

Summary of Rates & Finance Subcommittee April 7, 2022, meeting For MWPAAC General Meeting April 27, 2022

1. Discussion of Sewer Rate Letter to Council

Gregg Cato, Rates & Finance Subcommittee Vice Chair

Mr. Cato reminded attendees that MWPAAC typically sends a rate letter to the King County Council, after sending a letter to the King County Executive. Often, the Council letter is identical to the Executive letter. In other years, MWPAAC chooses to modify the letter.

There were no responses from the group when Mr. Cato asked if anyone wished to send a modified letter to the Council for the 2023 rate. He shared that he and Chair Broyles had previously discussed this and believed that no changes were needed to the letter. The letter will be up for a vote at the April 27 MWPAAC General Meeting.

2. Discussion of 2022/2023 MWPAAC Work Plan – Part 1 (Joint Topic)

MWPAAC Executive Board

MWPAAC Chair John McClellan facilitated this joint topic with attendees from both the Rates & Finance and Engineering & Planning subcommittees. During the discussion he referred to two work-plan-related items via screen share – a list of potential work plan items and the results of a work plan poll/survey from Spring 2021. These items had been previously sent to the MWPAAC distribution list.

The purpose of this agenda item was to hear from attendees about important topics to cover at future MWPAAC meetings.

Attendees raised several points during the brief discussion:

- Desire to understand and depend on WTD's process for prioritizing capital projects. How is conveyance capacity extended to local areas and how is equity considered? When is infrastructure extended to serve growth?
- Surprise that infiltration & inflow (I/I) not a higher topic of interest, and a suggestion to add I/I as recurring topic.
- Suggestion to add updates on the Nutrients issue and the Clean Water Plan to the work plan
- Question about PFOAs, whether they are being applied to grazing lands through biosolids / LOOP.
 - WTD Director Kamuron Gurol suggested future discussions on emerging topics on water quality (PFAS, Copper/Lead, etc.), including the relationship between public health and wastewater service.

There were also two questions about the work plan poll / survey itself:

- Was it one vote per agency?
- Should there be another poll? The survey is from Spring 2021. WTD staff said it would be easy to replicate and that a new survey would likely be sent the following week.

The next R&F meeting will be held on May 5, 2022. Please attend this teleconference meeting.

Questions?

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