

METROPOLITAN WATER POLLUTION ABATEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Meeting Summary

**Tukwila Community Center
Banquet A-B
Tukwila, WA**

Wednesday, October 18, 2017

**Start 10:06 a.m.
Adjourned 11:35 a.m.**

1. MWPAAC Chair's Report – Pam Carter

- Welcome and Introductions
- Determine Quorum
- Approval of August and September Meeting Summaries
- Report on October RWQC meeting

There was no quorum. Approval of August and September meeting summaries will be carried over to the December meeting.

Pam Carter provided highlights from the October 4 Regional Water Quality Committee meeting, which included:

- An update provided by Robert Waddle, WTD Plant Operations Manager on implementation of the recommendations from the AECOM report An overview of upcoming West Point-related legislation
- A status report of the Conveyance System Improvement Program Update

Pam also mentioned that the MWPAAC Executive Board has chosen to reappoint Dave Christensen as one of the MWPAAC representatives on the WaterWorks Grant Program review committee.

Pam announced that Maria Coe, City of Seattle, will chair the Nominating Committee. Positions up for election in 2018 are the MWPAAC Chair and the Rates and Finances Subcommittee Chair. Pam and Jack Broyles, Chair of the Rates and Finance Subcommittee, are willing to serve another term. If members are interested in either position or in serving on the Nominating Committee, please contact Maria Coe at Maria.Coe@seattle.gov

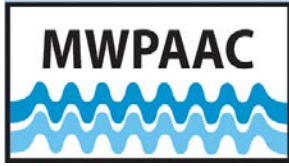
Everyone introduced themselves.

2. Wastewater Treatment Division Director's Report – Mark Isaacson, Division Director, Wastewater Treatment Division (WTD)

Mark Isaacson reported on the following items:

- It is Mark's one year anniversary as director of WTD.
- He noted that the MWPAAC survey will be discussed at the December meeting.
- WTD will be getting a large rebate from Puget Sound Energy of \$900,000 for energy-savings resulting from replacing three raw sewage pumps at South Plant with new pumps with smaller engines. In response to a question on how the money will be used, Mark noted that this has not been decided, but it may go into further ways to conserve energy.

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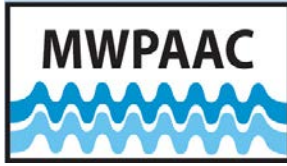
- All electrical work at West Point is expected to be completed this week, marking an end to the general restoration work. There still is work to be done to add redundancy and to modulate flows. The locker rooms also need to be completed. Additional training is happening at West Point, including a recent robust wet weather training that included clear information on using the emergency bypass gate.
- As discussed last month, WTD filed an appeal on the fine from the Washington State Department of Ecology. As a reminder, this is not to appeal the fine itself or the amount, but to request that the fine be spent locally.
- The work to repair the tunnel in South Magnolia will not be completed this fall/early winter. The contractors have submitted a corrective action plan and WTD wants to ensure it will work.
- Progress continues on the regional contracts, which the committee will hear about later in the meeting. It is a high priority to get these completed by the end of 2018 and out to the local agencies for review.
- WTD continues to work with the City of Seattle regarding the Joint Ship Canal Water Quality Project. The project involves the merging of two agencies for this work, from construction to culture, to better serve the public. The original cost was estimated and approved at \$423 million, but the consultants working with Seattle estimate the costs now at \$540 million due to several factors. King County is responsible for 35 percent of the total.

3. Overview of Capital Projects Process – Bruce Kessler, WTD Assistant Division Director

Bruce Kessler said that WTD is initiating activities to introduce Project Portfolio Management into WTD's infrastructure investments:

- The purpose of this process is to consider how and what we are doing and not doing and to ensure that WTD is spending its limited resources on the right projects at the right time. WTD wants an objective process with balance and transparency. The process will also include reassessing existing projects.
- Currently, all projects are placed in one bucket and ranked using the same criteria. The new process will put the projects in different buckets and then rank on criteria specific to the different buckets. The five buckets or sub-portfolios are aligned with WTD strategies: Asset Management, Regulatory, Resources and Energy, Operational Enhancements, and Capacity Improvement.
- There was a discussion on where projects addressing resiliency from disasters would fit, and Bruce noted that currently they are under Asset Management. The sub-portfolio names are new and dynamic and may change through the process. There was further discussion on whether Asset Management was the right name for that sub-portfolio. There are definitions for each of the sub-portfolios and sharing those may provide clarification.
- The projects will be reviewed on how they fit into the planning horizon. It was agreed that some projects are bigger than the six-year planning horizon, and they will be considered on a longer horizon. The funding will be connected to rate setting, and the plan is to take a phased approach to move towards budget development for 2019/2020.

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- There was a request to consider local jurisdictions and their capital programs when reassessing and possibly stopping projects.
- There was discussion about how the projects support policies. It was suggested that a matrix may be a helpful tool to show where and how policies guide the projects.
- Bruce thanked the committee for their comments and noted that the discussion matched what he is hearing in WTD workshops.

4. **Regional Negotiations Team Status Report – Judi Gladstone, City of Seattle, and Andrew Lee, City of Bellevue**

Judi and Andrew gave a status report on the Regional Negotiations Team:

- The team includes Mark Isaacson and Sharman Herrin (WTD), Bob Burns (DNRP), Judi Gladstone, Madeline Goddard, and Maria Coe (City of Seattle), Andrew Lee and Sarah Ogier (City of Bellevue), Linda DeBoldt (City of Redmond), Ron Speer (Soos Creek Water and Sewer District), Dave Christensen (City of Renton), and Pat Brodin (City of Tukwila).
- Judi Gladstone stated that the team has been meeting monthly and is moving to twice a month. They are looking carefully at different contract sections and discussing how to reflect the guiding principles. There also is a lot of discussion about what is in the current contract, what needs to be changed, what needs to be carried forward, and what is already in code. The plan is to work as a team through the coming year and hopefully have a draft contract by the end of 2018. MWWPAAC will be given an opportunity for input. There is an emphasis on finding the right amount of clarity and specificity without burdensome detail.
- There is significant discussion on the role of the Operating Board and ensuring they are clear on their role for each element. In each section they plan to show the intent, obligation, and role for the Operating Board. The goal is to ensure an open and transparent process with significant input for the Operating Board without overburdening them.
- Seattle's Operating Board is being used as an example while discussing the role of the King County Operating Board. It will not be exactly parallel as it will need to adapt to different circumstances. There still is discussion about what will happen to MWWPAAC when the Operating Board comes into being. It may require a change through the legislature, as MWWPAAC is in the RCW. Research is being done on how to address this.
- The role of the Regional Water Quality Committee will not change.

5. **Subcommittee Reports**

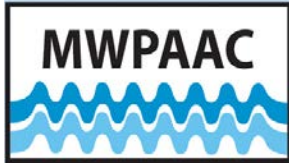
October 5, 2017, Rates & Finance:

- Resiliency and Recovery Program Update (Joint Topic with Engineering and Planning Subcommittee)

October 5, 2017, Comprehensive Engineering and Planning:

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- Energy Strategic Plan Status Report
- Update on Draft General Sewer Plan for Fall City

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- New Discharge Regulations for Dental Offices

6. General Announcements

As a reminder the next General Meeting will be December 13. There will be no General Meeting in November.

If you are interested in serving on the nominating committee, please contact Maria Coe at Maria.Coe@seattle.gov

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