



METROPOLITAN WATER POLLUTION ABATEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Meeting Summary

**Tukwila Community Center
Banquet Rooms A&B**

Wednesday, August 24, 2016

**Start 10:00 a.m.
Meeting adjourned 11:45
a.m.**

1. MWPAAAC Chair's Report – Pam Carter

- a. Welcome and Introductions
- b. Determine Quorum
- c. Report-back from July 27 MWPAAAC tour of West Point Treatment Plant
- d. Approval of May and June Meeting Summaries (**action item**)

All in attendance introduced themselves. A quorum was in attendance. The May and June meeting summaries were approved as written. Pam provided a summary of the MWPAAAC tour of the West Point Treatment Plant and shared some photos.

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

Gunars Sreibers provided the following updates:

Strategic Planning Process

- WTD recently issued a Request For Proposal (RFP) for a consultant to assist WTD in developing strategic plans for four WTD programs: energy, reclaimed water, biosolids, and technology assessment.
- The RFP closed on July 14.
- Once the consultant is on board, the schedule for completing these four plans runs through September 2017, allowing WTD to look holistically at each program.
- This process will allow for consistency between the four plans.
- Potential technologies identified in the energy, reclaimed water, and biosolids plans will be carried forward into the technology assessment and innovation program for further analysis.

Capacity Charge Audit

- King County Auditor's Office issued its report on the capacity charge yesterday and briefed a Council committee.
- King County concurred with the auditor's recommendations generally.
- In general, the recommendations focus on the desire for a simpler capacity charge approach, which is a shared goal of WTD.
- King County implemented a new model in 2016 for calculating the capacity charge that is more transparent and easier to follow and which facilitates an independent review of the capacity charge that is also recommended in the audit. The independent review would occur as part of the next comprehensive update of the capacity charge.
- There are some suggested policy clarifications/edits in the report and any such clarifications would require working with the local sewer utilities as well as King County Council action.

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Overflow at Hanford Combined Sewer Overflow

- On July 18, 2016, a sanitary sewer overflow occurred from the Hanford Combined Sewer Overflow outfall.
- The overflow was not detected immediately because of issues with the monitoring system.
- Maintenance activities have resolved the issue in the monitoring system.
- The overflow was reported to the Washington State Department of Ecology and EPA.

Fremont Siphon Update

- Microtunneling was completed on the Fremont site. It started about 90 feet underground and came out on the Queen Anne site at about 80 feet underground.
- The two microtunnels are about 20 feet below the bottom of the Ship Canal and took three months to install.
- Total construction for the project is \$22.7M.

Budget Season Coming Up

- The King County Executive will transmit the budget on September 26.
- Council committees will not meet in October or November.

West Point Birthday Party

- Thanks to everyone who was able to attend last Thursday's event.
- It was a really great event and special time to celebrate Metro's and King County WTD's success, along with our local sewer agency partners, in protecting water quality.

3. King County Strategic Climate Action Plan (SCAP) and WTD's Efforts

Associated with the SCAP – Sarah Ogier, Supervisor, Office of Sustainability and Innovation, WTD and Erika Kinno, Strategic Communications, Stewardship & Sustainable Resources, WTD

Sarah Ogier and Erika Kinno provided an overview of SCAP to include:

- Adoption of SCAP by King County Council (2015)
- Five Year Blueprint
- Two Major Sections:
 - Mitigating our impact on climate change or reducing carbon emissions
 - Preparing our region for the impacts of climate change, such as flooding, sea level rise, drought
- K4C Interlocal Agreement
- Improved Planning Process
- How WTD is Responding
- Future Challenges

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4. Briefing from MWWPAAC Members on Cost Estimating Technical Work

Group – Andrew Lee, City of Bellevue/Henry Chen, City of Seattle

The briefing included a discussion on:

- Process Improvement Approach
- Workshops
- Proof of Concepts & Pilots
- Next Steps

5. Subcommittee Reports

Engineering & Planning:

(8/04/16 subcommittee meeting)

- Report Back on Onsite Septic System Work Group
- Briefing on Efforts to Update the CSO Long-term Control Plan
- Status Reports on Conveyance System Improvement Program Update and Request for Proposal to Evaluate I/I Reduction Concepts
- Briefing from MWWPAAC Members on Cost Estimating Work Group (Joint Topic with Rates and Finance Subcommittee)

Rates & Finance:

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- Briefing from MWWPAAC Members on Cost Estimating Work Group (Joint Topic with Engineering and Planning Subcommittee)
- 2015 Financial Audit Results
- Update on Agency Reviews
- Update on Billing Web Portal

Sewerage Disposal Agreements:

There was no meeting in August

6. General Announcements

None.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

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