



# **METROPOLITAN WATER POLLUTION ABATEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

## **Meeting Summary**

**Tukwila Community Center,  
Banquet Rooms A-B  
Tukwila, WA**

**Wednesday, April 25, 2018**

**10 a.m. to  
Noon**

### **1. MWPAAC Chair's Report – Pam Carter**

- Welcome and Introductions
- Determine Quorum
- Report Out from April 4 RWQC Meeting
- Approval of the March Meeting Summary (action item)

Everyone introduced themselves.

A quorum was in attendance and the March meeting summary was approved as written.

Pam Carter shared the following items were reported on at the April 4 RWQC:

- Wastewater Treatment Division Director's Report
- West Point Flooding Event Water Quality Summary Report
- Executive Recommendations for Round 3 WaterWorks grants allocation: Proposed Ordinance 2018-0149

Pam also announced there is a MWPAAC representative position open on the Brightwater Air Quality Board. The Board was formed to advise the county on any corrective actions necessary to achieve WTD's commitment to no detectable odors at the property boundary of the Brightwater Treatment facilities and beyond. They meet as necessary and Board members are able to participate in meetings online.

Pam also announced that the position of Vice-Chair of the Comprehensive Engineering and Planning Subcommittee is also vacant.

If any members are interested in either position, please contact Sharman Herrin at [sharman.herrin@kingcounty.gov](mailto:sharman.herrin@kingcounty.gov). The MWPAAC Executive Board will make the final selection.

### **2. Wastewater Treatment Division Director's Report – Mark Isaacson, Division Director, Wastewater Treatment Division (WTD)**

Mark Isaacson, WTD Division Director, provided a report on the following items:

#### Delegation Visit from Wuhan China

On March 27, 2018, 13 delegates from the City of Wuhan, China, representing local government, private business partners, and investors, visited with King County Wastewater Treatment Division (WTD) staff. The delegation learned about WTD's mission, the Combined Sewer Overflow Control Program, and the division's commitment to green infrastructure. The delegates were highly engaged

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during the visit, and they asked many questions to understand how WTD's work can inform their own. They also had site visits at the Georgetown Wet Weather Treatment Station and the Barton roadside rain gardens.

#### RainWise Celebration

Over 50 people attended a RainWise installation ribbon-cutting ceremony at Prospect United Christian Church (UCC) on March 25. Prospect UCC's newly installed cisterns will capture runoff from 3,230 square feet of roof area, effectively keeping 12,700 gallons of stormwater out of the combined sewer system each year.

#### WaterWorks and World Relief

The first green stormwater demonstration site in Kent is ready for the rain. World Relief, a refugee resettlement agency, has been working for the past year to create a large community garden for clients and community members from 14 different countries at Hillside Church. World Relief received \$75,000 in WaterWorks grant funds to add green stormwater features to the site, called Hillside Paradise Parking Plots Community Garden.

#### Magnolia CSO Facility

The pipe pull at Magnolia has been delayed. It currently is scheduled to take place the first week of May.

MWWPAAC members asked who is liable for payment of the repairs. Mark shared WTD is paying up front and then will request reimbursement from the contractor's insurance. WTD's focus is to get it fixed first. The cost estimate for repairs is \$21.2 million.

#### Damaged Reclaimed Water Pipe at the North Creek Pump Station

Last Thursday, an operator was working to refill the reclaimed water line at the North Creek Pump Station. The operator tried to partially open a valve to throttle flow into the pipeline, but it opened to 100 percent resulting in a reclaimed water pipe break. Approximately, 30,000 gallons of reclaimed water was spilled. We notified regulators of the incident. Contractors are working to replace that section of pipe contractor quickly so that reclaimed water segment is operational by May 7. This pipeline serves Willows Run Golf Course and Lake Washington Youth Soccer Association (60 Acres Park).

#### Regional Sewer Contract Negotiations

It's been a while since the last report from the Regional Negotiations Team on new sewer contracts. The team is making good progress, but still has much to do. Since January, the team has been reviewing draft contract language section by section to make sure the new contract meets the intent of the guiding principles developed earlier. These are the same guiding principles that were presented to MWWPAAC as they were being developed for local agency input. The Regional Team meets twice monthly and we will continue this schedule through the end of the year to complete review of each contract section. Going forward, a different Regional Team member will update MWWPAAC at each general meeting on the status. Today, that is going to be Judi Gladstone who will talk specifically about the Operating Board. Mark handed out a list of the Regional Team members with their contact

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information. Please contact any member of the team at any time if there are questions about the work underway.

### **3. 2019-2020 Sewer Rate Proposal, Tim Aratani, Finance Manager, WTD**

Tim Aratani provide a report that detailed the 2019-2020 Sewer Rate Proposal which included:

An overview of the Executive's 2019 Sewer Rate and Capacity Charge Proposal:

- Summary of 2019 Proposal
- West Point Update
- Brightwater Settlement
- Debt Reduction
- Capacity Charge

Highlights of the 2019 Rate Proposal\*

- Reflects positive 2017 financial performance
- All West Point restoration and improvement costs included
- Rate Stabilization balance maintained through 2021
- \$144.9 Brightwater Settlement devoted to capital funding in 2018 through 2020
- \$134 million WIFIA loan for Georgetown starting 2020
- \$314 million in debt reduction by 2024
- Provides capital and operations support for safety, resiliency and asset management
- 2019 Sewer Rate of \$45.33 per month
  - 2.5 percent increase from 2018 rate
  - Intent to hold through 2020
  - \$0.52 less than projected in 2017
- 2019 Capacity Charge of \$64.50 per month
  - 3.0 percent increase from 2018
  - \$11,610 over full 15 years
  - With early payment discount, \$9,520

*\*The full presentation can be found on the MWWPAAC website under At-large meeting materials.*

### **4. Approve MWWPAAC Rate Recommendation Letter to King County Council, Jack Broyles and Maria Coe, Chair and Vice Chair, Rates and Finance Subcommittee (action item)**

Jack Broyles and Maria Coe discussed the review of the rate proposal at the Rates & Finance Subcommittee which WTD finance staff participated in. Based on that review, the first paragraph on the rate recommendation to Council was updated to reflect MWWPAAC support. Jack and Maria reviewed the recommendation from the Debt Review Committee and shared the Executive's Rate Recommendation was in line with the recommendation. The letter was reviewed with emphasis on the changes to the first paragraph. Two changes were proposed for the letter and then a motion was made to accept the changes. The motion passed and a vote was taken to approve the letter as amended. The letter was approved.

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### 5. Regional Negotiations Update, Judi Gladstone, Vice Chair, MWPAAAC, and member of Regional Negotiations Team

Judi Gladstone provided an update on the Regional Negotiations Team's proposed concept for the Regional Wastewater System. The report included information on:

- Purpose of Board
  - Establishing Partnership
  - Ensure formal voice for Component Agencies
  - Increased Efficiency
- Structure of Board
  - All Component Agencies and King County represented
  - Component Agency Representation includes:
    - Non-Seattle Cities- small, medium, large
    - Districts- small, medium, large
    - City of Seattle
  - Component Agency representation is based on RCEs to be updated every 6 years
- Membership and Voting
  - Component Agency Voting
    - At least 50% of the RCEs and at least 1 district and 1 non-Seattle city (small, medium or large); OR
    - Any combination of Component Agency Board Members that represent 60%, or more of the RCEs; OR
    - Board members that represent at least 50% of the RCEs and 5 of 7 votes.
  - Component Agency Member Selection
    - At least 50% of the RCEs and at least 1 district and 1 non-Seattle city (small, medium or large); OR
    - Any combination of Component Agency Board Members that represent 60%, or more of the RCEs; OR
    - Board members that represent at least 50% of the RCEs and 5 of 7 votes.
- Role in Decision-making Procedures
  - Operating Board Roles in Decision-making
    - Review: *Informal* comment and guidance; no Board voting required.
    - Advise: *Formal* guidance in writing; Board voting required.
    - Recommend to King County Executive or King County Council: Board-approved action forwarded directly to King County Executive or Council; Board voting is required.
    - Decide: Decision making delegated to the Board.
  - Procedures
    - Charter and Bylaws
    - Chair and Vice-Chair
    - Meetings open to all Component Agencies
    - Operating Board replaces MWPAAAC
    - No change to RWQC

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Judi responded to two questions concerning the timing of the Operating Board and would a change to the RCW be required. In response, Judi shared the Operating Board would go into effect very soon after the signing of the new contracts and the Operating Board can operate in the current context of the RCW. Also, there would be a time period set for the transition of MWWPAAC to the Operating Board and board meetings would be open for all to participate, and a full MWWPAAC meeting would be held once a year.

### **6. Subcommittee Reports**

#### **April 12, 2018, Rates & Finance:**

- 2019-2020 Sewer Rate Process Update
- Draft MWWPAAC Rate Recommendation letter to King County Council
- Resiliency and Recovery Program, (Joint Topic with Engineering and Planning Subcommittee)
- Systemwide Plan: Overview of Scope of Work, (Joint Topic with Engineering and Planning Subcommittee)

#### **April 12, 2018, Engineering and Planning:**

- Resiliency and Recovery Program, (Joint Topic with Rates and Finance Subcommittee)
- Systemwide Plan: Overview of Scope of Work, (Joint Topic with Rates and Finance Subcommittee)
- I/I Program Update: Continue Discussion on I/I Frameworks and Criteria

### **7. General Announcements**

None

The meeting was adjourned at 12:00 p.m.

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