

METROPOLITAN WATER POLLUTION ABATEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Meeting Summary

MS Teams Meeting

Wednesday, May 26, 2021

**Start 10 a.m.
Adjourned 11:37 a.m.**

1. MWWPAAC Chair's Report – Pam Carter

- Welcome and Introductions
- Determine Quorum
- Approval of April Meeting Summary (action item)
- Regional Water Quality Committee (RWQC) Update

Chair Pam Carter called the meeting to order and welcomed members. Pam asked members to remember to mute themselves when not speaking and also noted that a request was made to have members turn off cameras.

Olivia Robinson, WTD Government Relations, took attendance by roll call. A quorum was in attendance.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the April MWWPAAC meeting summary. The motion carried by voice vote.

Pam provided an update on the Regional Water Quality Committee (RWQC). The May 5 meeting included two briefings:

- Executive Recommended Sewer Rate and Capacity Charge which has now passed through committee with a do pass and now it's on consent with full Council.
- Clean Water Plan – Resource Recovery and Wastewater Conveyance including I/I Actions.

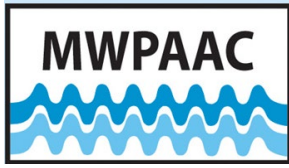
The next RWQC meeting on June 2 will have the same agenda topics as we have today.

2. Wastewater Treatment Division Director's Report – Kamuron Gurol, Division Director, Wastewater Treatment Division (WTD)

Kamuron Gurol, WTD Division Director, thanked Mark Isaacson for his report last month. He thanked the MWWPAAC Executive Board whom he met with last week to talk about his priorities. He shared this is week number four as WTD Director. He started the day after WTD had a bypass event at West Point.

Kamuron shared that over the last month he has toured some of WTD's facilities to get to know staff, understand operations and what WTD is responsible for. His priorities, from the Department and Natural Resources and Parks Director, Christie True, in the near-term include the sewer rate, asset management, rate structure and increase for 2022, and providing a smooth path going forward with annual increases. The work with MWWPAAC on the rate is a great example of collaboration and this is a value he will continue moving forward in his job. The Clean Water Plan will set investments we make for decades to come. Kamuron shared he'll be joining the next Elected Officials' Workshop on June 11. WTD wants to make sure MWWPAAC has ample opportunity to weigh in during the process. WTD will continue to provide briefings at MWWPAAC, hold workshops and support any other way MWWPAAC

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wants to engage so that members have the information they need and can provide guidance. Kamuron reported that power quality issues at West Point are also a high priority. WTD is subject to a Washington State Department of Ecology administrative order to address the power quality issues. The King County Executive issued an emergency declaration to address the power quality issues. WTD will be implementing a battery-based system which is moving into design right now. The type of battery system being implemented will be very effective and will address the bypass events. WTD will also be doing outreach to the Magnolia district so they can learn about the system. WTD hopes to have schedule and cost estimates for MWWPAAC in July. The last item he talked about was priority asset management. WTD really appreciates how MWWPAAC has been invested in this topic. WTD is doing a lot of work with end of life equipment issues and will continue to engage MWWPAAC going forward.

Chair Carter thanked Kamuron for his report and looks forward to seeing him at future meetings.

3. Clean Water Healthy Habitat, Abby Hook, Environmental Affairs Officer, King County Department of Natural Resources and Parks and Office of Executive Constantine

Abby Hook, Environmental Affairs Officer, presented a report on the Clean Water Healthy Habitat Initiative. The full presentation can be found [here](#). The briefing provided the information on the following items:

- CWHH Vision
- Why are we doing this?
- Goals and Measures
- Key Principles and Strategies
- Connection to Wastewater System and Services

4. Clean Water Plan Update and Workshop Discussion, Steve Tolzman, Clean Water Plan Project Manager, WTD

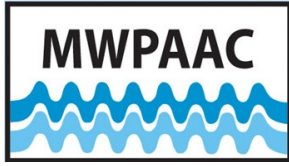
Steve Tolzman, Clean Water Plan Project Manager, presented an update on the Clean Water Plan. The full presentation can be found [here](#). Steve thanked Nicole Smith, Senior Water Quality Planner, for providing the last two updates. The briefing provided updates on the following items.

- Planning Process check-in
- Sharing of Actions information complete
- Upcoming dates to note

Steve reviewed what is on the agenda for the next Elected Official's workshop on June 11 – Clean Water Plan Evaluation Areas, Regional Wastewater System Funding and Sewer Rates, Overview and Approach to Financial Evaluations, and Overview and Approach to Water Quality Evaluations.

Chair Carter thanked Steve for his monthly briefings.

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5. Work Plan Discussion, MWWPAAC Executive Board

Chair Carter reviewed the results of the MWWPAAC survey on work plan priority items. The Executive Board reviewed, sorted, and combined as some will go to committees versus the general meeting. Lisa Tobin, Comprehensive Engineering and Planning Subcommittee Chair, presented on how the Executive Board grouped the topics.

Lisa reviewed the topics that were in the survey and thanked members that responded. The Executive Board selected the most important topics to present at full MWWPAAC or at subcommittees. The following summarizes the topics that will be discussed at each committee.

MWWPAAC General

- Capacity Charge Affordability
- Legislation
- Nutrients Permit

Comprehensive Engineering & Planning Subcommittee

- Capital Projects (broad overview, schedule, how many are a part of asset management, appeals process, etc.)
- Update to Plumbing Fixture Table

Rates & Finance Subcommittee

- Rate Development and 40% Debt Funding Goal

If there are topics that are emerging, they will be included in meetings as appropriate. The Executive Board will be putting together a revised work plan and Lisa advised members to watch for items on the agendas for the general and subcommittees.

Chair Carter thanked Lisa for working to combine the items.

6. General Announcements

Chair Carter reminded members there were no subcommittee meetings in May as there were no topics. Pam thanked everyone for their work.

Olivia Robinson, WTD Government Relations, shared that agendas for the June subcommittees will be emailed tomorrow, May 27.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:37 a.m.

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