

Environment Committee

Meeting date: January 26, 2021

For the Metropolitan Council meeting of February 10, 2021

Subject: Interceptor Chemical Odor and Corrosion Control Project Public Hearing Request, MCES Project No. 819011

District(s), Member(s): All

Policy/Legal Reference: Minn. Stat. § 471A.08 (2012) & Minn. Stat. § 473.524

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Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council authorize a public hearing to gather input on the Request for Proposals (RFP) for the Interceptor Chemical Odor and Corrosion Control project.

Background

Nitrate salts are added to the interceptor system at specific locations to reduce the production of hydrogen sulfide which reduces odors and corrosion in the interceptor system. The Council recently approved a contract extension with Evoqua Water Technologies Inc. (Evoqua) to provide nitrate salts, odor control equipment, and services. The new sole source contract with Evoqua will expire on July 31, 2022. Staff is currently working on an RFP for a design-build and operations agreements for odor and corrosion control services. MCES will own all non-proprietary equipment, while the Contractor will design-build the system and provide ongoing operations and maintenance for 10 years with the potential for two 5-year extensions. The RFP will be advertised in February and a public hearing is required before entering into a contract with a Contractor.

Rationale

Minnesota law requires a public hearing before entering into this type of contract.

Thrive Lens Analysis

This action advances the Thrive outcome of stewardship and the Thrive principle of collaboration. Public financial resources will be invested efficiently and effectively to maintain and restore wastewater infrastructure, which protects the region's natural resources.

Funding

Funds are available in the Environmental Services capital program and operating budget for the Interceptor Services Business Unit.

Known Support / Opposition

There is no known opposition.