

METROPOLITAN COUNCIL

390 North Robert Street, St. Paul, Minnesota 55101

REGULAR MEETING OF THE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

Tuesday, April 10, 201

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

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

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, April 10, 2012.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MINUTES

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

It was moved by Melander, seconded by Van Eyll, to approve the minutes of the March 27, 2012 regular meeting of the Environment Committee. **The motion carried.**

BUSINESS

2012-122 Authorization to Purchase Process Chemicals for Metropolitan Council Environmental Services Facilities

It was moved by Schreiber, seconded by Van Eyll, that the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to issue purchase orders to the following companies:

- Hawkins Chemicals, Inc. for the procurement of Sodium Hydroxide Solution (Caustic Soda), Ferric Chloride, Muriatic Acid, Sulfuric Acid, and Ammonium Hydroxide in the amount of \$3,865,173;
- DPC Industries for Sodium Hypochlorite in the amount of \$ 2,237,270;
- C&S Chemicals, Inc. for Aluminum Sulfate in the amount of \$ 1,902,625; and
- PVS Chemical Solutions, Inc. for Sodium Bisulfite in the amount of \$ 777,480.

2012-123 Authorization to Negotiate and Execute an Amendment to the Construction and Cost Sharing Agreement with the City of East Bethel, MCES Project Nos. 801620 and 801623, Contract No. 10I027

It was moved by Schreiber, seconded by Melander, that the Metropolitan Council authorize its Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute an amendment to the Construction Cooperation and Cost Sharing Agreement with the City of East Bethel, Projects 801620 and 801623, Contract No. 10I027.

Motion carried.

2012-124 Authorization to Increase Delegated Change Order Authority for Golden Valley Interceptor 1-GV-461 Improvements, Project No. 809030

It was moved by Van Eyll, seconded by Melander that the Metropolitan Council increases the delegated construction contract change order authority of its General Manager, Environmental Services, from \$50,000 to \$180,000 for the Golden Valley Interceptor 1-GV-461 Improvements, Project 809030.

Motion carried.

INFORMATION

1. Turbidity and Phosphorus Permit Issues for Metro Area Waters

Keith Buttleman, Assistant General Manager of Environmental Quality Assurance, explained how Phosphorus and suspended solids detrimentally impact water resources. Point source is controlled through permits; nonpoint source is controlled mostly through voluntary actions. The impact on Lake Pepin is the primary driver for reduction requirements on wastewater and stormwater coming from the metro area. Issues in Lake Pepin are driven now mostly by nonpoint source pollution. MCES facilities have achieved the practical limit for phosphorus in effluent, and additional treatment would be extremely costly. Nonpoint source contributions have essentially not been addressed. MCEDS will begin to explore working with cities and watershed districts on these issues to see if a solution can be found. Further discussion will take place at future meetings.

2. Budget and Rate Concepts

Jason Willett, Environmental Services Finance Director, informed the committee that no Sewer Availability Charge (SAC) shift is needed in 2013, and staff will recommend continuing the SAC policy reserve exception and will propose increasing the SAC rate 3% in 2013. He reviewed industrial rate issues, debt service, pay-as-you-go, and reserve use options.

3. General Manager's Report

William G. Moore reported that all plants were in compliance. He also informed the Committee that the Council has received a letter from EPA requesting 20 years of maintenance/capital improvement data for the Seneca WWTP incinerators. Response is due in 45 days.

Business completed, the meeting adjourned at 5:39 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan M. Harder
Recording Secretary