

**METROPOLITAN COUNCIL**  
390 North Robert Street, St. Paul, Minnesota 55101

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE**  
Tuesday, January 23, 2007

Committee Members Present: Chair Peggy Leppik, Russ Susag, Julius C. Smith, Lynette Wittsack,  
Daniel Wolter

Committee Members Absent: Roger Scherer

**CALL TO ORDER**

A quorum being present, Committee Chair Leppik called the regular meeting of the Council's Environment Committee to order at 4:00p.m. on Tuesday, January 23, 2007.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MINUTES**

It was moved by Wolter, seconded by Wittsack to approve the January 23, 2007 agenda and the minutes of the January 9, 2006 regular meeting of the Environment Committee. **The motion carried.**

**BUSINESS - CONSENT LIST - None**

**BUSINESS - NON-CONSENT LIST**

**2007-48 Adoption of Facility Plan for Lake Minnetonka Area Improvements, MCES Project 802800, Resolution No. 2007-07**

It was moved by Wittsack, seconded by Susag that the Metropolitan Council adopt the Facility Plan for Lake Minnetonka Area Improvements, MCES Project 802800, per attached Resolution No. 2007-07. **Motion carried.**

**2007-49 Authorization to Award and Execute a Contract for the Construction of the Chaska Lift Station L-71 Tunnel, MCES Project No. 803910**

It was moved by Smith, seconded by Susag that the Metropolitan Council authorize its Regional Administrator to award and execute a construction contract with Barbarossa and Sons for construction of the Chaska Lift Station L-71 tunnel project in the amount of \$1,110,050.

**Motion carried.**

**INFORMATION**

**Year-End Report**

William G. Moore, General Manager of Environmental Services, summarized the division's performance during 2006, and identified challenges that will be faced in 2007: 1) Rural Growth Issues; 2) Infiltration/Inflow; 3) Growth/System Capacity Issues; 4) Ongoing Capital Improvements; 5) Water Supply Planning; 6) Energy Conservation; 7) Labor Negotiations.

**Rapid Infiltration Wastewater Treatment Systems**

Bryce Pickart, Assistant General Manager – Technical Services, introduced the discussion on rapid infiltration basins (RIBs). Jim Bullert, Liesch Associates, explained the potential use of RIBs in Anoka County, the considerations taken when siting RIBs, and provided a conceptual view of a system.

**Long-term Wastewater Service Area for Northern Anoka County**

Bill Cook, Engineering & Planning Manager, reviewed the feasibility of using RIBs in Ham Lake and Oak Grove, and informed the Committee that Oak Grove has more potential than Ham Lake for RIBs. Next steps will be to present this information to the Community Development Committee, hold community meetings and amend the Water Resources Management Policy Plan to address long term wastewater service in northern Anoka County.

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**2003-2006 Report on Procurement of Professional Services**

Bryce Pickart, Assistant General Manager – Technical Services, provided a brief summary of the status of professional services contracts.

The meeting adjourned at 5:19 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan M. Harder  
Recording Secretary