

E Environment Committee

Meeting date: September 11, 2007

For the Metropolitan Council meeting of September 26, 2007

ADVISORY INFORMATION	
Date:	September 5, 2007
Subject:	Authorization to Acquire Wastewater Treatment Plant Site and Groundwater Recharge Sites for East Bethel Water Reclamation Facility, MCES Project No. 801620
District(s), Member(s):	9, Natalie Steffen
Policy/Legal Reference:	Minnesota Statutes 473.504 and Council Policy 3-3, Expenditures
Staff Prepared/Presented:	Bryce Pickart, 651-602-1091
Division/Department:	MCES c/o William G. Moore, 651-602-1162

Proposed Action/Motion

That the Metropolitan Council authorizes its Regional Administrator to acquire the wastewater treatment plant site and the groundwater discharge sites for the East Bethel Water Reclamation Facility, MCES Project No. 801620.

Issue(s)

- Land acquisition is necessary for implementation of this project. This action delegates authority to the Regional Administrator to negotiate and acquire sites for the appraised value, plus up to \$250,000 in settlement costs for each parcel, per Policy 3-3.

Overview and Funding

This project will provide wastewater service to the City of East Bethel, using a wastewater treatment plant to produce water suitable for non-potable uses (e.g. irrigation) and to provide a treated water distribution system that incorporates groundwater recharge through dispersed basins in the community. The proposed plant site and five potential groundwater recharge basin sites are shown on the attached map. Geotechnical evaluations have been conducted, and these sites are feasible. Four of the five proposed groundwater recharge sites are government-owned. Acquisition of these sites is necessary, so that the project can proceed into the environmental permitting process and design/construction.

BUDGET INFORMATION					
Annual or Capital	Year Project Approved	Estimated Project Cost	Current Auth.	Unencumbered Funds	Requested Amount
Capital	2007	\$20,000,000	\$3,000,000	\$2,700,000	\$2,000,000

