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April 26, 2017

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

The Honorable Joe McDermott
Chair, King County Council
516 3rd Ave, Room 1200
Seattle, WA 98104

SUBJECT: Wastewater Treatment Division 2018 Rate Recommendation

Dear Executive Constantine and Council Chair McDermott:

The Metropolitan Water Pollution Abatement Advisory Committee (MWPAAC) would like to express its support for the Wastewater Treatment Division's (WTD) 2018 sewer rate proposal. MWPAAC has reviewed the WTD budget and rate proposal for 2018, and with it the revised rate forecast for 2017-2023. The proposed rate serves to continue reducing outstanding debt through 2030 by instituting increased cash funding and moderate rate increases, which is in line with the MWPAAC debt review committee recommendation. Based on that review, we support the proposed 2018 rate of \$44.22, which represents no change from 2017's rate. We encourage you to support this proposed rate, which responds to many of MWPAAC's previously voiced concerns and proposals.

As we move into the next budget and rate setting cycle, we look forward to continued collaboration with WTD on reviewing WTD 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 MWPAAC's continued working relations with WTD and look forward to the recommendations from the Capacity Charge User Classification Work Group and are confident that MWPAAC's input and recommendations will be considered when establishing revisions to the Capacity Charge program. As work progresses at West Point, MWPAAC anticipates regular updates on project status in addition to potential rate impacts.

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In conclusion, MWPAAC supports the 2018 rate package with a continued commitment to a partnership with WTD for effective wastewater management. We remain appreciative of WTD's openness in giving MWPAAC a meaningful role, and look forward to continued collaboration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Pam Carter". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

Pamela Carter
MWPAAC Chair

cc: MWPAAC Members
Christie True, Director, Department of Natural Resources and Parks (DNRP)
Mark Isaacson, Division Director, Wastewater Treatment Division, DNRP