

METROPOLITAN WATER POLLUTION ABATEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Meeting Summary

Microsoft Teams Meeting

Wednesday, December 7, 2022

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

1. MWWPAAC Chair's Report – John McClellan

- Welcome and Introductions
- Determine Quorum
- Approval of October Meeting Summary (Action Item)
- Regional Water Quality Committee (RWQC) Update
- Announcement of January Elections: MWWPAAC Vice Chair and Chair of Comprehensive Engineering and Planning Subcommittee

Chair John McClellan welcomed MWWPAAC members to the meeting.

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

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

Chair McClellan shared that RWQC did not meet last month so there are no items to report.

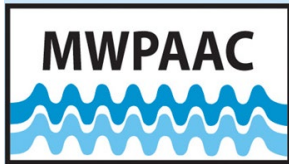
Chair McClellan reported that MWWPAAC will hold elections in January for two positions - MWWPAAC Vice Chair and Chair of Comprehensive Engineering and Planning Subcommittee. Olivia Robinson will send out a call for nominations. Interested members will need to respond to that email.

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

Kamuron Gurol, WTD Director, reported on the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA) comment letter to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) regarding the designation of Perfluorooctanoic Acid (PFOA) and Perfluorooctanesulfonic Acid (PFOS) as hazardous substances which was sent out to MWWPAAC. The letter was submitted by Department of Natural Resources and Parks (DNRP) Director Christie True. The letter shared concerns from WTD and the Solid Waste Division (SWD). DNRP supports a program that results in the elimination and reduction of chemicals, including PFOA and PFOS, in the wastewater stream and at landfills but has concerns about the regulation that was drafted. We agree with the EPA that the polluters bear the costs for eliminating and encouraged the EPA to pursue an aggressive source control program. We will continue discussions with EPA and with MWWPAAC. Kamuron clarified that WTD should not be considered a source as the wastewater treatment system does not produce the chemicals but receives the contaminants in the waste streams generated by others.

Kamuron reported the King County Budget was passed by Council on Nov. 15. All 96 FTEs for WTD were funded. Kamuron reviewed the list of FTEs for each section. WTD is also starting a new maintenance worker program similar to the Operator in Training program and always looking for new

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employees. WTD is also looking at Biogas optimization at all three regional plants and looking to move to electric vehicles starting in 2023.

Kamuron reported on two provisos from the 2023-2024 King County Budget. The first is to review the Biosolids Thermal Drying concept from Biosolids Partnership. WTD provided a report on the concept from an outside consultant in 2022, and Council has asked for a new report on the Partnership's revised proposal. The second is looking at Co-digestion with a proviso report to be submitted by WTD and SWD. The WTD proviso report will evaluate how production will affect the designation and value of environmental credits referred to as Renewable Information Numbers (RINS) and the sale of South Plant biomethane. All of this material is available on the Council website. WTD will also email to MWWPAAC.

Kamuron reported on an overflow event in late November near Lincoln Park in West Seattle. The cause was a malfunction of the vacuum air release valve. The issue was resolved within a few hours and reported to regulatory agencies. Within two days, water quality was back to normal. Kamuron noted this event illustrated a need for even better coordination with partner agencies such as Seattle Public Utilities with respect to how we can respond to these issues more timely. WTD is also continuing to look at the request from MWWPAAC related to notification of events. Our goal is to be transparent.

3. Subcommittee Reports – November 3 and December 1

Ben Marre, Seattle Public Utilities, reported on the Nov. 3 and Dec. 1 Rates & Finance Subcommittee meetings.

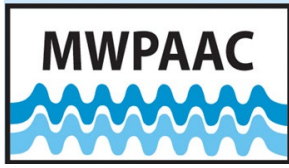
Steve Hitch, City of Redmond, reported on the Nov. 3 and Dec. 1 Comprehensive Engineering & Planning Subcommittee meetings.

4. Clean Water Plan Update, Kamuron Gurol, WTD Director

Kamuron Gurol, WTD Director presented an update on the Clean Water Plan. The full presentation can be found [here](#). The update included the following information:

- Status – three-step process
- Sounding Board Sessions
- Overall Goals
- Revised Planning Process Elements
- Parallel Work
- Working Timeframe
- Potential Roles for MWWPAAC
- 2023 Efforts
- Questions & Answers

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5. Asset Management Overview, Bruce Kessler, Deputy Director, WTD; Alden Wyma, Asset Management Program Supervisor, WTD; and Crystal Fleet, Capital Portfolio Planning and Analysis Unit Manager, WTD

Bruce Kessler, Deputy Division Director; Alden Wyma, Asset Management Program Supervisor; and Crystal Fleet, Capital Portfolio Planning and Analysis Unit Manager co-presented a WTD Asset Management Program Overview. The full presentation can be found [here](#). The update included the following information:

- What is an Asset
- Asset Criticality and How it's Used
- History of WTD's Asset Management Program
- Strategic Asset Management (SAMP) / Work Plan
- Asset Tracking
- Capital Program Management (PgM)
- Portfolio Management (PfM) Overview and Process
- Questions & Answers

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

Chair McClellan asked members if they had any new business to propose for future meetings. No new business was submitted.

7. General Announcements

Olivia Robinson, WTD Government Relations, shared that WTD will send out the budget proviso information that Kamuron Gurol reported on in the Director's Report.

The meeting was adjourned at 12 p.m.