

METROPOLITAN COUNCIL
390 North Robert Street, St. Paul, Minnesota 55101

REGULAR MEETING OF THE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

Tuesday, November 13, 2007

Committee Members Present: Chair Peggy Leppik, Kirstin Beach, Roger Scherer, Russ Susag, Lynette Wittsack, Daniel Wolter

CALL TO ORDER

A quorum being present, Committee Chair Leppik called the regular meeting of the Council's Environment Committee to order at 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 13, 2007.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MINUTES

It was moved by Wittsack, seconded by Susag to approve the November 13, 2007 agenda and the minutes of the October 23, 2007 regular meeting of the Environment Committee. **The motion carried.**

BUSINESS

2007-357 Amendment to Resolution No. 2007-33, Supporting the Comfort Lake-Forest Lake Watershed District in Seeking Legislative Designation as a Metropolitan Watershed Management Organization

It was moved by Wittsack, seconded by Wolter that the Metropolitan Council approve the attached resolution supporting the Comfort Lake – Forest Lake Watershed District in seeking legislative designation as a metropolitan watershed management organization.

Motion carried.

2007-381 Certification that Shakopee Interceptors MSB 7024, MSB 7023, MSB 6904, and Lift Station L16 are in Good Operating Condition

It was moved by Wittsack, seconded by Susag that the Metropolitan Council certifies that Shakopee Interceptors MSB 7024, MSB 7023, MSB 6904, and Lift Station L16 are in good operating condition.

Motion carried.

2007-382 Authorization to Award and Execute a Contract for Construction of Security Improvements – Monitoring & Access Control, MCES Project Number 801700

It was moved by Wolter, seconded by Wittsack that the Metropolitan Council authorize its Regional Administrator to award and execute a construction contract with Premier Electrical Corporation for their low bid of \$1,288,800.

Motion carried.

INFORMATION

Minnesota Climate Change Advisory Group (MCCAG)

Dave Thornton, Assistant Commissioner, Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, explained that the MCCAG has been appointed by the Governor to explore the topic of climate change in Minnesota. The MCCAG is considering, evaluating and compiling a multi-sector set of recommended policy options and will present a report to the Governor and Legislature in February 2008. Thornton provided a status report of the group's progress to date. In response to comments from the Environment Committee, Thornton will check on possible tax incentives and whether the group is considering geothermal energy as an option. The Committee requested a copy of the report when it is completed. Additional information is available at www.mnclimatechange.us.

Energy Team Update

The 2010 MCES energy goal is to reduce or offset the net non-renewable energy needed for MCES facilities by 15%. Meeting that goal will require a combination of implementing energy conservation measures and increasing the use of renewable energy. Jason Willett, Environmental Services Finance Director, and Mike

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Mereness, ES Support Services Manager, provided updates on energy management at MCES, 2007 accomplishments, and future activities. In 2007 the following results have been realized: 1) Annual energy savings of 4 GWHrs (~15% of 2010 goal); 2) Annual greenhouse gas emissions reduced ~ 3,000 tons; 3) \$708K saved or earned.

Business completed, the meeting adjourned at 5:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan M. Harder
Recording Secretary