

**Metropolitan St. Louis Sewer District/  
ACEC/MO Liaison Committee Meeting**

**Tuesday, April 17, 2018**

**10:30am at Horner & Shifrin**

**ATTENDEES:**

MSD Liaison Members

Rich Unverferth  
Brad Nevois

ACEC/MO Liaison Members

Raed Armouti  
April Giesmann  
John Killips  
Jeff King  
Chris Linneman (*for Linda Moen*)

Mike McCarty  
Marjorie Melton  
Laura Rightler  
Dave Yates, Chair

**1. Stormwater Rate Proposal**

RU discussed the Stormwater Rate Proposal to target around unfunded erosion and flooding issues (see handout). MSD is currently meeting with Rate Commission (RC).

- Approximately \$67M in projects was targeted with passing of Prop S. Consultants were hired last year for this work.
- Almost 500 projects representing \$562M in total estimated cost. Total cost reduced significantly from initial estimate due to removal of concrete channel designs.
- MSD estimates 25% of the identified projects will no longer be required during field investigations but likely could be replaced by new projects.
- Will go to voters for impervious area rate tax, which will be based on Equivalent Residential Units (ERU) where largest number of customers fall under the Tier 2 category.
- There are ~50K customers who do not receive wastewater bills who will get the stormwater bill.
- Credits/incentives have been provided for in this proposal (rain gardens, low-impact, etc) for non-regulatory required improvements.
- In May and June 2018 there is a series of public informational meetings put on by the RC to collect public input. Exploring the use of a virtual/online public hearing method.
- Upon voter approval, will move immediately into design.
- Groups (ASCE, Engineers' Club, etc.) can provide input at the public hearings for consideration by the RC.

**2. MSD Selection Process and CIRP Update**

- State law mentions annual updates for pre-qualifications but MSD is considering a modified pre-qualification on a bi-annual basis. The form was shortened for the 2019 submittal.
- RFQ2 was eliminated (item 5 on agenda). These projects were based on OMCI funding, which was not available to fund the identified projects. They could have been designed but not constructed so the decision was made to cancel but some may come back next year.

### 3. Accella Update

RU stated that it has been up and running for 6 months now and 95% of submittals are now electronic.

- John Grimm and staff are fully communicating to the public through the site.
- At times there can be slow response times, with the recommended action being to save, log off and log back on but with a recent upgrade this has improved.
- All permits are being issued online and contractors are beginning to use the system.
- Construction inspections are being done via tablet.
- MSD has been able to significantly reduce paperwork.
- St. Louis County has not gone live on Accella to date but still intends to.

### 4. Consent Decree Update

The Consent Decree (CD) is waiting on the judge's approval following submittal of two documents and has gone through the public comment period. It could be finalized summer 2018.

- The requested change moves the CD back 5 years to allow pulling the incineration project forward and pushing back the CSO tunnels to minimize rate and bonding effects.
- Jay Hoskins was promoted to take over for John Lodderhose following his retirement. Jay has been in constant and close contact with MDNR for several years.
- At an upcoming AMSA meeting the adjusted LTCP will be delivered for review and approval. This will be the third change and essentially mirrors the CD.
- MSD is on the back side of the watershed consultant contracts with final project designs being released in 2022.

### 5. Design/Build Update

In May the first DB project will be introduced to the Board.

- Final scores were a 60/40 cost/technical evaluation split. Six submittals were reduced to three for the proposal stage. Future projects will likely have more design elements than this one.
- The DB process will hopefully add innovation to MSD on the incineration project, which is planned for one overall DB contract.
- MSD will continue to use the DB process moving forward including a building and another flood gate project.

### 6. Other Business

5Cities will be in St. Louis in 2019 (Louisville is hosting August 2018).

- MSD would like consultants to attend and assist in some form of sponsorship.

### 7. MSD - ACEC/MO Presentation

The next ACEC/MSD presentation could be in the fall to discuss the stormwater funding proposal.

- If it goes to ballot in April 2019, an update could be given around November 2018.

### 8. The next meeting will be held on October 16, 2018 at M3.