



Metropolitan Water Pollution Abatement Advisory Committee

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March 23, 2016

The Honorable Dow Constantine
King County Executive
401 Fifth Avenue
Seattle, WA 98104

SUBJECT: **Wastewater Treatment Division 2017-18 Rate Recommendation**

Dear Executive Constantine:

The Metropolitan Water Pollution Abatement Advisory Committee (MWWPAAC) would like to express sincere appreciation for the sewer rate proposal submitted by Pam Elardo, Division Director, Wastewater Treatment Division (WTD) of the Department of Natural Resources and Parks. MWWPAAC has reviewed the WTD budget and rate proposal for 2017-18, and with it the revised rate forecast for 2019-2022. The recommendation to reduce outstanding debt through 2030 via increased cash financing and moderate rate increases is in line with the MWWPAAC debt review recommendation. Based on that review, we support the proposed 2017-18 rate of \$44.22, 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 planning period, we look forward to continued collaboration with WTD on reviewing finances and policy decisions that impact future rates. We believe the in-depth, collaborative work of the Debt Review Committee serves as a model for MWWPAAC's continued working relations 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: MWWPAAC Members

Christie True, Director, Department of Natural Resources and Parks (DNRP)

Pam Elardo, Division Director, Wastewater Treatment Division, DNRP