MWPAAC Nutrient Special General Meeting

June 26, 2026 Meeting Summary

Agenda:

1. **Welcome & Introductions – 8:00 am (5 min)**
   Jaclyn Knoth, Engineering & Planning Subcommittee Chair

2. **Nutrients Update – 8:05 am (40 min)**
   Jacque Klug, Nutrient Management Coordinator, WTD

Jacque provided an update on the status of the nutrient permit processes, highlights of the recent West Point draft permit, and the upcoming comment schedule for the West Point permit. The presentation covered:

- An overview of the nutrient regulations and permit changes over the last few years,
- Details of the current draft West Point permit,
- Key points on nitrogen limits within the permit,
- Corrective action and optimization planning requirements,
- Nutrient Reduction Technology Assessment (formerly the Nutrient Reduction Evaluation),
- Conclusion derived from the draft permit.

The permit is issued as a draft and is open for comment, the current comment period for the permit and overall nutrient guidelines is open until August 10th, 2026.

The question was posed to the MWPAAC General Committee about interest in drafting a letter to provide feedback to Ecology during this time. The Committee agreed and expressed support for a MWPAAC letter.

Post presentation discussion:

- Is nitrogen loading seasonal, and what influences it?
  - In wastewater it is not seasonal and primarily influenced by urine, which does limit ability for source control as a solution. Note that the majority of nitrogen is naturally occurring and not generated from wastewater discharge.
- What are the benefits we are trying to achieve through reduced nitrogen loading?
  - The assumed benefit would be reduction hypoxia or oxygen dead zones which are negatively impactful to aquatic life. There is consideration that the science should be revisited to determine the most effective mitigation for excessive nitrogen.
- The major points of concern noted are affordability, effectiveness of the science, competing priorities, and compressed timelines.

Comment period and Letter writing Timeline:

- Comment period closes Aug 10th
- The executive board will draft a letter and provide a one-week review period
- We will have a virtual vote to confirm acceptance of the final letter

3. Meeting Adjournment 8:40 am

No additional comments, E&P Chair Knoth called for adjournment.

The Meeting adjourned at 8:40 a.m.