

CLACKAMAS COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Study Session Worksheet

Presentation Date: November 10, 2009 Time: 1:45pm Length: 15 minutes

Presentation Title: Wastewater Treatment Capacity Advisory Committee

Department: Water Environment Services

Presenters: Mike Kuenzi, Norm Eder, Chris Storey

ISSUE & BACKGROUND

Water Environment Services requested permission to attempt to create a regional group regarding wastewater issues to the Board in January 2008. In the spring of 2008, a blue ribbon panel was created to answer these 3 questions: (i) are there are financial benefits in members of the region working together on wastewater issues? (ii) can equity and fairness for each partner be achieved? and (iii) can the region agree to a governance model to guide a regional wastewater capacity management partnership? The blue ribbon panel answered affirmative to all 3 questions, and the cities of Damascus, Gladstone, Happy Valley, Milwaukie, Oregon City, and West Linn and the unincorporated urban areas of north Clackamas County agreed to explore how this structure might work. The Oak Lodge Sanitary District and the City of Lake Oswego chose not to participate going forward due to their individual circumstances.

Each participating member sent a representative to a staff-level group beginning in the fall of 2008 to establish what framework is necessary to implement the recommendations of the blue ribbon panel. The outcome of this process was proposed bylaws governing the operation of a new supra-advisory group, the Wastewater Treatment Capacity Advisory Committee ("Committee"), that would advise the BCC on wastewater capacity issues for the areas covered by the Tri-City Service District, Clackamas County Service District No. 1, and the City of Milwaukie. Each city council and the Riverhealth Advisory Board on behalf of the unincorporated areas of CCSD#1 have reviewed the proposed bylaws. To date, all have endorsed formation of the Committee except the City of Milwaukie, which has endorsed the concept but not the bylaws. Attached is the latest version of bylaws for the Committee, reflecting comments received from the various city councils as part of the endorsement process.

OPTIONS AVAILABLE

1. Form the Committee with the bylaws as proposed.
2. Form the Committee and instruct the new members to finalize the bylaws as their first action.
3. Do not form the Committee.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Staff recommends forming the Committee and instructing the new members for finalize the bylaws as their first action.

QUESTION(S) PRESENTED FOR CONSIDERATION

Shall the Board form the Wastewater Treatment Capacity Advisory Committee?

SCHEDULE FOR STUDY SESSION

Division Director/Head Approval _____

Department Director/Head Approval _____

County Administrator Approval _____

M. Kuenzly