

# **METROPOLITAN WATER POLLUTION ABATEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

## **Meeting Summary**

**Microsoft Teams**

**Wednesday, October 26, 2022**

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

### **1. MWWPAAC Chair's Report – John McClellan**

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

Chair John McClellan welcomed MWWPAAC members to the meeting.

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

Chair McClellan asked for a voice vote for approval of the September meeting summary. The summary was approved as written.

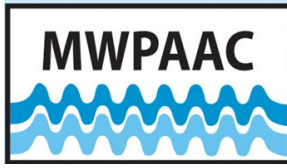
Chair McClellan reported that RWQC has not met since the last MWWPAAC General meeting so there is no update. RWQC will also likely not meet in December.

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

Kamuron Gurol, WTD Director, provided an update on the county budget process. The Executive transmitted his budget proposal on September 27 to the Council. Council held budget panels over the last couple of weeks and WTD responded to several questions from those panels. The Council has "closed" WTD's operating budget, meaning they have no further questions on the operating budget. However, they did have questions on the capital budget specific to the West Point Power Quality Improvement Project. We are now waiting for any striking amendments to the budget on November 7, which is the day before the Budget and Fiscal Management Committee is set to vote on the budget. Final action on the budget is expected by Council on November 15. WTD will keep MWWPAAC fully apprized as the process continues.

Kamuron reported on the Denmark Study Tour he participated in with staff and elected officials from the cities of Bellevue, Kirkland, and Redmond, as well as representatives from non-profits. The study tour was sponsored by the Scan Design Foundation and focused on Denmark's experiences with urban planning, design, and sustainability with a focus on key infrastructure, including stormwater and wastewater technologies. The group had a chance to see two wastewater treatment plants. A key takeaway is that we have more in common than differences. Denmark faces many of the same challenges regarding nutrients, aging infrastructure, etc. However, they have better funding. Denmark has a lot of experience with sewer heat recovery and builds infrastructure projects, such as solid waste-to-energy facilities, quickly and with high quality. Kamuron thanked the staff and electeds from

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the cities of Bellevue, Kirkland, and Redmond, and noted that they are looking at similar models for their infrastructure. The foundation covered the majority of costs for the tour.

### 3. Subcommittee Reports

#### October 6, 2022, Rates & Finance:

- Capital Program Cash-Funding Policy Discussion

#### October 6, 2022, Engineering & Planning:

- 2020 Decennial Flow Monitoring (DFM) & Data Finalization
- Sammamish Plateau WSD North Sewer Service Area I&I Investigation

### 4. Sammamish Valley Irrigation Research Project and South Plant Sampling, Hannah McDonough, Project Manager, Washington Water Trust; Ed Kolodziej, Associate Professor, University of Washington; and Jacque Klug, Nutrient Management Coordinator, WTD

Jacque Klug, WTD Nutrient Management Coordinator; Ed Kolodziej, University of Washington; and Jason Hatch, Washington Water Trust co-presented an update on the Sammamish Valley Irrigation Research Project and South Plant Sampling. The full presentation can be found [here](#). The update included the following information:

- Project Overview
- Year 1+2: Study Results
  - Contaminants of Emerging Concern
  - Agronomic Parameters
- 2021 Outreach Results
- Next Steps
- Q&A

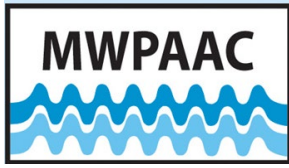
### 5. WaterWorks Program Update, Elizabeth Loudon, WaterWorks Grant Program Manager, WTD

Elizabeth Loudon, WaterWorks Grant Program Manager presented an update on the WaterWorks Program. The full presentation can be found [here](#). The update information on the following:

- Overview of WaterWorks
- How it works
- Last grant cycle – 2021/22
- Results
- Next grant cycle – 2023/24
- Q&A

### 6. New Business/Future Topics, John McClellan, MWPAAC Chair

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None.

### **7. General Announcements**

Olivia Robinson reminded members there is no general meeting in November due to the holiday. The next meeting will be on December 7, 2022.

The meeting was adjourned at 12 p.m.