

# Regional Wastewater Services Plan Policies



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**King County**

Department of Natural Resources and Parks  
**Wastewater Treatment Division**

# Category of Policies



- Treatment Plant Policies
- Conveyance Policies
- Infiltration/Inflow Policies
- Combined Sewer Overflow Control Policies
- Biosolids Policies
- Water Reuse Policies
- Wastewater Services Policies
- Water Quality Protection Policies

# Category of Policies (continued)



- Wastewater Planning Policies
- Environmental Mitigation Policies
- Financial Policies
- Reporting Policies

# History of RWSP Policies



- Metro and the County's wastewater-related policies were reviewed and consolidated in 1995.
- RWQC reviewed the consolidated and existing policies in 1995 and highlighted policies for consideration in the preparation of the RWSP.
- Executive's Preferred Plan for the RWSP (April 1998) presented policies for approval by the Council, including the existing consolidated policies and new policies.

# History of RWSP Policies (continued)



- Policy development continued during the Council's 19-month review process of the Executive's Preferred Plan.
- Policy review and development included input from MWPAAC, CWQAC (Citizen's Water Quality Advisory Committee), environmental, business, and community groups, and the public.

# History of RWSP Policies (continued)



- RWSP policies were approved in November 1999 through Ordinance 13680.
- The approval added a new chapter to the King County Code (28.86).
- Since 1999, the policies have been amended on eight occasions.
- MWPAAC has provided important feedback and participated in the development of policy amendments.

# Policy Amendments



- Updating RWSP Financial Policies in 2001 (Ordinance 14219)
- Adding new policies relating to odor control at existing treatment plants and conveyance facilities in 2003 (Ordinance 14712)
- Adding new policies relating to RWSP reporting in 2006 (Ordinance 15384)
- Updating a number of policies for technical and general cleanup purposes in 2006 (Ordinance 15602)

# Policy Amendments (continued)



- Amendments to conveyance policies in 2008 (Ordinance 16033)
- Revising a financial policy addressing debt financing and borrowing in 2012 (Ordinance 17492)
  - Financial Policies Work Group completed their review in 2012 and RWQC was briefed in 2013
- Amending reporting policies in 2012 (Ordinance 17480)
- Amending CSO control policies in 2013 (Ordinance 17587)
  - Council-required review of CSO control policies to ensure consistency with CSO control amended long-term plan and Consent Decree



# Other Policy Review Efforts



- A small staff negotiating team for contracts, which is in development, will discuss regional issues, including reclaimed water policies
- Conveyance policies are scheduled for review during the process to update the CSI program.
- Infiltration/Inflow (I/I) policies are scheduled for review during the process to update the I/I program.

# RWSP review reports



- The 2004 RWSP review report noted how policies were implemented from 1999-2003.
- The 2006 RWSP review report noted how policies were implemented from 2004-2006.
- The 2014 RWSP review report will note how RWSP policies were implemented during 2007-2013.
- Showing how the policies have been implemented provides information for future discussions on any needed policy updates.

# Anticipated in Report



- Long-range issues that were identified during the review process, which may need further analysis
- Overview of RWSP program and policies implementation 2007-2013
- Elements of RWSP 2013 annual report to show current status

# Next Steps for MWPAAC E&P Subcommittee



- Re-familiarize with the RWSP policies.
- Identify policies that E&P would like to explore further.
- Establish a committee schedule to conduct that review.
- Recommend potential changes to policies.
- Draft formal letter from MWPAAC to WTD Director and King County Executive outlining recommendations.



Questions?

# Thank you!



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