

MWPAAC Rate and Finance Committee Meeting Notes
July 29, 2008

1. Discussion of code changes King County proposed to reflect current practices in administering the capacity charge. Several recommendations were made and County staff agreed to make the changes or in some cases to determine if the change should be made. They would then post the changes to the MWPAAC website to allow additional input from MWPAAC. Email to be sent by King County to MWPAAC when it is posted.
2. A briefing was provided on how capacity charge “credit” works.
3. We discussed potential rate and finance work-plan items:
 - a. Schedule and organize a work-session to explain how the division incorporates agency information in administering the capacity charge. Intention is that a larger group, across agencies would benefit from this. (Note that such informational sessions have taken place in the past, often with individual agencies)
 - b. Discuss capacity charge increase triggered by change of use – “incremental” increase. What additional info could jurisdictions/agencies provide?
 - c. Review status of broad set of assumptions for the budget, including:
 - i. CIP and O&M compared to projection
 - ii. # of connections
 - iii. Financial implications of cost, bond issues, interest rate about focus on Brightwater.
 - iv. 2 year rate
 - d. Discuss Capacity Charge
 - i. Help brainstorm issues / policy options associated with impacts on low income/elderly considerations
 - ii. Sharman follow-up questions – have they been distributed?
 - e. Bankruptcy payment to King County when someone defaults and the jurisdiction has to pay King County anyway. Pre-planning and documentation issue?
4. Upcoming Meetings:
 - a. We discussed the next meeting date and agreed to meet in early Oct. Topic would be discussion of the budget assumptions. A meeting in December would be good timing for an update on budget assumptions.
 - b. In September an initial draft workplan for the committee should be crafted. A discussion at the Sept. Ex. Committee will consider other workplan items.
 - c. Tamie will send email out with a draft of the questions generated by other committees that have been proposed for the Rate and Finance committee.