

METROPOLITAN WATER POLLUTION ABATEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Meeting Summary

Microsoft Teams Meeting

Wednesday, June 26, 2024

**Start 10 a.m.
Adjourned 10:49 a.m.**

1. MWWPAAC Chair's Report – John McClellan

- Welcome and Introductions
- Determine Quorum
- Approval of May Meeting Summary (Action item)
- Regional Water Quality Committee (RWQC) Update
- Bylaws Amendment Update

Olivia Robinson, WTD Government Relations, took attendance by roll call.

A quorum was in attendance and the May meeting summary was approved as written.

Chair John McClellan welcomed members to the meeting and provided an update on the June 5 RWQC meeting.

- MWWPAAC's rate letter to the King County Council was shared and RWQC will also be writing a rate letter acknowledging MWWPAAC's comments.
- The following briefing were provided:
 - Proposed Ordinance 2024-0146, Proposed 2025 Sewer Rate and Capacity Charge and 2025-2034 Financial Forecast
 - Director's Briefing, Department of Natural Resources and Parks
 - Regional Water Services Plan Update
 - Update on Motion 16434, Contaminants of Emerging Concern

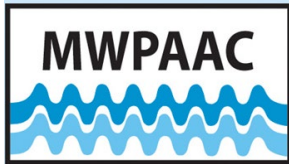
The next RWQC meeting will be on July 15. If members are interested in attending, check the website for meeting information.

Chair McClellan provided a brief update on the MWWPAAC Bylaws amendment specific to membership and appointments. The Executive Board is seeking to be more efficient in how members are being appointed. That section of the bylaws is currently being reviewed by the PAO and once that is completed, an update will be provided.

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

Kamuron Gurol, WTD Director, reported the 2025 Sewer Rate and Capacity Charge was approved by the County Council on June 12. Kamuron extended his thanks to MWWPAAC members for their insightful questions throughout the process. He's looking forward to continued outreach in the coming year. He noted that he didn't hear objections to the 2025 rate but did hear a lot about concern over future rate increases. WTD is working on tools for extending and approving capital rate forecasting that should be useful in the coming years. He thanked MWWPAAC members for engagement in that process.

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Kamuron reported on a state funding opportunity. WTD's Georgetown Wet Weather Treatment Station (GWWTS) is set to receive \$200,076 in grant funding through the Climate Commitment Act (CCA) to install a large solar panel array. WTD hosted an event on June 17 at the GWWTS where Gov. Inslee highlighted the project and grant funding source.

Kamuron reported at 11 a.m. today, WTD, Seattle Public Utilities, the U.S. Environment Protection Agency, and the Washington State Department of Ecology will announce agreement has been reached to modify the federal consent decree (CD) for both King County and the City of Seattle. The County Executive will transmit the ordinance to the County Council. The CD modification will include larger projects, better coordination with Seattle, and an extension on the deadline. WTD will send out an email to MWWPAAC with more details.

3. Subcommittee Reports

June 6, 2024, Rates and Finance Subcommittee Report

- Overview of Policies that Determine Wholesale Sewer Cost Allocation

June 6, 2024, Engineering and Planning Subcommittee Report

- PFAS and Contaminants of Emerging Concern

Gregg Cato, Rates and Finance Subcommittee Vice Chair, recommended that members who were not able to attend the R&F subcommittee meeting to review the presentation that was sent out.

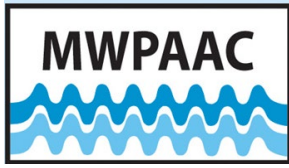
Chair McClellan agreed both presentations were very informative and had the right level of detail and encouraged members to review.

4. West Point National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit, Jeff Lafer, NPDES Permit Administrator, WTD

Jeff Lafer, NPDES Permit Administrator, presented an update on the final West Point permit. The full presentation can be found [here](#). The briefing provided the following information:

- NPDES final permit administrative process
- Responses to comments
- Changed in the final permit conditions
- Obligations
- Timeline and next steps
- Potential fiscal impacts

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5. **Regional Wastewater Services Plan Guiding Principles**, Janice Johnson, RWSP Update Program Manager, WTD

Janice Johnson, RWSP Update Program Manager, presented on the RWSP update guiding principles. The full presentation can be found [here](#). The briefing provided the following information:

- Purpose
- Draft Guiding Principles
- Background
- Next Steps

Questions/Answers:

Q: Part of process is reviewing the policies related to wastewater treatment. Have you gotten far enough along to determine which policies will be under review?

A: WTD has not identified specific policies to date. Once determined, WTD will engage MWPAAC.

Q: What is the prioritization of policies?

A: The numbers do not suggest the order of priority and may be changing to bullets or format in a table to remove the visual sense of the prioritization. WTD is looking at ways to edit and revise the guiding principles so they are not suggesting prioritization.

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

Chair McClellan asked for new business or future topic ideas. He emphasized if there is something members want to hear about, reach out to the Executive Board and they'd be happy to put in the hopper for the work plan. The Executive Board regularly reviews the work plan in coordination with the RWQC work plan.

7. **General Announcements**

Olivia Robinson, WTD Government Relations, reminded members to RSVP if they are interested in joining the Snoqualmie Biosolids tour on Wednesday, July 17.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:49 a.m.

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