



METROPOLITAN WATER POLLUTION ABATEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Meeting Summary

Seattle Public Utilities
Operations Center

Wednesday, March 23, 2016

Start 10:00 a.m.

Meeting adjourned 11:45
a.m.

1. MWPAAC Chair's Report – Pam Carter

- a. Welcome and Introductions
- b. Determine Quorum
- c. Approval of February meeting summary (**action item**)
- d. Update on proposed Ordinance 2016-0091, amending grant award process for WaterWorks grant program
- e. Appreciation of Pam Elardo, Wastewater Treatment Division Director

All in attendance introduced themselves. It was determined a quorum was in attendance. A motion was made to approve the February meeting summary. The motion carried.

Pam Carter recognized Pam Elardo for her work at the Wastewater Treatment Division (WTD), support of MWPAAC and presented her with a farewell gift. Other MWPAAC members also recognized Pam for her contributions and support of MWPAAC.

2. Wastewater Treatment Division Director's Report – Pam Elardo, P.E., Division Director, Wastewater Treatment Division (WTD)

Pump Station Overflow

King County's South Mercer Pump Station overflowed on March 17 for approximately four hours. The station is located at the intersection of E. Mercer Way and S.E. 72nd St. on Mercer Island. The overflow was caused by a mechanical failure following normal maintenance and which was corrected shortly after workers arrived on site. The station is now operating normally. WTD operations staff has since undertaken a review of maintenance and response protocols.

Pam Elardo thanked MWPAAC for their recognition and talked about the transition of duties for the WTD Director's office. She shared that her last day with WTD will be on April 1 and introduced Gunars Sreibers who will serve as the acting division director. The Department of Natural Resources and Parks will be conducting a national search for the permanent appointment of the new division director. Sandy Kilroy will continue as assistant division director. Pam spoke about the good work of WTD and how it will continue to move forward with existing and new leadership.

3. WTD's Capital Program LEAN Streamlining Efforts – Sandy Kilroy, Assistant Division Director, WTD and Bill Wilbert, Capital Streamlining Project Manager, WTD

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Sandy Kilroy and Bill Wilbert presented on WTD's Capital Delivery Streamlining efforts utilizing LEAN philosophies and reported on results to date. The goal is to create a LEAN culture that will enable WTD to continue to deliver quality services. LEAN efforts involve engaging employees, looking at the future, identifying future challenges and opportunities, and strategizing on where WTD is headed. MWPAAC appreciated the presentation and congratulated WTD for its LEAN efforts.

4. Proposed Rate Recommendation Letter (action item) – Maria Coe, Vice-Chair, Rates and Finance Subcommittee

Maria Coe reviewed the proposed rate recommendation letter to the Executive and opened the floor up for comments and/or edits. There were no recommended edits. A vote was taken to approve the letter and the approval was unanimous.

5. Subcommittee Reports

Engineering & Planning:

(03/03/16 subcommittee meeting)

- Continue discussion on I/I Task Force's I/I reduction concepts
- Resiliency and Recovery Project – Initial discussion on scope of work (Joint Topic with Rates and Finance Subcommittee)

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- Rates Development Process (2017 Sewer Rate Proposal)
- Continue Discussion on Concepts for Rate Recommendation Letter

Sewerage Disposal Agreements:

- There was no meeting in March

6. General Announcements

Sandy Kilroy provided an update on comments that WTD provided to the Washington State Department of Ecology on the Human Health Criteria. MWPAAC was provided with a copy of the final letter. Sandy reviewed two key points, Combined Sewer Overflows (CSO's) and treatment of chemicals, and encouraged MWPAAC members to submit comments to Ecology by the deadline of April 22.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:55 a.m.

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