

# METROPOLITAN WATER POLLUTION ABATEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

## Meeting Summary

Microsoft Teams Meeting

Wednesday, August 25, 2021

Start 10 a.m.

Adjourned 12 p.m.

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

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

Chair Pam Carter welcomed members to the meeting.

Olivia Robinson, Wastewater Treatment Division (WTD) Government Relations, took attendance by roll call. A quorum was in attendance.

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

Pam reported on the July 7 RWQC meeting. The following briefings were provided:

- Draft Nutrients General Permit; Preliminary County Perspectives
- Clean Water Plan-Strategies Discussion – MWWPAAC will hear this report today

The next meeting is in September. Briefings will include:

- Clean Water Plan
- Council Report on January 2021 Wastewater Bypass – MWWPAAC is hearing this report today as well

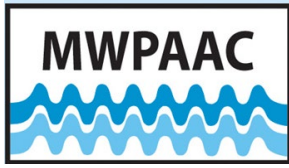
Pam thanked members who participated in the Brightwater Education Center Tour. Members had an opportunity to review the updated exhibits in the center and get an update on Reclaimed Water.

Pam provided an update on future in-person MWWPAAC meetings. The Executive Board had thought we could start meeting in person in September, but that may not be the case. We are making tentative plans and hoping to meet in person at some point in the fall. Future meetings may also have an online component, which helps with attendance. Pam reminded member there is no General meeting in November and the December meeting is scheduled early on December 8.

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

Kamuron, WTD Division Director, began his report with some good news that WTD recently issued \$565 million in sewer revenue bonds and limited-tax general obligation bonds with an average interest rate 1.98% and average life of 12-years. This will yield 90 million in savings for the next 26 years. Solid credit ratings have helped secure the low interest rates. In July, Moody's affirmed the Aa1 rating on WTD's sewer revenue bonds, with a stable outlook. Also, S&P affirmed its AA+ rating, with a stable

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outlook. Kamuron thanked Hiedi Popochock, Courtney Black, and their finance staff for their great work that yields savings for our ratepayers.

Kamuron reported that he and the Clean Water Plan team have met with MWWPAAC members on several occasions to discuss the Clean Water Plan and continue to discuss the feedback provided with our team. One item that is clear is that MWWPAAC and other interested parties feel that the process is moving too fast. WTD agrees with that and we want to take enough time to work with the region to ensure they feel comfortable with the process. WTD also heard feedback about the scope of the plan, complexity of topics, and other items. The region does have a tough decision to make on the decades ahead and we want to make sure the plan is clear about the investments to be made, and that there is confidence in those investments and what they will provide. You will hear today that we are getting to the midpoint of the planning process. I am confident we will have the time to have the discussions needed to work through the feedback and continue the conversation. Please continue to contact Olivia or Sharman if you are interested in discussion.

Kamuron presented a report on the Puget Sound Nutrients Draft General Permit comments that included:

- Process Update
- King County Comments
- Comment Themes
- Ecology Response and Final Permit Schedule

The full presentation can be found [here](#).

### 3. Subcommittee Reports

#### **August 5, 2021, Rates & Finance:**

- Sewer Rate Cost Structure Report to Council

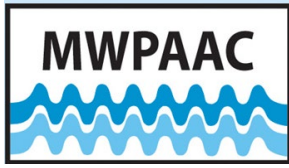
#### **August 5, 2021, Engineering & Planning:**

- Toxics in King County Wastewater Effluent
- Regional Infiltration and Inflow Program Inspector Training and Certification Program Concept Development Status

#### **Comments:**

Jay Krauss, Sammamish Plateau Water, had questions regarding the I/I approach. Chair Carter informed members there was not adequate time on the agenda for an I/I discussion. Kamuron Gurol, WTD Director, noted he will follow-up with Jay on his specific questions. Len Englund, Lakehaven Water and Sewer District, shared that they have information they could share on their two I/I pilot projects. Olivia Robinson, WTD Government Relations, will follow-up on obtaining that information for members.

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#### **4. Clean Water Plan Briefing, Steve Tolzman and Tiffany Knapp, Clean Water Plan Project Managers, WTD**

Steve Tolzman and Tiffany Knapp, Clean Water Plan Project Managers, presented a briefing on the Clean Water Plan. The full presentation can be found [here](#). The briefing provided information on the following topics:

- Planning process check-in
- Work-in-progress Strategies – walked through each strategy (potential outcomes/objective)
- Upcoming MWPACC engagement and SMEs

Ben Marre, Seattle Public Utilities, provided an update on the June 30 External Advisory Group meeting. John McClellan, Alderwood Water and Wastewater District, and he are the MWPAAAC representatives on the group. In late May, there were several workshops and the roll-up over the course of the summer really highlighted some items of concern that was shared with WTD. Ben felt the feedback was heard and it was great to see that some of the things they highlighted showed up on today's presentation. He looks forward to the upcoming process. Ben shared that the upcoming SME workshop is really important and the planned topics of Asset Management and Wastewater Conveyance are great action areas to focus on. The intent is to have a solid discussion and conversation and to make recommendations.

#### **5. West Point Power Quality Improvement Project, Bruce Kessler, Deputy Division Director, WTD**

Bruce Kessler, Deputy Division Director, presented a high-level briefing on West Point Power Quality Improvement Project. The full presentation can be found [here](#). The briefing providing information on the following items:

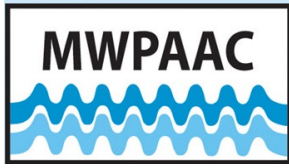
- Problem Statement & Objectives
- Regulatory Driver
- King County Emergency Declaration
- Sag Mitigation Technologies
- Preferred Solution
- Schedule – Building
- Schedule Acceleration
- Near-Term Solutions
- Long-Term Solutions
- Next Steps

Chair Carter thanked Bruce for his briefing.

#### **6. Council Report on January 2021 Wastewater Bypass, Dirk Apgar, PE, PMP, Engineering Supervisor and John Conway, Water Quality Planner, WTD**

Dirk Apgar, PE, PMP, Engineering Supervisor and John Conway, Water Quality Planner, presented a briefing on the Council Report on January 2021 Wastewater Bypass. The full presentation can be found [here](#). The briefing provided information on the following items:

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- Background
- Causes of 1/13/21 Overflow
- West Point Treatment Plant Overflow
- Richmond Beach Pump Station Overflow
- Medina Pump Station Overflow
- East Pine Pump Station Overflow
- January 13, 2021 Bypass and Overflow Volumes
- Effects of January 13 Overflows
- Analysis of the Impacts
- History of Overflows and Bypasses: 2017-2021
- Impacts on Climate Change
- Working to Eliminate Recurrence
- Conclusion/Next Steps

Chair Carter thanked Dirk and John for the presentation. She shared that MWPAAC has paid attention to the bypasses and none of us like it when it happens.

### **7. General Announcements**

Olivia Robinson, WTD Government Relations, provided a couple reminders:

- Subject Matter Expert (SME) workshop information for August 30 will be sent out later today.
- Rates & Finance subcommittee is canceled for September, and Comprehensive Engineering & Planning will meet for a focused I/I meeting. Members were asked to complete the upcoming survey and to try their best to get a representative attend.

The meeting was adjourned at 12 p.m.

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