



Metropolitan Water Pollution Abatement Advisory Committee

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April 27, 2016

The Honorable Joe McDermott
Chair, King County Council
Room 1200
C O U R T H O U S E

SUBJECT: Wastewater Treatment Division 2017-18 Rate Recommendation

Dear Councilmember McDermott:

The Metropolitan Water Pollution Abatement Advisory Committee (MWWPAAC) has reviewed the Wastewater Treatment Division's (WTD's) rate proposal for 2017-2018, and its projected rate forecast for 2019-2022. The recommendation proposed by Executive Constantine should reduce the outstanding debt through 2030 via increased cash financing and moderate rate increases and is in line with the MWWPAAC debt review recommendation. Based on that review, we support the proposed 2017-18 monthly sewer rate of \$44.22 per residential customer equivalent, which is a 5.2% increase over 2016. We encourage you to support this proposed rate, which responds to many of MWWPAAC's previously voiced concerns and proposals.

As we move into the next budget period, we look forward to continued collaboration with WTD on timely review of financial and policy decisions that impact future rates. We believe the in-depth, collaborative work of the Debt Review Committee serves as a model for continuing a strong working relationship with WTD.

In conclusion, MWWPAAC supports the 2017-18 rate package with a continued commitment to a partnership with WTD for effective wastewater management. We remain appreciative of WTD's openness in giving MWWPAAC a meaningful role, and look forward to continued collaboration.

Sincerely,

Pam Carter
Chair

cc: Dow Constantine, King County Executive, Department of Executive Services
King County Councilmembers
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