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Productivity Initiative Pilot Program

## Report on 2001 Results

## **Productivity Initiative Goals**

To be recognized as the best publicly owned and operated wastewater treatment system in the nation by 2005, and be competitive with any privatized wastewater operation in the nation by 2010.

### WTD Balanced Scorecard

- People Management
- Key Internal Processes
- Customer Focus
- Financial Performance

## King County Wastewater Treatment Program Balanced Scorecard

#### **People Management**

- Employee Satisfaction
- Employee Retention
- Training
- Innovation

#### **Financial Performance**

- Budget
- Cash Flow Performance
- Incentive Fund Size

#### **GOALS:**

To be "the best" public wastewater provider by 2005 and be competitive with private wastewater providers by 2010.

#### **Key Internal Processes**

- Regulatory Compliance
- Sanitary Sewer Overflows
- Combined Sewer Overflows
- Water Quality Protection
- Safety
- Reclamation of Resources

#### **Customer Focus**

- Component Agency Satisfaction
- Customer Satisfaction (Both Internal and External)
- Neighbors' Satisfaction

Web site: dnr-web.metrokc.gov/wtd/Manager/Productivity/bsc1.html

## People Management

Measurement: Employee satisfaction with participation and involvement in decision making

Target: 4.0

Current results: 3.65

Measurement: Employee retention

Target: 91% (public section average)

Current results: 94%

## **Key Internal Processes**

**Measurement:** AMSA Peak Performance Awards **Target:** Platinum Award (Gold Award for five consecutive years)

Current results: Gold Award, South Treatment Plant; Silver Award, West Point Treatment Plant

**Measurement: Number of sanitary sewer overflows Target:** elimination of separated system overflows **Current results:** 2 (as of 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter 2002)

## **Customer Focus**

**Measurement:** Stakeholder satisfaction (measured by component agency survey)

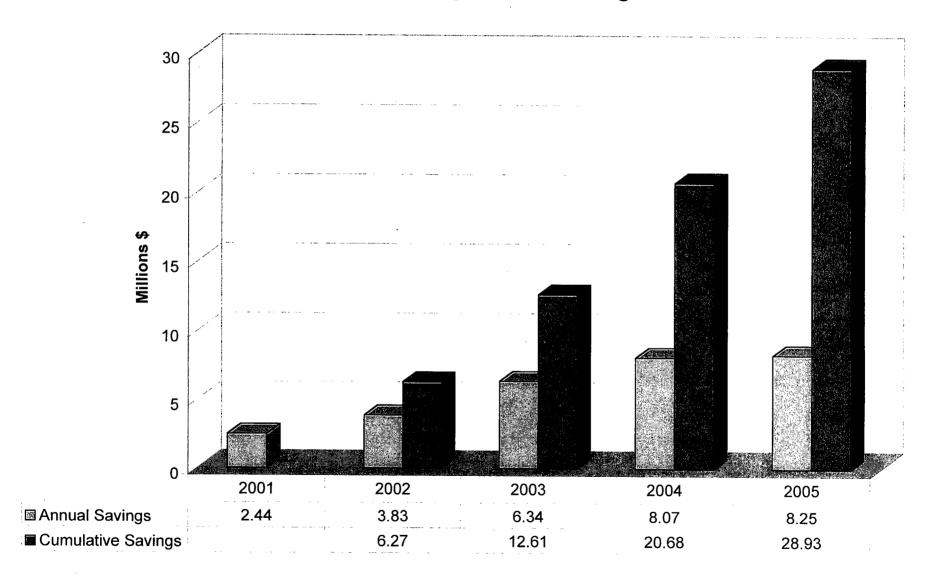
Target/Results:

	Target	Results
% response	90%	42%
Quality of service	4.0	4.08
Satisfaction with customer service	4.0	3.92
Value of overall service	4.0	3.31

## **Financial Performance**

Results from 2001

#### **WTD Productivity Planned Savings**



#### **Exceeding Savings Targets**

Ratepayer savings

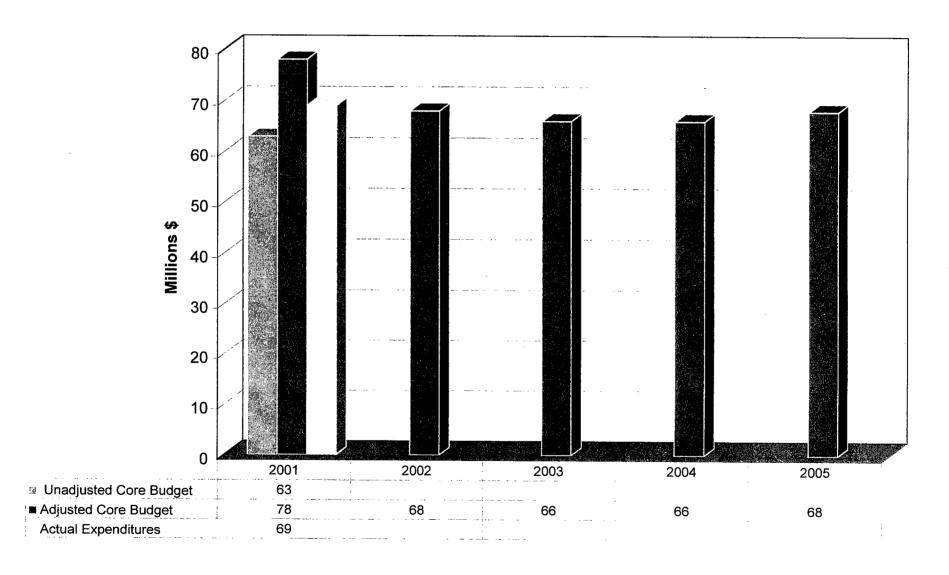
 Incentive rewards for employees when budget savings are due to specific actions identified as taken by staff

# 2001 was a very challenging and exciting year.

- Energy costs skyrocketed
- Financial policies were significantly adjusted

Budget target established for "core" wastewater program rose from \$63 million to \$78 million.

#### **WTD Productivity Annual Budget**



Of the \$9 million underexpenditure in the 2001 operating budget, \$2.76 million was the result of specific efficiencies implemented by staff in response to

- Productivity Initiative
- Energy crisis

#### Salary Savings (\$1.1 million total)

- Total reorganization of WTD.
- Reduced shift size at West Point Treatment Plant from 10 to 9 staff.
- Held manager position open at South Treatment Plant during reorganization; lent staff from Capital Program and Process Control to cover for manager vacancy.

#### (Salary savings, continued)

- Supervisor positions eliminated in Finance Section and Environmental Lab.
- Two maintenance positions eliminated in East Section.

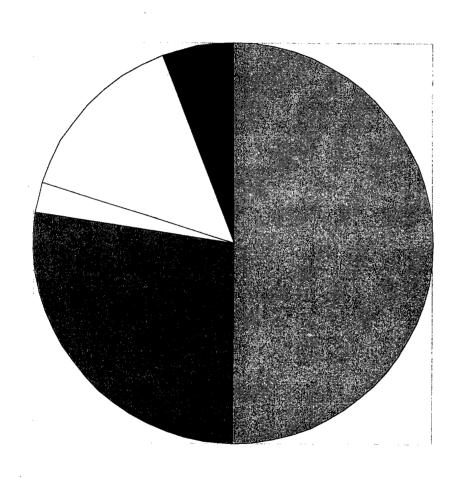
#### **Energy Savings**

- Rerouting of wastewater to West Point Treatment Plant: \$550,000.
- Emergency power generation at South Plant: \$345,000.
- Additional revenue, operation of 2 retired cogenerators: \$213,000.
- Extreme energy-saving actions at South Plant: \$118,000.

#### **Other Savings**

- Increased oxygen production, resulting in reduced purchases of liquid oxygen (\$136,000)
- Reduced biosolids haul costs due to installation of high solids centrifuges (\$65,000)
- Eliminating digester gas blower cooling water at South Plant (\$18,000)

#### **2001 Total Productivity Incentive Fund**



- Ratepayers,\$1.381M (50%)
- Payouts, \$750,685 (27.18%)
- □ Admin costs, \$67,336 (2.45%)
- □ Rainy Day, \$400,000 (14.48%)
- Flex fund, \$162,979 (5.9%)

## Outlook for 2002

Additional savings over and above target reductions of \$3.83 million will result from:

- Expanded energy conservation efforts (to include the offsite pumping stations as well as continued improvements at South Plant)
- Procurement of third-party aftermarket replacement parts rather than OEM
- Controlling our staffing