

## **Summary of Engineering and Planning (E&P) Subcommittee February 5, 2015 Meeting for MWPAAC General Meeting on February 25, 2015**

### **Fish Consumption/Toxics Reduction Comment Letter**

Sandy Kilroy, Assistant Division Director, briefed the subcommittee on two regulatory topics that have potential impacts on the Wastewater Treatment Division's treatment requirements for wastewater and combined sewer overflow facilities, and, in the future, Local Agencies' Phase II NPDES permits:

- Human Health Water Quality Rule, commonly referred to as the fish consumption rule – establishes more stringent water quality standards for 70% of the 96 toxicants currently regulated, and includes modifications to compliance schedules and variances. Based on the Governor's proposal, the Rule proposes to set water quality standards to protect people who eat 175 grams of fish per day, instead of the current rate of 6.5 grams, and to set the cancer risk rate at  $10^{-5}$  instead of  $10^{-6}$ .
- HB 1472, Chemical Action Plans to Require Safer Chemicals in Washington – establishes a science-based system to reduce hazardous chemicals in products, . By removing or limiting such chemicals, it may reduce their migration into the environment and not just rely on end-of-pipe treatment methods to reduce environmental chemical contamination.

For more information on these complicated topics, handouts from the subcommittee meeting are available at <http://www.kingcounty.gov/environment/wastewater/MWPAAC/Committees/EP.aspx>. At MWPAAC's suggestion, the Subcommittee is working with King County staff to draft a letter for MWPAAC to comment on the Governor's proposal for the Water Quality Rule and the companion Toxics Legislation; comments are due by March 23, 2015. The draft letter for MWPAAC consideration is being formulated to consist of two parts commensurate with the Governor's proposal so that individual agencies, who may want to comment independently in addition to the MWPAAC letter, can decide if and how to provide their support to the two parts of the Governor's proposal. King County has already provided comments on the Toxics Reduction bill at a House Environment Committee Hearing on February 2, 2015.

### **Conveyance System Improvements (CSI) Program Update: Status Report**

King County staff is developing conceptual project scopes and planning level cost estimates for the deficiencies identified from the flow monitoring and computer modeling of the King County wastewater system. As the projects are developed, staff will meet with the individual Local Agencies to review the projects' scopes. Representatives from different King County departments (asset management, comprehensive planning, engineering, facilities inspection, flow modeling, GIS, operations, and project management) will all provide input into the development of these conceptual projects and their prioritization. The next E&P update on the conceptual projects will be in April, with anticipated completion of the CSI Program Update by the end of 2015.

### **RWSP Policy Revisions**

During the subsequent Rates and Finance and Sewage Disposal Agreements Subcommittee meetings, the subcommittees provided comments on the Treatment Plant and Infiltration/Inflow policies. These comments will be discussed at the March E&P subcommittee before transmittal to full MWPAAC, which is anticipated to be in March 2015.

### **Questions?**

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