

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

REGULAR MEETING OF THE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

Tuesday, July 24, 2007

Committee Members Present: Chair Peggy Leppik, Kirstin Beach, Roger Scherer, Russ Susag, Lynette Wittsack, Daniel Wolter

CALL TO ORDER

A quorum being present, Committee Chair Leppik called the regular meeting of the Council's Environment Committee to order at 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, July 24, 2007.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MINUTES

It was moved by Scherer, seconded by Wittsack to approve the July 24, 2007 agenda and the minutes of the June 26, 2007 regular meeting of the Environment Committee. **The motion carried.**

BUSINESS - CONSENT LIST - None

BUSINESS - NON-CONSENT LIST

2007-258 Ratification of Declaration of Emergency for Removal and Disposal of Alkaline Stabilized Sludge

Proposed action: That the Metropolitan Council ratify the attached *Justification for and Declaration of Emergency* for removal and disposal of Alkaline Stabilized Sludge.

2007-259 Award of and Authorization to Execute Contract 06P082B with SKB Environmental, Inc. for Transport and Disposal of Alkaline Stabilized Material

Proposed Action: That the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to execute Contract 06P082B with SKB Environmental, Inc. for transport and disposal of alkaline stabilized material in an amount not to exceed \$404,000.

It was moved by Wolter, seconded by Susag, to approve the recommendations for 2007-258 and 2007-259. **Motion carried.**

2007-260 Authorization to Award and Execute a Contract for Construction of Blue Lake WWTP Bio-P Improvements, MCES Project No. 801820

It was moved by Wittsack, seconded by Susag that the Metropolitan Council authorize its Regional Administrator to award and execute a construction contract with Madsen-Johnson Corp. for their lowest responsive, responsible bid of \$7,138,600, for the Blue Lake WWTP Bio-P Improvements, MCES Project No. 801820.

Motion carried.

2007-261 Increase of Delegated Construction Contract Change Order Authority for Security Improvements, MCES Project No. 801700 and Liquid Waste Discharge Site, MCES Project No. 803300

It was moved by Susag, seconded by Wittsack that the Metropolitan Council increases the delegated construction contract change order authority of its General Manager, Environmental Services, from \$401,480 to \$601,480 for Contract No. 05P113, Security Improvements, MCES Project No. 801700 and Liquid Waste Discharge Site, Project No. 803300.

Motion carried.

2007-262 Transfer of Environmental Services (ES) Operating Reserves

It was moved by Susag, seconded by Wittsack that the Metropolitan Council approve a transfer of \$2.3 million from the wastewater Reserve/Contingency Fund, \$1.15 million to the Retiree Health Fund for ES retirees and \$1.15 million to the Capital Fund for ES' Capital Project expenses.

Motion carried.

INFORMATION

Infiltration/Inflow (I/I) Program

Staff provided an update on the surcharge program, informing the Committee that surcharges for four communities will increase in 2008, and two additional communities will be surcharged in 2008, for a total of 46 communities. Staff is determining the eligibility of credits submitted by communities, and is providing technical assistance and program information to communities. Community work plans for 2008 are due in September 2007; staff will respond to those plans by November 15, 2007, and will copy Committee members on that correspondence. MCES continues its I/I activities in addition to participating in joint projects with a number of communities. Staff is looking into a state bond request in 2008 to fund a municipal grant program for the mitigation of inflow/infiltration. In addition, staff is considering reallocating money from the Metro Environment Partnership (MEP) Grant Program to fund a drain disconnection reimbursement grant program. The Committee members concurred with staff's grant program proposals.

Sewer Fees

William G. Moore, General Manager of Environmental Services, informed the Committee that MCES has received \$435,000 for Minnesota Brewing Company's delinquent sewer fees.

The meeting adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan M. Harder
Recording Secretary