

Environment Committee

Meeting date: March 13, 2018

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

District(s), Member(s): All

Policy/Legal Reference: 2040 Water Resources Policy Plan

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Background

On February 14, 2018, the Council approved a public hearing on the wastewater reuse-related alternative policy amendments to the *Water Resources Policy Plan*. The alternatives are an outgrowth of the Wastewater Reuse Policy Task Force. Public workshops were held on February 27 and March 1, 2018. The public hearing was held at 2:30 p.m. on March 13, 2018. The public comment period will close at 5:00 p.m. on March 23, 2018.

At the April 10, 2018 Environment Committee meeting, staff will provide a summary of public comments received for the Committee's use in deciding a recommendation to the Council for a policy amendment. At the April 24, 2018 Environment Committee meeting, staff will provide proposed policy amendment language for the Committee's consideration.

Rationale

Amendments to the 2040 Water Resources Policy Plan require council action.

Thrive Lens Analysis

Thrive MSP 2040 sets the direction for the Council's development of wastewater reuse where economically feasible to promote sustainable water resources and emphasizes working with the Council's partners. The alternative amendments represent different approaches to wastewater reuse that align with Thrive MSP 2040's goals by developing wastewater reuse capability in a collaborative manner, setting the stage for reuse-dependent job and economic growth, while advancing resource recovery from solid waste and generation of renewable energy.

Funding

None

Known Support / Opposition

The summary of public comments to be presented to the Environment Committee on April 10, 2018 will indicate the level of support and opposition to the policy alternatives.