



METROPOLITAN WATER POLLUTION ABATEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Meeting Summary

**Kent Commons – Olympic
Room**

Wednesday, May 25, 2016

Start 10:00 a.m.

**Meeting adjourned 11:35
a.m.**

1. MWPAAC Chair's Report – Pam Carter

- a. Welcome and Introductions
- b. Determine Quorum
- c. Approval of April meeting summary (**action item**)

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

**2. Wastewater Treatment Division Director's Report – Gunars Sreibers,
Acting Division Director, Wastewater Treatment Division (WTD)**

Final Approval for State Revolving Loan Funds

Council gave final approval on May 16 for the execution of two State Revolving Fund loan agreements.

WTD was awarded a low interest loan of \$30,876,256 through Ecology for the Murray Combined Sewage Overflow (CSO) Control Project and \$9,136,058 for the North Beach CSO Control Project.

These loans have an interest rate of 2.4 percent and a term of twenty years.

These low-interest loan agreements will save King County \$19,246,364 in interest expense over 30 years compared to conventional bond financing.

Status of Sewer Rate Legislation

Sewer rate is tentatively scheduled for the May 25 Budget and Fiscal Management Committee.

Rate is typically briefed by Council staff to the Budget and Fiscal Management Committee at one meeting and then the Committee takes action at its next meeting which would be June 8.

Rate requires final Council action by June 30.

New Structure within WTD Director's Office Includes Chief Officer of Strategy

Sandy Kilroy has accepted a special duty assignment as Chief Officer of Strategy, Sustainability and Performance within the WTD Director's office.

Sandy will be focusing on continuing WTD's efforts in creating resources from wastewater, implementing continuous improvement efforts and promoting innovation to implement additional initiatives to further shape the Division's future.

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This position which will play a pivotal role in defining what WTD will look like as a Utility of the Future and will report to the Division Director.

Over the next several months, WTD will have a second special duty recruitment to fill the Assistant Division Director position.

In this new structure, the Division Director, Assistant Division Director and Chief Officer positions will work closely together in leading WTD.

Industrial Facilities Honored for Environmental Compliance in 2015

King County Industrial Waste annually recognizes local facilities whose business practices contribute to regional pollution prevention goals.

This year, 65 local facilities earned environmental awards from based on their compliance records in 2015.

Skills Inc. in Auburn received the Commitment-to-Compliance Award for meeting permit requirements every month for five consecutive years with no violations of any kind.

Fifty-two facilities earned Gold Awards for compliance with wastewater discharge regulations every month in 2015 with no violations, and 13 facilities earned Silver Awards for having no King County monitoring discharge violations in 2015.

Marla will post the list of all facilities receiving an award on the MWWPAAC website.

Update on Industrial Waste Fees Legislation

I wanted to update you on the timing of potential changes to King County Code dealing with Industrial Waster permits.

I understand that Industrial Waste staff has briefed MWWPAAC, through its Engineering and Planning Subcommittee, on possible modifications to the permitting process.

In terms of timing, it's preferable that this legislative package go to Council in early 2017 to allow sufficient time for WTD to get input from MWWPAAC and our industrial waste customers during the development of the legislation. So plan to hear more on this in fall 2016.

3. Scope of Work on Evaluation of Infiltration/Inflow Reduction

Concepts – Steve Tolzman, I/I Program Manager, WTD; Lisa Tobin, Chair, Engineering and Planning Subcommittee

Steve Tolzman provided an overview of the Scope of Work on Evaluation of Infiltration/Inflow Reduction which included:

- Background
- Review of Tasks

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- Draft Scope of Work

4. Briefing on National Pollution Elimination Discharge (NPDES) System

Permits – Betsy Cooper, NPDES Administrator, WTD; and Kristina Westbrook, Reclaimed Water Program Manager, WTD

Betsy Cooper provided an update on NPDES which included:

- Legal and regulatory framework for allowable discharges into surface waters
- Scope of NPDES permit process
- What permits contain
- Public's involvement in the process
- Schedule of KC permit renewal

Kristina Westbrook provided an update on Recycled Water which included:

- RW Quality Limits & Sampling Requirements
- Reporting Requirements
- Customer Requirements
- What's Ahead?

5. Subcommittee Reports

Engineering & Planning:

(05/05/16 subcommittee meeting)

- Conveyance System Improvement Program Update Briefing on Conceptual Projects to Address Identified Capacity Needs
- Briefing on CSO Joint Operations System Optimization Plan
- WTD Capital Improvement Program Overview (Joint Topic with Rates and Finance)

Rates & Finance:

(05/05/16 subcommittee meeting)

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Sewerage Disposal Agreements:

- There was no meeting in May

6. General Announcements

None.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:35 a.m.

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