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Summary of Rates & Finance Subcommittee December 7, 2017 meeting
For MWPAAC General Meeting on December 13, 2017

1. Update on the Low Income Assistance for Capacity Charge initiative

Presenter: Alison Saperstein – Wastewater Treatment Division

Ms. Saperstein provided a handout and gave a brief update on the status of the County's investigation into possibly offering a discounted capacity charge to economically disadvantaged individuals or to developers building low-income housing in King County.

- A Consulting Firm (Corona Environmental Consulting) has been retained to study the following:
 - Identify affordability challenges
 - Opportunities and constraints of offering a program
 - Evaluation criteria for applicants to the program
 - Identification of levels/options of assistance
 - Develop identification and evaluation criteria for the program

The County is expecting a final report in June 2018. MWPAAC will be engaged along the way for input and feedback.

2. 2017 Budget Status Report

Presenter: Tim Aratani – Finance Director, Wastewater Treatment

Mr. Aratani distributed a summary of significant budget variances from 2017 and also a table showing "actual" spending compared to adopted budget.

- Highlights of the presentation included:
 - The County's various insurance carriers are likely to cover almost all of the expenses related to rehabilitation of the West Point Treatment Plant.
 - The 2017 operating budget requires additional appropriation (\$21 million) to cover West Point expenditures as WTD seeks insurance reimbursement.
 - WTD has funds available to cover the expenditures, but has not yet obtained spending authority the County Council.
 - WTD is expecting minimal to no effect on operating rates due to the West Point incident.

3. 2019 – 2020 Sewer Rate Development

Presenter: Tim Aratani – Finance Director, Wastewater Treatment

- Mr. Aratani distributed a rate development calendar covering the first four months of 2018. A discussion occurred regarding the calendar and the possible need for an additional Rates & Finance meeting in March to get a "final" draft of the rate letter completed in time for the March MWPAAC general meeting. The schedule, including the possible need for an additional R&F meeting, will be discussed at the executive Board retreat.

4. 2018 Planning Topics

Presenters – Maria Coe, Rates & Finance Subcommittee Vice-Chair & Jack Broyles, Rates & Finance Subcommittee Chair. Various possible topics for 2018 including, but not limited to:

- WIFIA Update
- RCE Study
- Capacity Charge Study
- LOOP Program including the possible need of a new digester at West Point
- Update on WTD energy and technology programs
- LOOP planning efforts
- Capital Improvement Plan update
- Resiliency Update
- Waterworks Update
- Electronic Filing of Quarterly Reports
- Results of WTD's audits of local agencies.

Questions?

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