



Environment Committee

Item: 2011-168

For the Metropolitan Council meeting of June 22, 2010

ADVISORY INFORMATION

Date Prepared: June 15, 2011

Subject: Final Ratification of Flood Emergency Expenditures and Reimbursement of Flood Preparation and Protection Expenditures

Proposed Action:

That the Metropolitan Council ratify expenditures made for flood preparation and protection measures and adopt the attached resolution authorizing the Regional Administrator or his designee to sign agreements with the Minnesota Department of Public Safety related to reimbursement of flood-related expenditures.

Summary of Committee Discussion / Questions:

Council Member Reynoso commented that building the permanent Hastings flood wall was good. He questioned the expense of renting pumps for the Blue Lake facility. Staff explained that three permanent effluent pumps are being rehabbed, and renting the back-up pumps was required to ensure that the plant effluent could be discharged and prevent flooding the plant.

Council Member Wulff commented that it has been found to be more cost-effective to build the temporary road to the Metro Plant during a flood event that making permanent changes to the road.

Council members asked how much FEMA will reimburse the Council. Staff responded that FEMA reimbursements vary depending upon the category of expense. Staff believes reimbursement could be in the six-figure range.

Motion to approve the proposed action was made, seconded, and passed unanimously.



Environment Committee

Business Item: 2011-168

Meeting date: June 14, 2011

For the Metropolitan Council Meeting of June 22, 2011

ADVISORY INFORMATION

Date:	June 8, 2011
Subject:	Final Ratification of Flood Emergency Expenditures and Reimbursement of Flood Preparation and Protection Expenditures
District(s), Member(s):	All
Policy/Legal Reference:	Council Policy 3-3, Expenditures
Staff Prepared/Presented:	Jim Nally 651-602-834
Division/Department:	MCES c/o William G. Moore 651-602-1162

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Background

Flood conditions were projected for the Minnesota and Mississippi Rivers, affecting the Metropolitan, Blue Lake, and Hastings wastewater treatment plants. Business Item 2011-55 and the associated 'Justification for and Declaration of Emergency' were approved by the Environment Committee on February 8, 2011 and by the full Council on February 23, 2011. At that time, the estimated cost for the expected flood preparation and protection measures was \$400,000. Three contracts over \$100,000 were issued under the emergency declaration. The total expenditure for each is as follows:

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| 1. Hastings WWTP Flood Wall | \$112,331.80 | Lametti & Sons |
| 2. Blue Lake WWTP Back-up Pumps | \$147,482.43 | Northern Dewatering |
| 3. Metropolitan WWTP Temporary Road & Barriers | \$359,909.59 | Lametti & Sons |

Later projections by the National Weather Service indicated higher flood stages than originally projected, requiring additional preparation and protection measures. While the higher flood stages were never reached, the duration of the flood event did exceed original projections, requiring a longer term response. On April 6, Governor Mark Dayton signed Emergency Executive Order 11-11 declaring a state of emergency in the State of Minnesota. Council staff is currently working with the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to identify potentially reimbursable expenditures. This would include the three contracts listed above, plus additional expenditures and costs which may be eligible. The attached resolution is required by the State of Minnesota as part of the FEMA reimbursement request.

Rationale

Contracts issued under emergency declaration must be ratified by the Council if the costs exceed \$100,000.

Funding

Estimated cost for the flood preparation and protection measures is \$800,000.

Known Support / Opposition

None.

Resolution Delegating Legal Signing Authority

Be it resolved that the jurisdiction of Metropolitan Council, has authorized
Patrick Born, Regional Administrator

Name, Title

Or
Name, Title

to sign any and all grants or required documentation from the Division of Homeland Security
and Emergency Management at the Department of Public Safety, executed on behalf
of Metropolitan Council.

Dated _____

Signed:

Regional Administrator

Signature

Title

Attest:

Signature

Title