

# **METROPOLITAN WATER POLLUTION ABATEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

## **Meeting Summary**

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

**Wednesday, December 12, 2018**

**Start 10 a.m.  
Adjourned 11:15 a.m.**

### **1. MWWPAAC Chair's Report – Pam Carter**

- Welcome and Introductions
- Determine Quorum
- Approval of October Meeting Summary (**action item**)
- January elections of MWWPAAC Vice Chair and Comprehensive Engineering and Planning Subcommittee (E&P) Chair
- Request for 2019 Agenda Items

Everyone introduced themselves.

Maria Coe provided the Chair's report on behalf of Pam Carter. Maria reported in January elections will be held for MWWPAAC Vice Chair and the E&P Chair. Lisa Tobin will run the Nominating Committee. Any interested members can send information to Lisa, Olivia Robinson and Sharman Herrin.

The Executive Board will be holding their retreat in January and looking at 2019 agenda items. Maria encouraged members to email any suggested items Olivia and Sharman.

Maria asked Olivia about the January MWWPAAC General meeting scheduled at King Street Center in Seattle and the impact the closure of SR99 may have. Olivia shared that the Wastewater Treatment Division (WTD) will provide transit tickets to those members that request them and that a call in option (no video) will be provided in January. Members should contact Marla Oughton for transit tickets.

Maria reported the following items were discussed at the December 5 Regional Water Quality Committee:

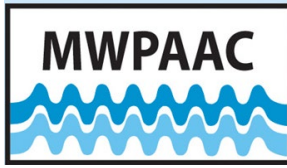
- Infiltration and Inflow Control Strategies: Status Report
- WTD's Recycled Water Program
- WTD Director's Report

A quorum was in attendance and the October 24 meeting summary was approved as written.

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

Mark Isaacson, Division Director, started his report by sharing how inspired he is by things coming up in 2019. Mark continued his report by providing the following updates:

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### Budget Highlights

- 2019-2020 King County Budget funded all of WTD's proposed capital expenditures and our operating budget includes 30 FTEs and 6 TLTs as requested.
- We will be undertaking a Biosolids Compost Study: \$800K which will identify areas of opportunity in the compost market; undertaking a pilot project for an alternative process at South Plant; performing potential capital project analyses and; increasing awareness of Loop® and solicit community involvement in product development.
- At the direction of Council, we also will be preparing a report to evaluate the presence of toxics in the effluent of treatment plants and another report to assess the impacts of the Kenmore interceptor to fish populations. Both reports are due to Council by March 31, 2020.

### Systemwide Update

WTD is preparing for a busy 2019 working on the systemwide comprehensive plan. The systemwide comprehensive plan will thoroughly assess all the demands on the regional wastewater utility and plan a future direction that makes the right investments at the right time.

Highlights of activities starting in Q1 2019 include:

- Launching elements of our regional engagement process for the systemwide planning effort underway. Regional engagement will be essential to the process. WTD is committed to a fair and inclusive planning process that incorporates regional values and voices representative of the diversity of the County.
- Technical work to start the scenario planning process element of developing the plan. In the scenario planning process, different plausible futures for WTD will be discussed, formed into scenarios, and analyzed.

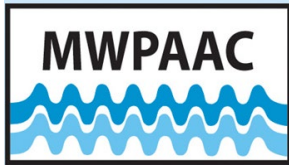
### Stormwater/CSO

- Executive's Clean Water/Healthy Habitat initiative will look at the best future investments that will achieve the greatest gains for Puget Sound water quality.
- Recently released Governor's Southern Resident Orca Task Force Report has highlighted the issues we face as a region and makes a number of recommendations for the region to consider.
- It's increasingly clear that future investments to improve water quality must be integrated across County programs, including stormwater, to get the best outcomes for water quality.

### Industrial Waste

Our Industrial Waste Fee ordinance that was pending at Council received final approval on Monday, Dec. 10. We appreciate the feedback received from MWWPAAC as we developed the ordinance. Fee ordinance adopted the structure for the fee and the actual tiers and fees will be adopted by public rule. We are looking forward to briefing MWWPAAC and continuing to engage our industrial waste customers as we launch into the rulemaking process in early 2019. Rule has to be adopted before June 30, 2019.

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### **3. Portfolio Management Update, Bruce Kessler, WTD Assistant Division Director**

Bruce Kessler, Assistant Division Director, provided an update on Portfolio Management that included the following:

- A Recap on Portfolio Management
- Work to Date
  - WTD Capital Categories
  - Portfolio Prioritization
  - Rating System for Asset Management Categories, Condition of Asset
  - Lessons Learned
- Upcoming Work
  - Launch Pilot
  - Move to Steady-State
  - 2018 and 2019 Portfolio Management Activities
- Implementation Schedules
  - Pilot to practice timeline

### **4. Subcommittee Reports**

#### **November 1, 2018, Rates & Finance:**

- Capacity Charge Affordability Study

#### **November 1, 2018, Engineering and Planning:**

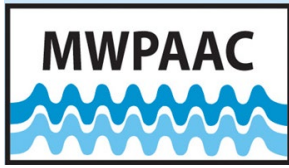
- Decennial Flow Monitoring

### **5. Regional Negotiations Team Update, Regional Negotiations Team Member**

Sarah Ogier, City of Bellevue, provided the Regional Negotiations Team update. She reported the team met last Friday, December 7, and reviewed and considered feedback received from four component agencies. In addition, the following items were discussed:

- Contract amendments – any party can propose an amendment to the contract, not just the County. Also, the Operating Board should have a role in approving amendments once the contract is in place.
- Section 11.1 Term of Agreement – specifically how many agencies need to sign the contract for it to go into effect. The Regional Negotiations Team would welcome any comments on this section.
- Guiding Principles on Cost-Sharing Allocation for I/I Project - looked at the proposed costs and percentage. The project would have to show a return on the dollar for the region.
- Section 6.3 Changes in Flow Characteristics – worked on finessing the language related to the cumulative impacts of changes in flow.

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- Who should sit on the Operating Board – clarified that it will be staffed by representatives of King County and the component agencies and the Regional Water Quality Committee will be retained as a venue for regional policy issues.
- Unmetered Flows – discussed having an approach that is administratively feasible and uniformly applied.

The Regional Negotiations Team hopes to have a second draft agreement ready by the end of the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2019. Lawyers are not engaged at this point as there is not yet a complete contract available. Once the full contract is complete, they will discuss how to proceed with additional review by agency attorneys.

The Regional Negotiations Team is also looking at several Mock Operating Board exercises next year and agency outreach.

Beginning next year, a new attorney will also be supporting the Regional Negotiations Team.

### **6. General Announcements**

None.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:15 a.m.