

METROPOLITAN COUNCIL

390 North Robert Street, St. Paul, Minnesota 55101

REGULAR MEETING OF THE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

Tuesday, January 24, 2012

Committee Members Present: Chair Sandra Rummel, Harry Melander, Edward Reynoso, Lona Schreiber, Gary Van Eyll,

Committee Members Excused: John Đoàn, Vice-Chair Wendy Wulff

CALL TO ORDER

A quorum being present, Committee Chair Rummel called the regular meeting of the Council's Environment Committee to order at 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 24, 2012.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MINUTES

It was moved by Reynoso, seconded by Van Eyll, to approve the agenda. **The motion carried.**

It was moved by Van Eyll, seconded by Schreiber, to approve the minutes of the January 10, 2012 regular meeting of the Environment Committee. **The motion carried.**

BUSINESS

2012-36 Authorization to Negotiate and Execute an Agreement with the City of Hopkins for Relocation of the L27 Lift Station

It was moved by Van Eyll, seconded by Schreiber, that the Metropolitan Council authorizes its Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute an agreement with the City of Hopkins for the acquisition and development of property within Oakes Park for the use as a new lift station site.

Motion carried.

2012-37 Authorization to Negotiate and Execute an Amendment to the Construction Cooperation Agreement with the City of Carver, MCES Project 803800, Contract No. 071019

It was moved by Van Eyll, seconded by Reynoso, that the Metropolitan Council authorize its Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute an amendment to the Construction Cooperation Agreement with the City of Carver, MCES Project Number 803800, Contract No. 071019.

Motion carried.

INFORMATION

1. Update on East Bethel Project

Bryce Pickart, Assistant General Manager, Technical Services, informed the committee that the pipeline construction is about 50% complete. The contractor stopped work in December, soon after beginning pipe installation through a swampy area because the 42-inch diameter pipe moved laterally. The contractor expressed concern about design; MCES and the City expressed concern about the contractor's construction means and methods. Council and city staff are working through these issues with the contractor. In the meantime, the contractor has begun construction of the 24-inch diameter sewer, which begins 600 LF north. Council member Reynoso asked if this will delay the project. Staff said pipeline construction will extend into spring 2013. The treatment plant is scheduled to be completed by fall 2013.

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2. Briefing on Water Quality Monitoring

Keith Buttleman, Assistant General Manager, Environmental Quality Assurance, and Kent Johnson, Manager of Environmental Monitoring and Assessment, explained different aspects of water quality monitoring. In the metro area, staff monitor the wastewater treatment plants, rivers, streams, and lakes, and participate in special studies.

3. General Manager's Report

2011 Performance Report. William G. Moore reviewed Environmental Services' performance during 2011. The goal of 99.8% NPDES compliance was met. Metro and Seneca were in compliance with air emissions permits. There were four interceptor spills totaling 2,201 gallons, and no combined sewer overflows. Major capital projects included Metro, Blue Lake, South St. Paul and Hopkins force mains, and Shakopee, Victoria and Richfield interceptors. Staff effectively managed annual and capital budgets. The annualized energy use was reduced in 2011 by approximately 17%, representing a \$2.5 million savings/year compared to the 2006 baseline. There was a 22% decrease in OSHA recordable accidents in 2011 vs. 2010, and a 41% decrease in accidents in the last five years. The plant operator trainee recruitment program is on track. 2012 challenges include Metro Plant Permit, COS permit, infiltration/inflow, energy conservation, SAC fund, and Metro Solids.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Susan M. Harder
Recording Secretary