrasher's Corner in Bothell. This manhole is located in a wetland area away from residences. An undetermined amount of highly diluted wastewater overflowed for up to four hours from the manhole on the North Creek Interceptor. WTD staff responded immediately and reported the overflow to health and regulatory agencies and will sample and monitor water quality in North Creek over the next few days.

WTD is completing design on a project to upgrade the line in this portion of the service area to provide additional capacity for homes and businesses and ensure safe and reliable operations. Construction on the project is expected to receive notice to proceed in 2014.

Lots of Rain in March

As you all know, this has been a very wet March with record rainfalls. During those rainfall events, our wastewater facilities are moving a lot of water. Here is some data from one of those events in early March:

Brightwater - Average Flow = 31.6 MGD (Million Gallons per Day), Peak Flow = 33.6 MGD

South Plant - Average Flow = 164 MGD, Peak Flow = 210 MGD

West Point - Average Flow = 345 MGD, Peak Flow = 464 MGD

4. Review DRAFT Rate MWPAAC Letter to Executive

The Rates and Finance Subcommittee brought a draft letter to the general meeting and members worked through revisions. There was lengthy discussion on the substance of the letter, particularly the language regarding the "Our Waters" program. The letter, as amended, was approved 14-3 by the voting members.

5. General Announcements- All

6. Action Items

The meeting was adjourned at 12:00pm

The next full MWPAAC meeting is April 23, 2014