Business Item 2017-286 SW: Wastewater Reuse Policy Task **Force Report**

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Environment Committee: December 12, 2017



Task Force Purpose

• To review the Council's existing wastewater reuse policies and recommend clarifications needed to respond to opportunities for wastewater reuse.

Approved by Metropolitan Council, March 22, 2017



Task Force Composition



Representation of communities which are served by MCES...

- Large and small ratepayers
- Geographic diversity
- With or without history of interest in or experience with wastewater reuse





Appointed Task Force Members

Community/ Organization	Name	Title
Metropolitan Council	Sandy Rummel	Metropolitan Council District 11 and Committee
Bloomington	Mary Hurliman	Deputy Director of Public Works
Cottage Grove	Jennifer Levitt	Community Development Director/C
Eagan	Jon Eaton	Superintendent of Utilities
Hugo	Bryan Bear	City Administrator
Lakeville	Chris Petree	Public Works Director
Maplewood	Michael Thompson	Public Works Director
Metro Cities	Steven Huser	Government Relations Specialist
Ramsey	Kurt Ulrich	City Administrator
St. Paul	Beverly Farraher	Public Works Operations Manager
St. Louis Park	Debra Heiser	Engineering Director
Vadnais Heights	Mark Graham	City Engineer/Public Services Direct

Stakeholder input from development community & Department of Natural Resources





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Task Force Policy Focus



Do wastewater reuse projects have a regional benefit?



If so, should the region, through MCES' municipal wastewater charge, contribute a regional cost share?



How should MCES partner with local communities or water utilities for wastewater reuse projects?



Task Force Findings and Recommendations

Consensus Items:

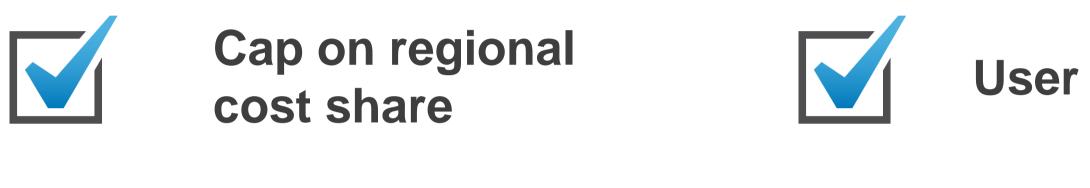
- Reasons for wastewater reuse program
- Responsive approach
- Cooperation and partnership rather than competition
- Cost-of-service basis for reclaimed water rate
- Regional benefit evaluation
- Funding from non-Council funds

Council Decision:Regional cost share



Task Force Findings and Recommendations, cont'd

If Met Council decides to implement a regional cost share, **Task Force recommends pilot program:**





Public hearing



Council governance decision making

review



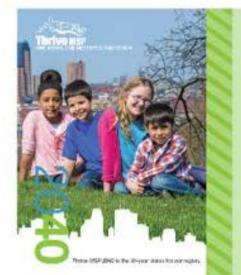
Future policy

Reporting on MCES' reuse activities

User agreement

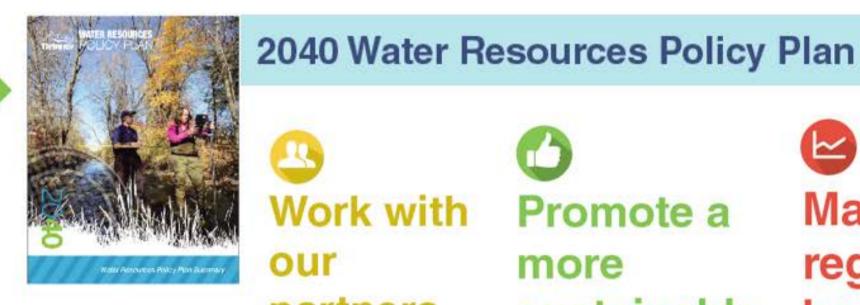


Thrive Lens Analysis



Thrive MSP 2040 Plan

Pursue wastewater reuse where economically feasible as a means to promote sustainable water resources.





Work with Promote a more sustainable region

Maximize regional benefits from regional investments







Proposed Action

 That the Council accept the Wastewater Reuse Policy Task Force Report



Questions

