

Environment Committee

For the Metropolitan Council meeting of December 13, 2017

Subject: Wastewater Reuse Policy Task Force Report

Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council accept the Wastewater Reuse Policy Task Force Report.

Summary of Committee Discussion/Questions

An inquiry was made regarding the proposed regional cost share. Staff clarified the task force members were divided regarding providing a regional cost share for projects that involve a regional benefit and recommended that the Council decide this issue.

The Committee discussed the potential impact to the Municipal Wastewater Charge (MWC).

Environment Committee

Meeting date: December 12, 2017

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District(s), Member(s): All
Policy/Legal Reference: 2040 Water Resources Policy Plan
Staff Prepared/Presented: Deborah Manning, 651-602-1114; Jennifer Levitt, Community Development Director/City Engineer for the City of Cottage Grove
Division/Department: MCES Leisa Thompson, 651-602-8101

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Background

The Council authorized the Wastewater Reuse Policy Task Force on March 22, 2017. The task force’s purpose was to review the Council’s existing wastewater reuse policies and recommend clarifications needed to respond to requests for wastewater reuse. The task force was chaired by Sandy Rummel and consisted of staff from 10 communities that are MCES wastewater customers and a representative from Metro Cities. The task force has completed its work, including the Task Force Report.

Rationale

Council acceptance of the report is the final step in the task force’s work.

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 Wastewater Reuse Policy Task Force’s work aligns with Thrive MSP 2040’s goals by developing wastewater reuse capability in a collaborative manner, setting the stage for reuse-supported job and economic growth, while advancing resource recovery from solid waste and generation of renewable energy.

Funding

Not applicable.

Known Support / Opposition

The task force reviewed the draft report at its final meeting on Nov. 13, 2017 and agreed with its content.