

**Summary of Rates & Finance Subcommittee January 5, 2017 meeting
For MWPAAC General Meeting January 25, 2017.**

- 1. Resiliency and Recovery Program Scope of Work (Joint Topic with Engineering & Planning)** – Michael Popiwny of WTD gave a presentation on the County’s RFP for consulting services related to developing a comprehensive strategy for preparing WTD facilities for the impact of a major seismic event. HDR engineering was selected for the project and Don Ballantine, who is a local seismic expert, will be project manager. As part of the R&R program, a MWPAAC technical working group has also been established. This group has met once and provided comments on the draft scope of the R&R program. HDR is currently reviewing existing facilities and geologic base mapping of the service area. There is a December 2017 deadline for a final consultant report to be presented to the County Executive. A handout of the scope of work was provided and is available online.
- 2. Discussion of Work Plan topics for 2017** – The subcommittee discussed potential work topics for the 2017 year. The executive board will develop a formal working plan at the board retreat
- 3. Discussion of 2018 rate letter** – The subcommittee discussed whether or not a rate letter would be needed for 2018 as the 2018 rate has been established, is not expected to change, and because of the positive developments related to the County establishing a higher debt coverage ratio which will result in a larger portion of capital projects being funded with cash. A consensus emerged that MWPAAC should respond to the 2018 rates in a very brief manner. Potential topics for the letter include:
 - a. Express agreement with 2018 rate
 - b. Mention positive items
 - c. Express support for providing more time (?) to develop 2019/2020 rate
 - d. Share concept of formalizing debt review policy (?)
 - e. Include the word “partnership” and application of partnership
 - f. Have one letter that is addressed jointly to Executive and Council
 - g. Have a draft for subcommittee by April meeting (April 6), and a final draft for full MWPAAC review and approval in April meeting (April 26)

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