

**DRAFT**

April XX, 2017

The Honorable Dow Constantine  
County Executive, King County  
401 Fifth Avenue  
Seattle, WA 98104

**SUBJECT: Wastewater Treatment Division 2018 Rate Recommendation**

Dear Executive Constantine:

The Metropolitan Water Pollution Abatement Advisory Committee (MWPAAC) would like to express its support for the 2018 sewer rate proposal submitted by Marc Isaacson, WTD's Division Director. MWPAAC has reviewed the WTD budget and rate proposal for 2018, and with it the revised rate forecast for 2017-2023. The proposed rate serves to continue reducing outstanding debt through 2030 by instituting increased cash financing and moderate rate increases, which is in line with the MWPAAC debt review committee recommendation. Based on that review, we support the proposed 2018 rate of \$44.22, which represents no change from 2017's rate. We encourage you to support this proposed rate, which responds to many of MWPAAC's previously voiced concerns and proposals.

As we move into the next budget and rate setting cycle, we look forward to continued collaboration with WTD on reviewing WTD finances and policy decisions that impact future rates. As work progresses at West Point, MWPAAC anticipates regular updates on project status in addition to potential rate impacts. We believe the in-depth, collaborative work of the Debt Review Committee serves as a model for MWPAAC's continued working relations with WTD and look forward to the completion of the Capacity Charge Work Group and are confident that MWPAAC's input and recommendations will be considered when establishing revisions to the Capacity Charge program.

In conclusion, MWPAAC supports the 2018 rate package with a continued commitment to a partnership with WTD for effective wastewater management. We remain appreciative of WTD's openness in giving MWPAAC a meaningful role, and look forward to continued collaboration.

Sincerely,

Pamela Carter, MWPAAC Chair

cc: MWPAAC Members  
Christie True, Director, Department of Natural Resources and Parks (DNRP)  
Marc Isaacson, Division Director, Wastewater Treatment Division, DNRP