

METROPOLITAN WATER POLLUTION ABATEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Meeting Summary

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

Wednesday, June 26, 2019

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

1. MWWPAAC Chair's Report – Maria Coe, Vice Chair

- Welcome and Introductions
- Determine Quorum
- Approval of the March and April Meeting Summaries (action item)
- June Regional Water Quality Committee (RWQC) Recap

Everyone introduced themselves.

A quorum was in attendance and the March and April meeting summaries were approved as written.

Maria provided a recap for the June Regional Water Quality Committee that included:

- Mark Isaacson's Wastewater Treatment Division Director's Report.
- Workshop: King County Clean Water Plan – engagement session with RWQC.
- Update on Puget Sound Nutrient Project, other Water Quality Projects - Heather Bartlett, Water Quality Program Director and Dustin Bilhimer, Project Manager, Washington Department of Ecology.

Maria reminded members of the upcoming July 17 MWWPAAC tour of the WTD South Treatment Plant, noting an email will circulate next week.

2. Subcommittee Reports

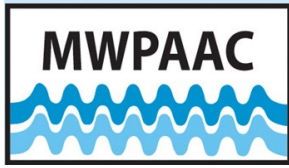
June 6, 2019, Rates & Finance:

- Capacity Charge Affordability Q&A
- WTD's Local Public Agency (LPA) Program Process Evaluation Update (Joint Topic)

June 6, 2019, Engineering & Planning:

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- Ovivo Membrane Treatment Pilot

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

Mark Isaacson, Division Director, provided a report on the following items:

KIRO Story

- KIRO ran a story on June 20 regarding the Lake Ballinger incident in March.
- KIRO interviewed neighbors affected by the overflow. As noted in the piece, WTD replaced affected lawns and play sets for the neighbors.
- Employee acted outside his scope of duties and is no longer employed by WTD.

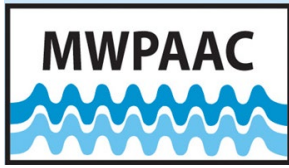
Sunset Heathfield

- WTD is investigating potential leaks in the new 24-inch Force Main in a focused area of the project.
- WTD has asked for an extended warranty – contractor will be responsible to fix.
- The area with the most impact is the area is located at the intersection of 164th PI SE & 163 Ave SE in Bellevue. This will require a full road closure 24/7 for approximately 6 weeks of which the City of Bellevue has authorized beginning next Monday, June 17. The City has authorized working hours starting at 7 a.m. until 7 p.m., 7 days a week until July 23.

Capacity Charge Low Income Rate Category Discounts

- The revised classifications for the Capacity Charge Low Income Rate passed Council and take effect on June 29.
- Beginning January 1, 2020, the capacity charge increases by 2.9% to \$66.35 per RCE per month.
- Previously, King County Code allowed a 50-percent reduction in the capacity charge for units of 400 sq. ft. or less in multifamily structures provided certain income limitations and rent restrictions are met. This ordinance expands the classification to all unit sizes and structure types, provided they meet certain criteria.
- Shelter Housing – Shelter housing with distinct dwelling units will qualify as special purpose housing and be assigned 0.32 RCEs per unit (half of the 0.64%). Rates for housing with alternative configurations such as dormitories or adult family homes shall be based on plumbing fixtures, and shelter housing in this category will be reduced by fifty percent.
- There was an amendment adopted at full Council that creates an interim classification for accessory dwelling units, whether attached or detached. The interim classification assigns 0.6 RCEs for each accessory dwelling unit. Detached units will now pay the same as attached accessory dwelling units on an interim basis.
- There is a capacity charge rate structure study nearing completion that is the main agenda item today. Recommendations and legislation are coming in Q3 2019 with MWWPAAC's review and input. Pending the outcome of the study, there could be further changes to the capacity charge for accessory dwelling units (attached and detached).

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4. **Clean Water Plan Update, Steve Tolzman, Clean Water Plan Project Manager, WTD**

Steve Tolzman, Clean Water Plan Project Manager, provided an update on the Clean Water Plan to include the following:

- Clean Water Plan Planning Process
 - Phase I: Where we want to go and why? (2019-2020)
 - Phase II: What actions will we take to get there? (2021-2022)
- Current Activity – Scenario Framing
 - Identify key trends
 - Identify and prioritize uncertainty
 - Create axes of critical uncertainties
 - Combine critical uncertainties
 - Outcome will be multiple topic sentences (frameworks) of a scenario narrative
- Engagement Activities – Partial List
 - Recent
 - MWPAAC E&P – April 4
 - Advisory Group Webinar – May 8
 - Advisory Group Meeting – May 13
 - Clean Water Plan Conversation Workshop – May 20
 - Regional Water Quality Committee Work Session – June 5
 - Upcoming
 - Online Open House – Late June/Early July Launch
 - Washington Association of Sewer and Water Districts – July 15
 - Advisory Group Meeting – July 24
 - Community events – throughout the summer
 - Sounds Cities Public Issues Committee – TBD (likely September or October)

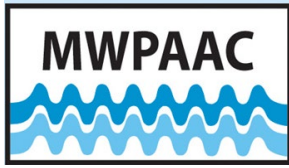
Steve shared that the two MWPAAC representatives on the Clean Water Plan Advisory Committee, Jeff Clarke, Alderwood Water & Wastewater District and Leslie Webster, Seattle Public Utilities, will be reporting back to MWPAAC at the August meeting.

5. **Regional Team Update, Pat Brodin, City of Tukwila and Maria Coe, City of Seattle**

Pat Brodin, City of Tukwila, and Maria Coe, City of Seattle, provided the Regional Team update. They reported that the outreach Listening Sessions are complete and that the Regional Team was compiling and considering topics. Some of the topics discussed include:

- Capacity Charge
- Growth pays for proportion of share
- Infiltration & Inflow – regional standard
- Capital Projects – more inputs, review time
- Asset Management – best management practices
- Rates – forecast early as possible
- RCE conversion factor

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- Reclaimed Water

Pat and Maria thanked members for attending.

Maria provided an update on contract negotiations and shared that there have been four meetings since July 16 with electeds to discuss Governance. The meetings included the City of Bellevue, City of Kirkland, Sammamish Plateau Water, Alderwood Water & Wastewater District, King County Department of Natural Resources and Parks, and the Executive's Office. Discussions included: creating a policy board with the operating board staying in place and working in tandem with one another. How Operating Board members will be elected. Details on how the boards would work together are currently being discussed - Policy Board advisory to Council, including RWQC, and the Executive with the Operating Board advisory to WTD.

6. Capacity Charge Rate Study Status Update, David Clark, Economist, WTD

David Clark, Economist, provided an update on the Capacity Charge Rate Study which included the following:

- Background
- Rate Structure Study Goals
- Current Capacity Charge Rate Structure
- Study Approach
- Quantitative Results
- Residential Options Analyzed
- Pros and Cons of Residential RCE-style Options
- Study Findings: Square Footage as a Predictor of Residential Water Use
- Multifamily RCE Equivalency Factor Using Census (American Community Survey) Data
- Pros and Cons of Residential Square Footage-Based Options
- Commercial and Multi-Use Options
- Pros and Cons of Commercial Options
- Preferences of 15 Local Agency Respondents
- Next Steps

7. General Announcements

Olivia shared that information for the July 17 tour of South Plant will be sent out next week and members interested in attending would need to RSVP.

The meeting was adjourned at 12 p.m.

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