MCES owns, operates and maintains $7 billion in wastewater system assets.

Who We Serve
- 7-county Twin Cities Metro Area
- 110 communities
- 2,600,000 people

Our organization
- 600+ employees
- $7 billion in assets (estimated replacement cost)
- $150 million/year capital program

WASTEWATER INFRASTRUCTURE

WHY IS IT IMPORTANT TO KEEP OUR WASTEWATER SYSTEM IN GOOD REPAIR?
- Protect public health
- Protect the environment
- Protect other infrastructure

2020 PROPOSED REVENUE SOURCES

$311M

76%
Municipal Wastewater Charges (MWC)

16%
Sewer Availability Charge (SAC)

5%
Industrial Waste Charges

3%
Other

Sewer Availability Charge (SAC) pays for reserve capacity
MCES charges a one-time fee to local governments when a residence or business connects to the regional wastewater system for the first time or when the business increases capacity demand.

3 Primary Factors Impact a Community’s Municipal Wastewater Charge:
- Regional flow volume
- Community flow volume
- Regional MWC budget

MCES WASTEWATER ASSETS
- 610 MILES OF SEWER PIPE
- 60 LIFT STATIONS
- 8 WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANTS
- 223 METERS

Key
- Interceptor
- Wastewater Treatment Plant

MCES 2020 Proposed Regional Rate Increases
Regional Wastewater Charge: 3.6%
Sewer Availability Charge: No Increase
Industrial Strength Charge: 4.5%
Industrial Permit Fee: 3.6%

2018-2022 Goals for Regional Wastewater Charge Increases
<4% per year
Customer Service Goals

- Deliver predictable & justifiable rates
- Provide fair, equitable, and transparent cost allocation
- Invest in the system to insure well-maintained assets
- Protect the public health, safety and environment
- Be a good neighbor
- Provide planned capacity
- Engage customers

Budget Process Timeline

- Jan-Apr: Operating Budget Developed
- Mar-Apr: Industrial Workshops
- May: Environment Committee Direction for Public Meetings
- May-Jun: MCES Budget Workshops & Open House
- Jul: Environment Committee Review of Customer Input and 2020 Rate Adoption Recommendation
- Aug: Council Preliminary Operating Budget Adoption
- Dec: Council Budget Approval

MCES also provides the following services for the region:

**INDUSTRIAL WASTE**

MCES regulates and monitors approximately 900 industrial dischargers into the sewer system to ensure compliance with local and federal regulations to protect public health and the environment.

**WATER RESOURCES ASSESSMENT & PLANNING**

MCES provides leadership and information to empower Council and local actions that ensure clean, healthy and sustainable water resources for the region. Services include planning & collaboration, monitoring, and assessment & technical assistance.

**WATER SUPPLY PLANNING**

The role of the Metropolitan Council in water supply planning is to collaboratively develop a regional plan, maintain a database of technical information, assist communities in developing their water supply plans, and identify approaches for emerging issues.

Water Supply Planning is funded by the Council property tax levy and Clean Water Legacy Funds.

Learn more

- metrocouncil.org/Wastewater-Water.aspx

MCES Mission

Provide wastewater services and integrated planning to ensure sustainable water quality and water supply for the region.