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Summary of Rates & Finance Subcommittee January 3, 2019 meeting
For MWPAAC General Meeting on January 23, 2019

1. Capacity Charge Affordability Study Update

Presenter: Alison Saperstein, Program Manager – King County WTD

Alison provided an update on the status of the County's efforts to develop a low-income assistance program for new capacity charge customers. Major discussion items included:

- Will WTD require new staffing to administer this program? Discussion of possibly needing a term limited employee occurred.
- How will King County communicate the program once one is developed/approved? "Getting the word out" is essential to the program being successful.
- How will the County recover the estimated loss of revenue of \$3.25 - \$3.6 million annually?
- Will the program have a "set amount" of discounts available each budget period or will the program be open-ended?

A handout was provided and is available online.

2. Capacity Charge Structure Study Overview

Presenter: David Clark, Program Manager – King County WTD

David gave an update on the status of the on-going Capacity Charge Rate Structure Study. The County, along with a MWPAAC workgroup and an outside consultant, has been working for over a year on an examination of the current rate structure and possible revisions to it. Major discussion items included:

- A presentation of the current method of calculating RCEs based on property type
- Possible options for changing the computation of new residential RCEs, including multi-family.
- Commercial connections are evaluating the current fixture count method and utilizing a meter capacity equivalent scale.

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3. Industrial Waste Fee Update

Presenter: Mark Henley, Environmental Programs Managing Supervisor – King County WTD

Mark provided an update to the County's efforts to modernize the Industrial Waste Program which included a revision to the way waste fees are calculated:

- Compliance and Monitoring would be billed as a separate component of the industrial waste surcharge currently assessed to certain high-strength discharge customers. These fees will be based on the level of effort required to each high-strength discharger.
- Permit issuance fee structure will change and will be based on complexity of permit being applied for.
- Fee increases will be phased in over a four-year time period.

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Questions?

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