Proposed Rogers Wastewater Treatment Facility Acquisition

MCES Mission

The Metropolitan Council’s statutory mission is to foster efficient and economic growth for a prosperous region. Environmental Services (MCES), an operating division of the Metropolitan Council, supports that mission by providing regional wastewater service to 2.7 million people in 109 communities within the seven-county metropolitan area. The regional wastewater system protects public health and water quality while providing capacity to serve the planned growth of the region.

Proposed Rogers Wastewater Treatment Facility Acquisition Background

The 2030 Water Resources Policy Plan identified the long-term need for a new regional wastewater treatment plant in northwest Hennepin County.

The 2040 Water Resources Policy Plan recognizes that MCES may acquire wastewater treatment plants from suburban communities outside the current service area, such as the Rogers wastewater treatment facility (WWTF), per request through the comprehensive planning process and after soliciting customer input and conducting a public hearing on the request. The Plan anticipated that the City of Rogers would make such a request based on discussions between the City and MCES.

In 2016, the Metropolitan Council approved the City of Rogers’ 2030 Comprehensive plan amendment, which identified the City’s intent to request acquisition of the existing Rogers WWTF by the Metropolitan Council.

In October 2018, the City of Rogers approved a resolution requesting to MCES acquire its wastewater treatment facility.

Future Activities

The Council has been planning for a new Crow River Wastewater Treatment Plant to serve Rogers and portions of Corcoran and Dayton since 2005, as cited in the 2030 Water Resources Policy Plan.

The initial facility will be built for 3 million gallons per day (MGD) with the opportunity to expand to 6 MGD. The estimated cost of the new facility is $100 million, including inflation.

January 14, 2019
### Estimated Costs and Revenue of Rogers WWTF Acquisition

**Estimated Annual Average Revenue (2020 – 2030)**

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<td>Municipal Wastewater Charge (MWC)</td>
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**Estimated Annual Average Costs (2020 – 2030)**

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The acquisition of the Rogers WWTF has a **negligible** impact on SAC and MWC charges.

### Key Milestones

- **January 14, 2019**
  - Public Hearing

- **June 2019**
  - Execute Acquisition Agreement Between Rogers & MCES

- **December 2019**
  - MCES Assumes Rogers WWTF Operations

- **2020**
  - Initiate Planning for Crow River WWTP

- **2030**
  - Initiate Operations of Crow River WWTP

- **2031**
  - Decommission Rogers WWTF

For more information, call or email Anna Bessel, Assistant Manager of Engineering Programs, or visit the project website. Receiving formal comments through Jan 24, 2019 5:00pm.

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