

# E Environment Committee

**Meeting date: February 10, 2009**

**For the Metropolitan Council Meeting of February 25, 2009**

## ADVISORY INFORMATION

<b>Date:</b>	February 4, 2009
<b>Subject:</b>	Authorization to Negotiate Acquisition of Property for Future Western Scott County Regional Water Reclamation Plant
<b>District(s), Member(s):</b>	District 4, Craig Peterson
<b>Policy/Legal Reference:</b>	Minnesota Statutes 473.504, Subd. 9 and Water Resources Management Policy Plan
<b>Staff Prepared/Presented:</b>	Bryce Pickart 651-602-1091
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### Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council authorizes its Regional Administrator to negotiate acquisition of property for the future Western Scott County Regional Water Reclamation Plant.

### Background

The 2030 Comprehensive Plan Update for Scott County is scheduled for review by the Community Development Committee on February 17, 2009, and the full Council on February 25, 2009. Scott County is responsible for planning for its 11 townships. During 2003-2004, Scott County worked closely with the Metropolitan Council to complete the Comprehensive Plan for the Elko New Market area, i.e. Southeast Scott County.

During 2006-2009, Scott County has worked closely with the Metropolitan Council to complete the 2030 Comprehensive Plan Update, with major effort focused on long-range planning for western Scott County. This work has been integrated with the Metropolitan Council Environmental Services efforts to implement the long-term regional wastewater system plan, which includes a future water reclamation plant (wastewater treatment that produces treated water suitable for non-potable uses) to serve western Scott County. The County and the Council have an intergovernmental agreement whereby the County has helped MCES to identify plant site search areas and a long-term wastewater service area. These areas have been defined in the Scott County 2030 Comprehensive Plan Update.

### Rationale

One of the Council's policies for serving future growth as stated in the Water Resources Management Policy Plan (page 31), is to work closely with communities to implement early land acquisition for new facilities needed to implement the long-term regional wastewater system plan.

### Funding

Funding is provided in the 2009 Authorized Capital Program, Project 801630.

### Known Support / Opposition

The proposed action is consistent with the 2030 Scott County Comprehensive Plan Update.