# Environmental Committee

Meeting date: February 8, 2011

Management Committee: February 9, 2011 Metropolitan Council: February 23, 2011

#### **ADVISORY INFORMATION**

Date: February 1, 2011

Subject: 2011 Unified Operating Budget Amendment

District(s), Member(s): All

Policy/Legal Reference: MN Statute 473.13-Council Budget Requirements

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### **Proposed Action**

That the Metropolitan Council amend the 2011 Unified Operating Budget to increase expenditures and transfers in from the Wastewater Operating Contingency Reserve by \$616,200.

### Background

- \$350,000 Data Integration System software purchase and implementation
- \$192,000 Water Quality Data Review System software and implementation
- \$74,200 Fort Snelling Minnesota River Pier Repair completion

All of the dollars are one-time budgeted projects that were funded in the 2010 budget. When projects were delayed, the unspent funds create a surplus in the 2010 Wastewater Operating Contingency Reserve. Funds for the Data Integration and Water Quality Review System projects were delayed to improve the decision-making and selection process. The pier repair project was delayed by design delays and flooding. None of these projects are budgeted in 2011.

#### Rationale

This amendment carries-forward 2010 unspent operating funds that will be transferred to the Wastewater Operating Contingency Reserve at the final year end close. These projects are still critical to MCES operations and control.

### **Funding**

The three projects will be funded with \$616,200 in Wastewater Operating Contingency Reserve. This usage of reserve will not cause Environmental Services to fall below their 10% target fund balance policy levels.

## **Known Support / Opposition**

None.