

MWPAAC Rates & Finance Subcommittee

June 6, 2024 Meeting Summary

Agenda:

- 1. Welcome & Introductions.** Ben Marre, Engineering & Planning Subcommittee Vice Chair
8:30
- 2. Overview of Policies that Determine Wholesale Sewer Cost Allocation.** Courtney Black, Finance and Administration Section Manager, Wastewater Treatment Division (WTD)
8:35

Courtney Black presented information on the wholesale sewer cost allocation. Background included brief on the Robinswood Agreement as the foundation of some of the policies, the history of the 750 CF/month average single family usage as the basis for the RCE. Data used to develop the 750 dates from 1982 and explained in a 1989 letter.

Sewer rate structure was discussed: RCE versus volumetric rate, sample bill discussion.

The Proviso from 2021 directing a review of the RCE was discussed, along with the capacity charge. In 2019 the RCE was estimated to be 581 based on a limited sampling. A cost comparison was presented between the current 750 and a conceptual 600 based on the 581 estimate.

Comments / Questions from attendees:

- Question whether the analysis of impacts to multi-family had been done.
- Remark that while the typical winter use estimate is used to develop the RCE, it ignores the winter peaks experienced by treatment plants, thus effectively ignoring the significant effect of I/I on the system as well as the sources of I/I. The flow data needs to be considered during rate setting and the development of RCEs.

The Meeting adjourned at 9:35 a.m.