

METROPOLITAN WATER POLLUTION ABATEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Meeting Summary

MS Teams Meeting

Wednesday, August 24, 2022

**Start 10 a.m.
Adjourned 11:34 a.m.**

1. MWWPAAC Chair's Report – John McClellan

- Welcome and Introductions
- Determine Quorum
- Approval of June Meeting Summary (Action Item)
- Regional Water Quality Committee (RWQC) Update
- WaterWorks Representative for District (Action Item)
- Announcement of Vacancy for Chair of Comprehensive Engineering and Planning Subcommittee

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

Chair John McClellan welcomed MWWPAAC members to the meeting.

The June meeting summary was approved as written by voice vote.

Chair McClellan reported on the July MWWPAAC tour of the Georgetown Wet Weather Treatment Stations (GWWTS) noting the weather was fantastic, the facility is nearly complete, and a lot of good work is being done.

Olivia shared that the Jurassic Parliament training has been rescheduled for October 14. WTD will send out information on the new date.

Chair McClellan provided an update on the July 6 Regional Water Quality Committee (RWQC) meeting. The following briefings were provided:

- Implementation of Water Works Projects-2021-2022 Project Round
- Resource Recovery Program: Biosolids, Sustainability, Energy, Recycle Water

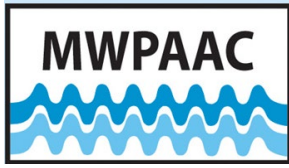
In September, the following briefings are anticipated:

- Combined Sewer Overflows Program Overview
- Discussion of Draft Template for Select Issue Review by RWQC

Chair McClellan reported that MWWPAAC had been looking for a district representative for the WaterWorks Grant Ranking Committee and that one nomination has been received. Craig Schmollinger from Northshore Utility District is interested in serving. Information, including a letter of interest and application, was sent out with meeting materials. MWWPAAC also has representative for Cities (Auburn) and the City of Seattle on the WaterWorks Grant Ranking Committee.

Chair McClellan called for a voice vote to approve Craig's application to go forward to Council for appointment. Members unanimously approved.

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Chair McClellan reported that there is a vacancy for chair of the Comprehensive Engineering and Planning Subcommittee (E&P) as former chair, Gary Schimek, resigned after taking a job in the private sector. The E&P chair will be appointed by the MWWPAAC chair through the end of this term, which will be up at the end of the year. (). He encourages members to consider the position and consider colleagues within their agencies that may be a good fit. He also noted that the chair does not need to be an engineer. Please let Olivia Robinsons know by September 15 if you are interested.

Chair McClellan asked Jack Broyles, Woodinville Water District, to provide an Asset Management Work Group update. Jack reported the first meeting on was held on July 22 and included an Asset Management presentation by WTD Deputy Director Bruce Kessler and answers to pre-submitted questions from Commissioner Lloyd Warren, Sammamish Plateau Water. The group got through about half the questions/answers during the meeting and will receive further written answers soon. WTD Asset Management staff were present and provided “in the weeds” look at both WTD Asset Management and Portfolio Management. The group is working to schedule an upcoming tour of the South Treatment Plant.

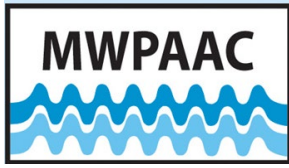
2. Wastewater Treatment Division Director’s Report – Kamuron Gurol, Division Director, Wastewater Treatment Division (WTD)

Kamuron Gurol, WTD Director, provided an update on Asset Management noting that Bellevue Councilmember Conrad Lee and Commissioner Lloyd Warren are also participating in that group as representatives of RWQC. The group will see the hands-on work of Asset Management issues at South Plant when they tour. We are really pleased with the level of engagement from the group and are looking forward to how we can improve our knowledge and meet the goal of transparency in the work we do.

Director Gurol reported that the Clean Water Plan remains on pause. WTD renewed our contracts with Community Based Organizations (CBOs). It’s a modest cost and those agreements will help us increase the capacity of those groups for when the Clean Water Plan restarts. He also reported that the Clean Water Plan Advisory Group has concluded, and a final report is in process. He noted that he has been meeting with former Advisory Group members to continue the discussion.

WTD is in the process of working with the Executive’s Office to prepare the 2023-24 biennial budget. The Council is expected to review the proposed budget in October/November and adopt it before the end of the year.

Director Gurol reported on an overflow event at the East Pine Street Pump Station. Seattle City Light power was out, and the generator did not turn on. Operators responded quickly and got the generator working. The overflow did get some coverage in the Seattle Times. WTD worked with the local neighborhood to inform, posted signs for beach closure, notified regulatory agencies, and we are testing water quality.



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Director Gurol thanked members who attended the Georgetown Wet Weather Treatment Station (GWWTS) tour. We are getting very close to being done. We are testing now and looking forward to bringing that into service this year.

Question:

Can MWWPAAC be notified of events when they occur – at the earliest possible convenience?

Responses:

Director Gurol shared that WTD coordinates with local agencies when events happen in their jurisdiction. We can provide a mechanism (for notification) if that is the interest of the group. We also publish this information on our website on the Operational Performance Metrics page and he also provides these types of updates in his report to MWWPAAC. He cautions against single notifications on all events going out to all MWWPAAC members and drawing a lot of conclusions about that.

Chair McClellan suggested that a survey be sent out to the group to determine level of interest. Chair McClellan shared his perspective, noting the data is available and it's more a matter of how you get it and the timeline.

Director Gurol reported that WTD had a power outage at the Carnation Treatment Plant as well, at 10 p.m. on August 23 (last night) that lasted 24 hrs. It's a small treatment plant that has a generator and that system worked very well. We coordinated with the City of Carnation, including an offer to provide assistance in getting their pump stations working on a generator. That's a consideration as well, do members want information when the system works well?

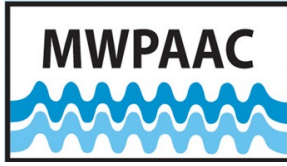
3. Nutrients Update, Rebecca Singer, Resource Recovery Section Manager, WTD

Rebecca Singer, WTD Resource Recovery Section Manager, presented an update on Nutrients. She talked about WTD's actions and what is coming up in subsequent years. The full presentation can be found [here](#). The presentation provided an update on the following items:

- Puget Sound Nutrient General Permit (PSNGP) Overview
- Permit Cycles
- Key Milestones
- Wastewater Treatment Division (WTD) Actions
- WTD Goals for this Permit Cycle
- Optimization Planning and Implementation

4. Per- and polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS) Update, Erika Kinno, Resource Recovery Research & Policy Project Manager, WTD

Director Gurol thanked Erika Kinno, Resource Recovery Research & Policy Project Manager, for the update she's presenting today noting that per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) are getting more attention and Erika will walk through what the County is doing. We would also be interested in hearing from agencies, particularly around source control. The more we can do to work with our local



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community the better, and we are interested in working with local agencies. The full presentation can be found [here](#). The presentation provided an update on the following items:

- What are PFAS
- Significance
- PFAS and wastewater
- Regulations and Planning
- Source Control
- Treatment Options
- KC PFAS Coordination Group

Question:

Jay Krauss, Sammamish Plateau Water, asked about analyzing what can be in biosolids.

Response:

Erika reported that she didn't have graphical results at present but will follow-up with WTD government relations staff to get that out to members. She noted that biosolids is a voluntary effort and we are just now starting.

Comment:

Jay Krauss, Sammamish Plateau Water, encouraged the county to check into liability under Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA) – related to reclaimed water and biosolids as a generator of hazardous waste.

Director Gurol shared that we have a common challenge in that the chemicals are very ubiquitous. We all have an interest in keeping the material out of the waste stream. We are taking the situation seriously, coordinating with others, and need to work upstream and determine what options are available. This is the "it" chemical right now, but we have a broad variety of chemicals coming into our wastewater stream. We are doing what we can to better understand it and want to work in partnership in determining the most cost-effective approach that protects public health. We will keep PFAS as a regular topic for MWWPAAC and invite other member agencies to be part in presenting updates.

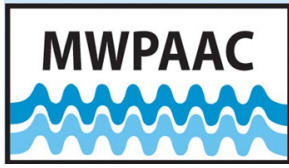
5. New Business/Future Topics, John McClellan, MWWPAAC Chair

Chair McClellan asked members if they had any new business or future topics to propose.

He already heard that members would like to weigh in on how WTD shares information on overflow events. A survey will be sent out to members to gauge interest.

Commissioner Mary Shustov, Sammamish Plateau Water, suggested that her agency could present information from their I/I study. The presentation would take about 20-30 minutes. Chair McClellan agreed that would be a good topic to add to a future agenda.

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6. General Announcements

Olivia Robinson, WTD Government Relations, reminded members that if they were interested in serving as chair of the Comprehensive Engineering & Planning Subcommittee to submit their letters of interest by Sept. 15.

Also, information on the Jurassic Parliament training scheduled in October will be sent out.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:34 a.m.