Environment Committee
For the Metropolitan Council meeting of January 27, 2021

**Subject:** Authorization to Hold a Public Hearing on the Draft Facility Plan for the Blue Lake Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvements, MCES Project 809700

**Amended Proposed Action**
That the Metropolitan Council authorize a public hearing on March 15, 2021 to gather input on the draft Facility Plan for the Blue Lake Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) Improvements Project, MCES Project No. 809700.

**Summary of Committee Discussion/Questions**
No comments or questions.

A modified public hearing date and timeline for Council adoption was provided as follows:
- Public Hearing: March 15, 2021
- Council Adoption: April 28, 2021
- Submit Facility Plan to MPCA: May 1, 2021

There is no change to Construction Phase I, II or II at this time

The amended proposed action was approved.
Environment Committee  
Meeting date: January 12, 2021  
For the Metropolitan Council meeting of January 27, 2021

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**District(s), Member(s):** District 4, Deb Barber  
**Policy/Legal Reference:** MN Rule 7077.0272, subpart 3  
**Staff Prepared/Presented:** Jason Peterson, 651-602-1614; Rene Heflin, 651-602-1077  
**Division/Department:** MCES c/o Leisa Thompson, 651-602-8101

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That the Metropolitan Council authorize a public hearing on March 1, 2021 March 15, 2021 to gather input on the draft Facility Plan for the Blue Lake Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) Improvements Project, MCES Project No. 809700.

**Background**
The Blue Lake WWTP located in Shakopee, MN provides wastewater treatment to 29 cities with 300,000 residents. Solids treatment capacity of the plant is projected to be reached within the next 10 years. Liquids treatment capacity has peak hour constraints, and additional liquids treatment is needed to meet future permit limits for effluent phosphorus. The proposed project will be built in up to three construction phases.

**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 Facilities Authority.

**Thrive Lens Analysis**
This action advances the Thrive outcomes of Stewardship and Sustainability by advancing improving the water quality of the Minnesota River, providing more capacity for development in the southwest metro, and investing in our infrastructure in an efficient manner to maximize the lifespan of our processes.

**Funding**
Preliminary funds for the project’s planning, design, and construction are proposed in the 2021 Capital Program. MCES intends to submit this project to PFA for inclusion in its 2021 Intended Use Plan.

**Known Support / Opposition**
There is no known opposition to this project.