

# METROPOLITAN WATER POLLUTION ABATEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

## Meeting Summary

**Hybrid – South Treatment  
Plant/Microsoft Teams**

**Wednesday, May 22, 2024**

**Start 9 a.m.  
Adjourned 11:33 a.m.**

- 1. Wastewater Treatment Division (WTD) University (Optional) – *History of WTD, Contract Overview, Combined Sewer Overflows (CSO)***, Stan Hummel, CSO Delivery Unit Manager, WTD; Sharman Herrin, Government Relations Administrator, WTD; and Janice Johnson, former CSO Planning Program Manager, WTD

The full presentations for the WTD University can be found below:

- [History of WTD](#)
- [Contract Overview](#)
- [Combined Sewer Overflows \(CSO\)](#)

- 2. MWWPAAC Chair’s Report – John McClellan**

- Welcome and Introductions
- Determine Quorum
- Approval of April Meeting Summary (Action Item)
- Regional Water Quality Committee (RWQC) Update

Chair John McClellan welcomed members to the meeting.

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

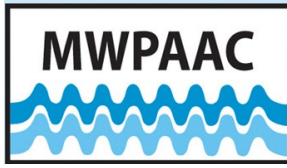
The April meeting summary was approved as written by voice vote.

Chair McClellan reported RWQC didn’t meet in May. On Monday, the RWQC leadership caucus will focus on the Regional Water Services Plan to help members get up to speed in advance of discussions with WTD at the next RWQC meeting.

- 3. Wastewater Treatment Division Director’s Report – Kamuron Gurol, Division Director, Wastewater Treatment Division (WTD)**

Kamuron Gurol, WTD Director, thanked members that joined the meeting today in person at South Treatment Plant. He noted that biosolids are produced at South Plant and one of WTD’s partners for the agricultural use of biosolids is Boulder Park in Eastern WA. On May 29, King County Biosolids Program staff are presenting an award to three original farmers at Boulder Park Inc. to mark the 30-year partnership with King County’s Biosolids Program. They are also hosting a field day for 40 utilities that send biosolids to Boulder Park. They are offering a tour of the application sites and research plots located in the dry land wheat areas around Brewster, WA. This is where they test the plots for different yields based on application. The results show biosolids plots do the best. There will be an option for a Snoqualmie Forest Biosolids tour this July for MWWPAAC members. Members will be able to see the “flinger” which applies biosolids to the land.

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Kamuron reported on the final issuance of the West Point Treatment Plant National Pollution Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit by the Washington Department of Ecology. The permit was issued on April 29. The permit responds positively to comments WTD provided on the draft permit. There were also a few differences WTD did not expect. WTD is in the process of reviewing and working to understand to inform the decision to appeal or not. The window for appealing the permit ends on May 29.

Kamuron shared that members will have an opportunity to volunteer at South Plant's City Soil farm this afternoon. City Soil farm is an active teaching farm and native tree nursery that showcases sustainable farming and accessible, local food. WTD's Education Team supports City Soil farm. Kamuron highlighted how the Education Team supports roughly 500 educational programs across WTD facilities and reached 13,147 attendees. Demographics for schools that participated in education program are 65% BIPOC and 45% lower socio-economic status. City Soil farm also produced 3,667 pounds of food last year which was distributed to the White Center Food Bank.

#### 4. Subcommittee Reports

##### May 2, 2024, Rates and Finance Subcommittee Report

- Capacity Charge Methodology Discussion

##### May 2, 2024, Engineering and Planning Subcommittee Report

- Infiltration and Inflow Program Update

#### 5. Discuss Bylaws Amendment to Membership Process (Future Action Item), John McClellan, MWPAAC Chair; Gregg Cato, MWPAAC Rates and Finance Subcommittee Vice Chair

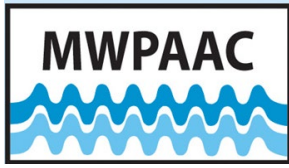
Chair McClellan reported the Executive Board is reviewing how members are appointed by their governing bodies to serve on MWPAAC. The Executive Board is realizing the bylaws have not been successfully carried out consistently during the life of MWPAAC and potentially considering other options such as allowing members to be approved by the executive of the body they represent. Gregg Cato, Rates and Finance Subcommittee Vice Chair, read Article III-Membership of the bylaws.

*"Each city which operates a sewer system, any portion of which lies within the metropolitan area or within King County's wastewater service area, may appoint one person to serve on the Committee.*

*Each water-sewer district which operates a sewer system, any portion of which lies within King County or within King County's wastewater service area, may appoint one person to serve on the Committee.*

*Those appointed as indicated above shall be the voting members. Each city or water/sewer district which appoints a voting member shall provide a resolution of the legislative body, or signed copy of minutes of a public*

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*meeting of the legislative body, authorizing such appointment. Each city or water/sewer district may also appoint an alternate who shall be empowered to vote in the absence of a city or district's voting member. Alternates shall be appointed in the same manner and conform to the same eligibility requirements as voting members.*

*King County's Wastewater Treatment Division (KCWTD) maintains a current roster of voting members and alternates with documentation supporting their appointment."*

Gregg reported that obtaining the required documentation (resolution or signed copy of minutes of legislative body) has been difficult to manage for WTD and the Executive Board is considering changing that per what John shared. The Executive Board also wants to make sure several alternates can be appointed. Gregg asked for comments.

### Questions/Comments:

Q: Can it be either/or?

A: Chair McClellan agreed it could be either/or if agencies were allowed to work out the process and determine which process works best for them.

Comment:

A member expressed support for allowing agencies to determine the process.

Q: Is the appointed representative the voting member.

A: Chair McClellan confirmed as the bylaws have been written, the primary representative is the voting member and alternates vote in the absence of the primary representative.

Q: Does the RCW have a requirement?

A: Olivia Robinson, WTD Government Relations, will review the RCW to determine if the bylaw requirements are required per the RCW.

Chair McClellan thanked members for their comments. The Executive Board will draft alternative language and bring back to MWPAAC for further comment.

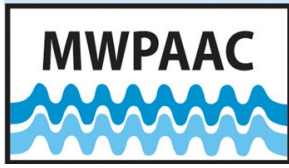
## **6. Regional Wastewater Services Plan (RWSP) Discussion, Janice Johnson, RWSP Update Program Manager, WTD**

Janice Johnson, RWSP Update Program Manager, provided an update on the Regional Wastewater Services Plan (RWSP). The full presentation can be found [here](#).

The update included:

- Overview and draft schedule
- Policy updates
- MWPAAC role

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Chair McClellan thanked Janice for the presentation. He emphasized how the RWSP update affects all agencies and MWPAAC is interested in staying engaged.

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

Chair McClellan asked for new business topics. He shared, right now the work plan is focusing on some big items that will take some time but the Executive Board is open to new ideas and will fit in as time permits.

Chair McClellan shared the Washington State Supreme Court will hear oral arguments on a challenge to the Puget Sound Nutrient General Permit on May 30.

#### **8. General Announcements and Meeting Adjournment**

Olivia Robinson, WTD Government Relations, shared WTD will send out a poll for the July MWPAAC tour later this week or next week.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:33 a.m.