

Environment Committee

Meeting date: November 12, 2013

For the Metropolitan Council meeting of December 11, 2013

Subject: Authorization to Hold a Public Hearing on Draft Facility Plan for the St Bonifacius Lift Station and Force Main Improvements, MCES Project No. 808200

District(s), Member(s): Jennifer Munt- District 3, Gary Van Eyll – District 4

Policy/Legal Reference: PFA Loan Requirement

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Proposed Action

It is recommended the Metropolitan Council authorize its General Manager of Environmental Services to hold a public hearing for the Draft Facility Plan for the St Bonifacius Lift Station and Force Main Improvements, MCES Project No. 808200.

Background

The facility plan addresses improvements to the St. Bonifacius lift station and force main system. The improvements will: improve the integrity of MCES facilities; replace facilities in excess of 40 years old; minimize system failures that could pose a threat to the environment, other community assets, public safety, and health; improve system reliability, and increase system capacity. The elements of the recommended plan are:

- Replace 22,500 lineal feet of 12-inch force main with a new 16-inch dual force main following a similar alignment as the present facility.
- Replace Lift Station L24 with a new facility located at its present location or at a location in close proximity.

Rationale

A public hearing is required for a draft facility plan prior to its adoption by the Metropolitan Council as a condition for obtaining project financing through the Minnesota Public Financing Authority.

Funding

Funds for the project planning and design are included in the 2013 Capital Program. Construction authorization and funding are being requested in the proposed 2014 Capital Program. MCES will submit this project to PFA for inclusion in its 2014 Intended Use Plan.

Known Support / Opposition

MCES staff is not aware of opposition to the project.