

# Business Item

Environment Committee



**Committee Meeting Date:** March 28, 2023

**For the Metropolitan Council:** April 12, 2023

## Business Item: 2023-78

MWWTP Water Systems Renewal & Improvements Phase 1 – Distribution System Renewal Project  
Rejection of Bid

**District(s), Member(s):** District 13; Council Member Chai Lee  
**Policy/Legal Reference:** Policy 3-3 Expenditures  
**Staff Prepared/Presented:** Tim Amstutz, Assistant Manager, 651-602-1221  
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### Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council authorize its Regional Administrator to reject the bid for construction of MWWTP Water Systems Renewal & Improvements Phase 1 – Distribution System Renewal, Project Number 808963, Contract 22P076.

### Background

The project provides for construction of the following at the Metropolitan Wastewater Treatment Plant:

1. Replace approximately 21,000 lineal feet of service water piping ranging in size from 4 to 16-inches in diameter.
2. Replace approximately 39,000 lineal feet of service water tubing and piping ranging in size from 1/2 to 3 inches in diameter.
3. Install flushing hydrants, standpipes, and other appurtenances.

One bid was received February 8, 2023, in the amount of \$41,791,700. The Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) goal for this contract was 10%.

MCES proposes to reject the bid and to re-bid this project because the bid was \$18.9 million higher than the engineer's estimate.

### Rationale

Rejection of bids exceeding \$10,000,000 requires Council authorization.

### Thrive Lens Analysis

This action supports the Thrive outcome of stewardship as the work supports efforts to maintain the region's wastewater treatment system.

### Funding

Funds are provided in the Capital Program.