

Information Item: Wastewater Reuse-Related Alternative Policy Amendments to the Water Resources Policy Plan Update

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Wastewater Reuse-Related Alternative Policy Amendments to *Water Resources Policy Plan*

Item	ALTERNATIVE 1 No Regional Cost Share	ALTERNATIVE 2 Includes Regional Cost Share Based on Regional Environmental and Economic Benefits	ALTERNATIVE 3 Includes Regional Cost Share Based on Regional Wastewater System Benefit Only
WASTEWATER REUSE POLICY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reclaimed water cost: cost-of-service, case-by-case basis; no regional cost share Cooperate and partner with local communities Pursue sources of non-Council funding Project is consistent with host community's comprehensive plan Council may enter into a joint powers or other agreement with the host community for the reclaimed water service Council shall enter into a long-term reclaimed water service agreement with each user 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reclaimed water cost: cost-of-service, case-by-case basis Cooperate and partner with local communities If regional environmental and economic benefits exist, implement a regional cost share Cap the cumulative regional cost share of all reuse projects at maximum of 0.75% of total annual municipal wastewater charges (approximately\$1.65M or \$1/REC) Pursue sources of non-Council funding Project is consistent with host community's comprehensive plan Council may enter into a joint powers or other agreement with the host community for the reclaimed water service Council shall enter into a long-term reclaimed water service agreement with each user 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reclaimed water cost: cost-of-service, case-by-case basis Cooperate and partner with local communities If regional wastewater system benefit exists, implement regional cost share Cap the cumulative regional cost share of all reuse projects at maximum of 0.75% of total annual municipal wastewater charges (approximately\$1.65M or \$1/REC) Pursue sources of non-Council funding Project is consistent with host community's comprehensive plan Council may enter into a joint powers or other agreement with the host community for the reclaimed water service Council shall enter into a long-term reclaimed water service agreement with each user
REGIONAL BENEFIT CRITERIA & PROCESS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Not applicable 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Regional environmental and economic benefits of reuse project: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Increases region's wastewater reuse capability Fosters region's environmental sustainability, and Fosters economic growth for a prosperous region (job creation and/or uniquely adding to the region's industrial/business portfolio) that would not happen without reclaimed water. Council public hearing to obtain public input prior to final determination on regional benefit and regional cost share 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Regional wastewater system benefit from a wastewater reuse project: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Regional wastewater system has been built to serve long-term growth in a sub-regional service area and the Department of Natural Resources has stated that issuance of a water appropriation would involve a complex and protracted process due to concerns about the area's long-term water supply, and/or Project reduces MCES' surface water discharge, delaying capital improvements to meet more stringent regulatory requirements Council public hearing to obtain public input prior to final determination on regional benefit and regional cost share

Public Meetings on Wastewater Reuse-Related Alternative Policy Amendments

WORKSHOPS

South Metro Location:
Inver Grove Heights Community Center
8055 Barbara Ave. E.
Inver Grove Heights, MN
Community Room 1

Tuesday, February 27, 2018
1:00 PM to 3:00 PM

North Metro Location:
Brooklyn Park Library
8500 W. Broadway Ave.
Brooklyn Park, MN
Mississippi River Room

Thursday, March 1, 2018
2:00 PM to 4:00 PM

PUBLIC HEARING

Metropolitan Council
390 Robert Street North
Saint Paul, MN
Room LLA

Tuesday, March 13, 2018
2:30 PM to 3:30 PM

Next Steps: Wastewater Reuse-Related Amendments to Water Resources Policy Plan

Action	Timeframe
Council authorized Wastewater Reuse Policy Task Force	3/22/17
Task Force meetings	April–November 2017
Committee of the Whole meeting	1/17/18
Council authorizes public hearing	2/14/18
Public workshops on policy alternatives	2/27 and 3/1/18
Public hearing on policy options	3/13/18
Environment Committee hears summary of public comments on policy alternatives	4/10/18
Environment Committee considers and recommends policy language to Council	4/24/18
Council acts on adoption of recommended policy amendment	5/9/18

Questions