

METROPOLITAN WATER POLLUTION ABATEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Meeting Summary

**King Street Center,
8th Floor Conference Center
Seattle, WA**

Wednesday, January 23, 2019

**Start 10 a.m.
Adjourned 12 p.m.**

1. MWWPAAC Chair's Report – Pam Carter

- Welcome and Introductions
- Determine Quorum
- Approval of December Meeting Summary (action item)
- December RWQC Recap

Everyone introduced themselves.

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

Pam reported that the Regional Water Quality Committee (RWQC) had gone through a re-organization and that Councilmember Lambert is continuing as Chair and Councilmembers Dunn and Dembowski will also serve on the committee. The other appointees from Sound Cities Association, City of Seattle and Section 4 of the Washington Association of Water and Sewer Districts remain the same. Pam also shared the following items were reported on at the December 5 RWQC meeting:

- Briefings: 1) A status report on Infiltration and Inflow Control Strategies 2) Wastewater Treatment Division Recycled Water Program
- Wastewater Treatment Division Director's Report provided by Mark Isaacson

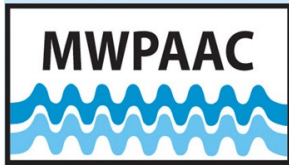
Pam informed members there was going to be a slight reorganization of agenda items and that items five and seven, Regional Negotiations Team Update and Operating Board Overview respectively, were going to be combined since they both relate to the new sewer contract.

2. Officer Elections

Two positions were open for election – Vice Chair to MWWPAAC and Chair of the Comprehensive Engineering and Planning (E&P) Subcommittee. Lisa Tobin was nominated for E&P and Maria Coe for the position of Vice Chair to MWWPAAC. Pam Carter opened the floor up for additional nominations. No additional nominations were submitted and it was moved and seconded to close nominations. A roll call vote was conducted for each position - Maria Coe was unanimously elected as Vice Chair to MWWPAAC; and Lisa Tobin was unanimously re-elected as Chair to E&P.

Pam shared that both Vice Chair positions to E&P and Rates and Finance Subcommittees are open and that those positions are appointed by the Executive Board. The Executive Board hopes to make those appointments at the February MWWPAAC Executive Board meeting. Members interested in serving in one of those positions should contact Olivia Robinson and Sharman Herrin.

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

Mark Isaacson, Division Director, was asked by the Executive Board to share some of what he had reported out on at the Executive Board retreat earlier in the month. Mark spoke about:

- The work in the community of the Environmental & Community Services team.
- King County residents and their changing expectations – emphasizing a fundamental basic expectation is to keep (sewage) out of their homes and in the pipes.
- Innovation and what else WTD can do with respect to energy, Loop and Reclaimed Water.
- MWWPAAC – serving as a component of transparency, the importance of bringing forward meaningful information and negotiating the new sewer contract.
- How he spends his time - he talked about priority areas, the drivers for each and where he's dedicated a lot of his time to include:
 - Redefining the Capital Budget Process – Portfolio Management.
 - System Planning.
 - West Point Resiliency & Recovery – pointing out that work is not done (i.e., significant capital improvements, Life Safety Management), but is ongoing and we will be auditing our work.
 - The Equity and Social Justice Initiative – inclusion and diversity and treating everyone with dignity and respect.
 - King County Council – putting our best foot forward.

Mark was asked about the Georgetown Project and he reported the project is on schedule and that a lot of work is being done underground with the outfall and the location of some utilities is creating some challenges.

Ron Speer, Soos Creek Water and Sewer District and Bill Peloza, Councilmember, City of Auburn both commended Mark, as well as other WTD staff, for changing the culture and building a better partnership with MWWPAAC. They appreciate it's been done through action and not just words.

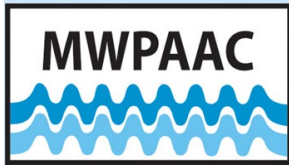
There was a request by a member to participate in a demonstration of the HaloLens Virtual Reality Pilot – Mark asked that interested members contact Olivia Robinson or Sharman Herrin.

4. Subcommittee Reports

January 10, 2019, Rates & Finance:

- Capacity Charge Affordability Study
- Capacity Charge Structure Study Overview
- Industrial Waste Fees – Proposed Rule

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5. **Regional Negotiations Team Update and Operating Board Overview, Regional Negotiations Team Member**

Sharman Herrin, Government Relations Administrator, WTD, provided the update for the Regional Negotiations Team. Sharman reported that WTD and the Regional Negotiations Team are working on a schedule for the Mock Operating Board. The Mock Operating Board meetings will be part of the MWWPAAC General at-large meetings and will be a test drive as to how the Operating Board will work. All members can participate and WTD will be doing outreach to agencies to encourage more participation. Sharman emphasized the Mock Operating Board will not be a substitute for receiving feedback from agencies.

Sharman reported the Regional Negotiations Team is working on a matrix of comments and answers in response to the comments provided on the draft sewer contract. The Regional Negotiations Team hopes to get that out in February. She also emphasized the door is still open with respect to providing feedback and comments. Sharman reported the Regional Negotiations Team is making progress in some areas and still working on others.

Ron Speer, Soos Creek Water and Sewer District, shared that some members may ask why we want an Operating Board and he thinks the best way to answer that question and explain it is by having a Mock Operating Board exercise. It will provide members with a chance to see what we have structured. The Regional Negotiations Team has worked really hard on the Mock Operating Board – he encourages members to watch and see how it functions.

Sharman reported the tentative timeline for the Mock Operating Board is March with a briefing to the Board provided in April and anticipated recommendation from the Board in May or June. She shared the Regional Negotiations Team will respond in a substantive way to comments – continue to provide comments. Nothing is set in stone and we (Regional Negotiations Team) don't have all the answers. Members need to think about the Mock Operating Board critically and noted it will be a worthwhile exercise.

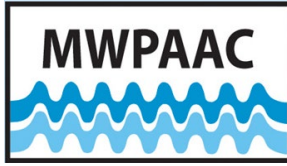
Sri Krishnan, Alderwood Water and Wastewater District, made some suggestions with respect to the Mock Operating Board which included:

- Set-up materials beforehand
- Consider having it facilitated to include note taking
- Need to have structure – be clear about what you want out of the exercise - ask members how much time did it take to prepare

Sarah Ogier, City of Bellevue emphasized that the Regional Negotiations Team really needs members to engage with them - how do we want to best spend our time (Mock Operating Board).

There was some discussion on the composition of the Operating Board. The composition, voting structure and procedures of the Board will be an exhibit to the contract.

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Sharman Herrin shared the goal at the end is for everyone (all component agencies) to sign the contract.

Ron Speer, Soos Creek Water and Sewer District, emphasized we (component agencies) want to partner with the County. It's what's best for the ratepayer and we want to do what is best for them.

6. Capacity Charge Affordability Study, Alison Saperstein, Program Manager, Wastewater Treatment Division (WTD)

Alison Saperstein, Program Manager, provided a report on the Capacity Charge Affordability Study which included the following topics:

- King County Capacity Charge Basics
- Research Questions
- Information and Engagement
- Policy Objectives
- Recommendations
- Benefits and Financial Impacts
- Funding Strategies
- Project Timeline

**A copy of the PowerPoint presentation can be found on the MWWPAAC website under Committees and Meetings and MWWPAAC (at-large) meeting materials.*

7. General Announcements

None.

The meeting was adjourned at 12 p.m.