

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

REGULAR MEETING OF THE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

Tuesday, January 22, 2008

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

CALL TO ORDER

A quorum being present, Committee Vice-Chair Susag called the regular meeting of the Council's Environment Committee to order at 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 22, 2008.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MINUTES

It was moved by Wittsack, seconded by Wolter to approve the agenda. **The motion carried.**

It was moved by Wolter, seconded by Wittsack to approve the minutes of the January 8, 2008 regular meeting of the Environment Committee. **The motion carried.**

BUSINESS

2008-16 Authorization to Award and Execute a Contract for Uniform Rental Services for Metropolitan Council Environmental Services, Contract 07P131

It was moved by Wolter, seconded by Wittsack that the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to award and execute a 5-year contract to provide Uniform Rental Services for MCES staff with AmeriPride Services Inc. for a total of \$466,124.60.

Motion carried.

2008-32 Authorization to Purchase Polymer for the Metropolitan Wastewater Treatment Plant

It was moved by Scherer, seconded by Wolter that the Metropolitan Council authorize the Regional Administrator to issue a Purchase Order to Polydyne Incorporated, to provide Clarifloc CE-817 & CE-819 Polymers to the Metropolitan Wastewater Treatment Plant at a unit price of \$0.134 & \$1.09 per pound, respectively.

Motion carried.

2008-33 Ratification of Declaration of Emergency to Repair the Portland and Washington Regulator Site

It was moved by Scherer, seconded by Wittsack that the Metropolitan Council ratify the attached *Justification for and Declaration of Emergency* for repair of the Portland & Washington Regulator Site.

Motion carried.

2008-34 Increase of Delegated Construction Contract Change Order Authority for Security Improvements, MCES Project No. 801700 and Liquid Waste Discharge Site, Project No. 803300, Contract No. 05P113

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 \$601,480 to \$644,480 for Contract No. 05P113, Security Improvements, MCES Project No. 801700 and Liquid Waste Discharge Site, Project No. 803300.

Motion carried.

INFORMATION

Legislative Update – Environment / Energy

Judd Schetnan, Director of Government Affairs, provided an overview of the 2008 legislative session and the Metropolitan Council's bonding requests. The Council's policy bills include 1) a two-year extension of the

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sunset of the Metropolitan Advisory Water Supply Advisory Committee and 2) inclusion of wastewater biomass to the definition of renewable resources in the renewable energy legislation.

Status of Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) Development in the Metropolitan Area

Judy Sventek, Planning Analyst, explained the TMDL process, and provided the following status report. The 2006 impaired waters list contained over 2,200 impairments. To date, only ten percent of the streams and sixteen percent of the lakes in the state have been assessed. There are 78 TMDL studies underway. The statewide mercury TMDL addressed 511 of the impaired listings. Seven of the completed TMDLs have resulted in delisting due to point source improvements; 14 have been delisted because better data shows they are not impaired. The Council is helping with turbidity TMDLs for Sand Creek, Bevens Creek, and Carver Creek, and is working on the dissolved oxygen TMDL for Shingle Creek.

2008 Environment Committee Work Plan

The Committee agreed with the proposed work plan.

Business completed, Chair Leppik adjourned the meeting at 5:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan M. Harder
Recording Secretary