



## METROPOLITAN WATER POLLUTION ABATEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

### MEETING SUMMARY

Bellevue City Hall  
Room #1E-108

Wednesday, August 27, 2014

Start 10:00  
Meeting adjourned  
12:00 pm

#### 1. MWWPAAC Chair's Report – Scott Thomasson, Chair

- a. Introductions
- b. Approval of June meeting summary (action item), approved unanimously
- c. There was a final call made for interest in the vacant Engineering and Planning Subcommittee Chair. If you are interested, contact Scott Thomasson. The appointment will be announced mid-September.
- d. There will not be subcommittee meetings on September 4.

#### 2. Wastewater Treatment Division Director's Report- Pam Elardo, P.E., Director, Wastewater Treatment Division

##### Bond Sales

In June and July, in two separate bond sales, King County's Wastewater Treatment Division (WTD) refinanced \$271 million in sewer revenue bonds, which will save the utility \$37.3 million. The bond sale completed on July 21 will achieve approximately \$32 million of savings over the next 20 years based on an interest rate of 3.36 percent.

A previously completed bond refinancing of \$75 million on June 30 resulted in \$5.3 million of immediate cash savings based on an interest rate of 4.2 percent for bonds with an average life of 30 years. Since 2000, various refinancings of King County's bonds have saved the utility almost \$300 million.

##### Georgetown CSO

We are making very good progress in meeting consent decree requirements for our CSO projects. You may recall that in 2012-13, the King County Auditor performed an audit of the CSO program. Since that time, there has been an additional audit of the Brandon-Michigan or Georgetown CSO project.

We anticipate the audit will be released early September. Executive's Office is still drafting their response. WTD concurs with the recommendations and had already begun implementing many of them. We will provide MWWPAAC with a copy of the audit and response as soon as it is released.

Georgetown is a large basin with a lot of volume to control. WTD is in the process of reevaluating some alternatives to control this basin to make sure we select the best alternative.

It is encouraged that you contact Pam Elardo if you have any questions after reading the report or response. More on the audit will be discussed at the next general meeting on September 24.

#### Local Companies Recognized for Environmental Stewardship

Each year, the Industrial Waste Program, which operates as part of King County's Wastewater Treatment Division, recognizes local facilities whose wastewater pretreatment efforts, permit compliance, and excellent record keeping contribute to regional pollution prevention goals.

Safeway, Inc. Beverage Plant in Bellevue earned a Commitment-to-Compliance Award for meeting discharge permit standards every month for five consecutive years with no violations of any kind. The company also received the award in 2000.

Forty-four companies earned Gold Awards for compliance with wastewater discharge regulations every month in 2013 with no violations. The program presented Silver Awards to 28 companies for having no King County monitoring violations in 2013.

#### King County Wastewater Treatment Plants Earn National Environmental Awards

WTD earned several Peak Performance Awards from the National Association of Clean Water Agencies for outstanding compliance with state and federal permit requirements.

The South Treatment Plant in Renton and the West Point Treatment Plant in Seattle each received the Platinum Peak Performance Award. The award honors multiple consecutive years of compliance with effluent limits established under the NDPES permit.

To date, South Treatment Plant has attained 16 years of 100 percent permit compliance with its effluent limits, and West Point Treatment Plant has attained 12 years of compliance.

King County's Vashon and Carnation treatment plants received Gold awards from NACWA for 100 percent compliance for effluent limits within the past calendar year.

The Brightwater Treatment Plant, which came online in 2011, earned its first ever Gold award.

### **3. Subcommittee Reports**

#### **a. Engineering and Planning Subcommittee, Paul Bucich, Vice Chair**

- Conveyance System Improvement Program Update: Flow Forecast Planning Assumptions and PSRC Population and Employment Forecast Data
- Field trip to Barton and Murray Pump Stations

#### **b. Rates and Finance Subcommittee, Jack Broyles, Chair**

- WTD Bond Refunding

#### **c. Sewer Disposal Agreements Subcommittee**

- a. Updating on Regional Negotiating Team Status

**4. Overview of the Liquid Assets Recommendations to the WTD Division Director- Pam Carter, Chair, Working Group (Action Item)**

Pam Carter, Chair of the Working Group on Liquid Assets, presented an updated proposal with changes in response to members' comments from the June 25 meeting.

The floor opened for changes to the proposal.

- Motion to add limitation language of 30% back in the proposal with the majority of the review committee to override based on the quality of the applicant. Motion denied by majority vote.
- Motion to include language that states WTD and MWPAAC will conduct a 5-year review of the program and the process. Motion passed 15-1
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Proposal approved by a vote of 15-1.

**5. RWSP Policy Update-**

The work group has now met twice to review RWSP policies and will begin to develop recommended changes to the conveyance policies. The group plans to meet once every two weeks. The workgroup decisions will go to the E&P committee and up to the General Meeting with red-lines to the policies to view the changes to the policies. The message is that the group has begun meeting and there is a schedule to move forward.

Workgroup members: Paul Bucich, Susan Saffrey, Dave Christensen, and Scott Thomasson. Debra Ross, Mark Buscher, and Sharman Herrin are providing staff support.

**6. Combined Sewer Overflow (CSO) Program Update and Status Report- Kathy Loland, WTD Project Planning & Delivery Manager and Mark Buscher, WTD Environmental Program Managing Supervisor**

WTD Staff gave an overview of the CSO program and an update of the CSO projects.

**7. General Announcements**

There were no general announcements to report

***The next full MWPAAC meeting is September 24, 2014***