

METROPOLITAN COUNCIL

390 North Robert Street, St. Paul, Minnesota 55101

REGULAR MEETING OF THE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

Tuesday, January 10, 2012

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

CALL TO ORDER

A quorum being present, Committee Chair Rummel called the regular meeting of the Council's Environment Committee to order at 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 10, 2012.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MINUTES

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

It was moved by Wulff, seconded by Van Eyll, to approve the minutes of the December 13, 2011 regular meeting of the Environment Committee. **The motion carried.**

BUSINESS

2012-16 Authorization to Award and Execute Construction Contract 11P060 for East Bethel Water Reclamation Plant and Land Application Basins, Project Number 801622

It was moved by Schreiber, seconded by Wulff, that the Metropolitan Council authorize its Regional Administrator to award and execute a contract for construction of the East Bethel Water Reclamation Plant and Land Application Basins, Project Number 801622, Contract 11P060, with Rice Lake Construction Group for its low bid of \$13,056,600.00. **Motion carried.**

2012-17 Authorization to Accept Grant and Execute Grant Agreement with St. Paul Port Authority for Evaluation of Anaerobic Digestion as Renewable Energy Process

It was moved by Wulff, seconded by Van Eyll, that the Metropolitan Council authorize its Regional Administrator to accept a \$150,000 grant from, and to execute a grant agreement with, the St. Paul Port Authority for evaluation of anaerobic digestion as a renewable energy process at selected MCES facilities.

Motion carried, with Melander abstaining.

2012-18 Authorization to Negotiate and Execute Engineering Services Agreements for Interceptor Projects

It was moved by Reynoso, seconded by Wulff, that the Metropolitan Council authorizes its Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute engineering services agreements for interceptor projects with the following firms at the stated not-to-exceed amounts:

Brown & Caldwell	\$ 12,000,000
Foth Infrastructure	\$ 4,000,000
H.R. Green	\$ 4,000,000
SEH	\$ 4,000,000

Motion carried.

2012-19 Authorization to Negotiate and Execute an Engineering Services Agreement for Interceptor Sewer Tunneling Master Contract 11P179

It was moved by Đoàn, seconded by Schreiber, that the Metropolitan Council authorize its Regional Administrator to negotiate and execute an engineering services agreement with CNA Consulting Engineers for Interceptor Sewer Tunneling Master Contract 11P179 for an amount not to exceed \$2,000,000.

Motion carried.

2012-20 Authorization for Sole Source Procurement from Barr Engineering Company for Update of the Twin Cities Metropolitan Area Regional Groundwater Flow Model

It was moved by Wulff, seconded by Đoàn, that the Metropolitan Council authorize its Regional Administrator to procure an update of the Twin Cities Metropolitan Area Regional Groundwater Flow Model (Metro Model 2) on a sole source basis from Barr Engineering Company. This is for an amount not to exceed \$314,570 over a five-year period.

Motion carried, with Schreiber abstaining.

INFORMATION

1. Update on Waste Discharge Rules. Keith Buttleman, Assistant General Manager of Environmental Quality Assurance, explained the purpose of the waste discharge rules and the need to make revisions and additions to the rules. Staff will communicate with customer communities and industrial permittees, and conduct a public meeting prior to bringing revised rules to the committee and full council.
2. Overview of Policy Plan Process. William G. Moore informed the committee that the Water Resources Management Policy Plan (WRMPP) will be introduced to the Environment Committee over the year. Keith Buttleman provided a general introduction of the WRMPP.
3. Maple Plain MWC Update. Jason Willett, ES Financial Management Director, reviewed the city's request that the Council allow additional time for the city to pay its 2012 sanitary sewer charge. This is the first time this issue has arisen. After reviewing possible options, the Committee decided that more information is needed. In the interim, 2012 payment can be delayed only until staff develops a policy/process that will apply to all communities and provide a prudent fiscal approach. Staff will develop such a policy and bring it to the committee for review.
4. PFA Loan. Jason Willett provided a summary of the 2011 PFA loan, which was depleted in December 2011. PFA loans are expected to provide about 60% of wastewater capital spending in the CIP period. MCES has been active in the PFA loan program since 1989 and has entered into 20 loan agreements with interest rates ranging from 1.77% to 6.42%. Debt service projections through 2017 were reviewed. A business item will be taken to the Management Committee on January 25 to authorize execution of loan agreements with PFA.
5. General Manager's Report. William G. Moore reported that all plants were in compliance in December. He also informed the committee that 3M has filed suit against the Council.

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Business completed, the meeting adjourned at 5:54 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan M. Harder
Recording Secretary