

**E** Environment Committee  
Meeting date: February 14, 2012  
Management Committee: February 22, 2012  
For the Council Meeting of March 14, 2012

**ADVISORY INFORMATION**

**Date:** February 3, 2012  
**Subject:** 2012 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 2012 Unified Operating Budget to increase expenditures by \$2,638,740 funded through use of the Wastewater Operating Contingency Reserve.

**Background**

The following projects and purchases were budgeted in 2011, but were delayed and funds not expended for the business reasons listed below. They are not budgeted for 2012; however management thinks they are still necessary. These unspent funds increased the Wastewater Operating Reserve by the amounts as listed and this amendment would make them available to finish the project or purchase:

- \$184,040 Water Quality Data Review and Business Process system software purchase and implementation delayed by negotiating terms
- \$90,000 Scheduled computer replacement delayed to ensure applications compatibility with Windows 7 and component manufacturing delays
- \$710,000 Vehicle purchases delayed until completion of State contract
- \$461,700 Maintenance projects delayed by design, contracting and bidding, scheduling, and other issues
- \$400,000 Replacement of 2 front end loaders delayed by review of specifications and the bidding process
- \$500,000 Data Integration and Business Objects Systems software, maintenance and implementation delayed to ensure application compatibility
- \$200,000 Dredging of the chlorine channel at Metro Plant, delayed due to obtaining competitive bids and weather issues
- \$93,000 Advanced aeration control technology purchase delayed due to development of specifications and bidding issues

**Rationale**

This amendment authorizes funding projects and purchases, through the use of Wastewater Operating Reserves, that are critical to MCES operations and control.

**Funding**

These projects or purchases will be funded through the budget that was originally approved for them but at year end transferred into the Wastewater Operating Contingency Reserve. This amendment makes that 2011 surplus available to complete the work and will not cause reserves to fall below the 10% Council Target Reserve Balance policy level.

## Known Support / Opposition

None