

## METROPOLITAN COUNCIL

390 North Robert Street, St. Paul, Minnesota 55101

### REGULAR MEETING OF THE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

Tuesday, April 12, 2011

Committee Members Present: Chair Sandra Rummel, Harry Melander, Edward Reynoso, Lona Schreiber Gary Van Eyll, Vice-Chair Wendy Wulff

Committee Members Excused: John Đoàn

#### CALL TO ORDER

A quorum being present, Committee Chair Rummel called the regular meeting of the Council's Environment Committee to order at 3:58 p.m. on Tuesday, April 12, 2011.

#### APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MINUTES

It was moved by Melander, seconded by Wulff, to approve the amended agenda. **The motion carried.**

It was moved by Wulff, seconded by Van Eyll, to approve the minutes of the March 22, 2011 regular meeting of the Environment Committee. **The motion carried.**

#### BUSINESS

##### **2011-101 Increase of Delegated Construction Change Order Authority for Interceptor 1-MN-300 (Bridal Veil Falls) Improvements, MCES Project No. 809008, Contract No. 10P246**

It was moved by Schreiber, seconded by Van Eyll, that the Metropolitan Council increases the delegated construction contract change order authority of its General Manager, Environmental Services, from \$50,000 to \$120,000 for the 1-MN-300 Protection, MCES Project no. 809008, Contract No. 10P246. **Motion carried.**

##### **2011-103 Ratification of Declaration of Emergency for Repair of Interceptor 1-MN-342**

It was moved by Melander, seconded by Wulff, that the Metropolitan Council ratify the attached *Justification for and Declaration of Emergency* for Repairs to Interceptor 1-MN-342.

**Motion carried.**

#### INFORMATION

##### **Overview of MCES' Role in Water Resources Management and Planning**

Judy Sventek, Manager-Water Resources Assessment, gave a brief overview of the regional planning process. Her presentation concentrated on surface water management policies and implementation strategies.

Kyle Colvin, Assistant Manager-Engineering Services, reviewed the wastewater policy and system plan, including the regional infiltration/inflow (I/I) program.

Communities must include a local surface water plan and a comprehensive sewer plan in their comprehensive plans.

##### **Metropolitan Wastewater Treatment Plant NPDES Permit**

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Keith Buttleman, Assistant General Manager-EQA, and Mary Gail Scott, Environmental Compliance Manager, explained that the purpose of this discussion is to give the council members a heads up about an issue related to the metro plant's NPDES permit. They explained that Perfluorooctane Sulfonate (PFOS) is a perfluorinated compound (PFC). PFCs were manufactured at 3M Cottage Grove plant for decades, and PFOS contamination has been identified in the soil, wastewater, groundwater, surface water, and river sediment at and near the 3M facility. The Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (PCA) proposed adding a PFOS limit to the Metro and Eagles Point Wastewater Treatment Plant permits. Controlling PFOS and Metro will not address the impairment, and Council staff want time to evaluate the impairment and understand PFOS. 3M is cleaning up the contaminated sediment and this may remove the impairment.

**Introduction to MCES Finance and Budgets**

Jason Willett, ES Finance Director, explained the financial principles and goals of Metropolitan Council Environmental Services (MCES). He reviewed MCES' budget terminology, revenues, expenses, expense drivers, and reserve. The overview will continue at the next meeting and will focus on rates and charges.

**General Manager's Report**

William G. Moore reported:

- the NPDES permit limits have been successfully met for 50 consecutive months;
- the flood threat has lessened, and there has not been a major impact on wastewater treatment facilities;
- nine rehabilitation projects for sewers are scheduled in the next 3-4 months.

Business completed, the meeting adjourned at 6:13 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Susan M. Harder  
Recording Secretary