

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



Thursday, October 31, 2024

10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Location: HR Green, Inc.

520 Maryville Centre Drive, Suite 100, St. Louis, MO 63141



ATTENDEES

MSD Liaison Members

Bret Berthold
Bruce Litzsinger
Brad Nevois
Shonnah Paredes
Rich Unverferth
Larry Woods

ACEC/MO Liaison Members

Nicole Adewale
Mike Busch, Co-Chair
Bob Gilbert, Board Chair
(Absent)
Rebecca Howley
Eric Karch

Curt Kimmel
Maria King
Dave Maxwell, Co-Chair
Clint Woods (*for Howard Gotschall*)
Dave Yates

AGENDA / *Minutes in Italics*

1. Introductions
2. Update on MSD Board

Amy Fehr's term ended, Greg Nicozisin is new chair. Elizabeth Kistner is new board member.

Brian McGown is new director of operations.

Susan Meyer (General Council) retired. Todd Aschbacher is the new general council.

3. Diversity / Disparity Study Update
 - New Diversity Monitoring Software
 - Status of Diversity Goal Attainment
 - Any Additional Design-Bid-Build Sections

B2Gnow has been terminated due to unsatisfactory results during the testing phase. A custom software solution will be developed for compliance software that MSD will own. Continuing with current software until new system is operational. RFP for software development out by end of quarter (end of 2024.)

Handout provided for diversity goal attainment for design. There were 27 contract awards totaling \$63 million. M/WBE commitments at 20.7%. Payments 47.21% for M/WBE commitments.

Workforce goals are 31% Minority / 37% Women. Design attainment is 11.4% Minority / 35.6% Women.

SLDC is now managing M/WBE program for City of St. Louis. (No longer Lambert.) Some firms are caught between the agencies because of certification progress and timing of change. MO Office of Equal Opportunity is also approved for certification. MSD is seeing quicker turn-around at the state level. If a firm is going through the certification process and not fully complete, they should note that on the prequalification submittal.

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M/WBE goals for various contract amounts were clarified:

- *For contracts < \$500k, M/WBE goal is combined at 31% aggregate.*
- *Contracts > \$500k will have a goal of 18% MBE and 13% WBE.*

Discussion was had regarding contract supplements. Contract goals for supplements will be the same as the original contract. In the event an individual supplement would exceed \$500k, then the separated 18%/13% goals will apply.

MSD celebrated the 10th Anniversary of the Community Benefits Agreement.

4. Prop S Funding Update

Proposition S was approved in April. New rate will generate \$34M / year when fully implemented. Residential rate is based on property assessment. (Residential rates do not start until next year's taxes.) Non-residential (includes non-profits) is billed on impervious area based on 2022 aerials. (Billing starts in February 2025.) The full \$34M will not available until FY26.

Project designs have started with two consultants selected under 2 year General Service Agreements.

MSD has programed their projects for next 5 years.

60% of the Prop S funding is programmed for MSD, with 10% targeted to be used in environmental justice areas.

30% of the funding is programmed for the municipalities in District and aligned with OMCI Grants. Larger municipalities likely have stormwater master plans to assist with how to use the funding. Smaller municipalities will need assistance with how to use the funding. Three current OMCI Districts want to keep 25% of current tax to supplement this funding.

10% of the funding is set aside for regional priorities. MSD will work with the Municipal League to identify priorities.

Handout provided that shows on-line billing estimator for non-residential impervious area. This GIS based tool is now available on MSD website. Customers can submit updates within the online tool to dispute impervious area.

5. MSD Operational Update

Brian McGown is new director of operations.

6. Prime Consultant QA/QC Trends and Observations Discussion

This is an ongoing challenge, MSD relies on prime consultants to provide QA/QC, with the current workload MSD can no longer provide QC for consultant projects.

Trends – MSD has had recent issues with survey, easements and geotech. On one specific recent project they encountered rock several feet higher than shown on the plans which led to higher construction costs, currently looking into whether it was a datum issue, boring discrepancy, etc.

RFQ/ RFP – Form A-1 for M/WBE goals need to be submitted with RFQ / RFP. Some firms are still missing in submittal. Make sure the form data adds up properly. Reminder that M/WBE goals are subcontracting goals. M/WBE primes still need to meet subcontracting goals, but will get multiplier on scoring.

In general, staffing is still a concern. Less experienced staff completing QA/QC tasks is a concern.

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7. Significate Project Update

- Bissell & Lemay WWTF Fluidized Bed Incinerators (Design-Build. Currently at 90% design.)
- Other Significant Projects

Selected project updates were provided in a handout from Recent EPA presentation (see handout).

Down to 23 CSO/SSOs in the District, all remaining have several challenges to remove.

New Design Build RFQ coming out next week for El Tora storage project.

RFQ planned for Two consultant contracts for property / easement acquisition services is expected soon.

8. Outlook for 2025

- Outlook Ahead for Projects in the Upcoming Fiscal Year
- FY 2026 Consultant Prequalification's Process Underway
- Will a Significant Amount of Stormwater Projects be Programmed?
- FY 26 CIRP Presentation scheduled for January 21, 2025 (In person only.)

Three selections expected next year: 2 - RFQ / RFP, 1 – RFP (5 survey and 3 geotech)

Presentation on MSD Capital Improvement and Replacement Program is scheduled for January 21, 2025. Handout provided.

No SSO projects in FY2026.

RFQ 1 – 6 projects (Pumpstations, plant rehab, major list station #1, Asset Management condition assessment.) Use current Asset management data as starting point.

RFQ 2 – GSAs for stormwater. 2 new contracts. (May expand to 3 contracts.) GSAs are for facilities, design and planning.

GSA for staff augmentation for construction management is anticipated. MSD is currently down 10 inspectors for open-cut storm drainage work.

MSD has intern program for 4 to 8 students. New graduates are rotating between 4 divisions. (Planning, Design, Construction, Environmental)

Prequals have been issued, due January 17th, 2025. Note that the conflict of interest requirements have changed.

9. Impervious Area Charges for Trail Projects – Any Update?

Under impervious area mapping, trails show as sidewalk. Taxing depends on where trail / sidewalk is located. If it is on residential property, it is taxed based on assessed value. If it is on non-residential property, it is taxed based on impervious area. If it is in ROW owned by a public entity, it is not taxed as part of Prop S.

Impervious areas are expected to be available like other MSD available GIS data, and updated every two years. Still working through details to make this new impervious area data available.

10. Next Meeting Date: April ____, 2025; Time: 10:00am-12:00pm; In-Person or Virtually?

Rich to get back to us with dates at MSD based on availability of room in office.