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May 9, 2006

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Subject: Metropolitan Wastewater Management Commission (MWMC)
FY 06-07 Regional Wastewater Program (RWP) Budget and
Capital Improvements Program (CIP)

Faye Stewart
Lane County
Commissioner

Dear Bill:

George Poling
Eugene City Councilor

On April 20th, the MWMC held a public hearing on the FY 06-07 Regional Wastewater Program (RWP) Budget and Capital Improvements Program (CIP). At the meeting, the FY 06-07 RWP Budget and CIP were approved. The RWP Budget funds operating and capital project requirements, and maintains targeted contributions to reserves.

Anne Ballew
Springfield City Councilor

Hilary Loud
Eugene Citizen

Consistent with the Intergovernmental Agreement, the RWP Budget and CIP need to be ratified by the governing bodies of Eugene, Springfield and Lane County prior to final adoption by MWMC. Please forward the enclosed budget and CIP documents to the Board of Commissioners for their consideration on May 17, 2006. If I can be of any additional assistance, please contact me at 726-3697.

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Thank you for your consideration and assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Susan L. Smith".

Susan L. Smith
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AGENDA DATE: May 17, 2006

To: Board of County Commissioners

Department: Commissioners Business

Presented By: Bill Van Vactor, County Administrator
Susie Smith, Springfield Environmental Services/MWMC General Manager
Peter Ruffier, Eugene Wastewater Division Director

Title: IN THE MATTER OF RATIFYING THE FY 06-07 REGIONAL WASTEWATER PROGRAM BUDGET AND CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PROGRAM AS APPROVED BY THE METROPOLITAN WASTEWATER MANAGEMENT COMMISSION (MWMC)

I. PROPOSED MOTION

MOVE APPROVAL OF THE ATTACHED BOARD ORDER RATIFYING THE FY 06-07 METROPOLITAN WASTEWATER MANAGEMENT COMMISSION (MWMC) REGIONAL WASTEWATER PROGRAM BUDGET AND CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PROGRAM AS PRESENTED.

II. ISSUE OR PROBLEM

As provided for in the Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA), Lane County, the City of Eugene, and the City of Springfield, as governing bodies, must ratify the annual MWMC Budget and Capital Improvements Program.

III. DISCUSSION

A. Background

Board ratification of the MWMC Regional Wastewater Program (RWP) Budget and Capital Improvements Program (CIP) occurs on an annual basis, as provided for in the MWMC IGA that was first adopted in 1977 by Lane County and the cities of Springfield and Eugene.

B. Analysis

The FY 06-07 RWP Budget and Capital Improvements Program (the budget document) was approved by the MWMC on April 20, 2006. The MWMC convened three budget work sessions and a public hearing prior to adopting the Budget and CIP. The FY 06-07 Budget funds all operations, administrative services, and capital projects planned for the RWP collection and treatment facilities. The CIP outlines and describes the capital projects planned for the next five years. In accordance with the IGA, MWMC contracts with the City of Eugene for operations and maintenance services, and with the City of Springfield for administrative services. The attached budget document provides regional program and budget summaries as well as

document also provides information about how the RWP activities are driven by MWMC-established goals and how they are coordinated.

The FY 06-07 RWP Budget and CIP must be approved by MWMC and ratified by Lane County, Eugene, and Springfield, and then finally adopted by MWMC, prior to the beginning of the next fiscal year (July 1, 2006). The Eugene City Council is scheduled to ratify the Budget and CIP on May 22, 2006, and the Springfield City Council will ratify the Budget and CIP through its adoption of the City of Springfield Budget on June 19, 2006.

C. Alternatives

1. Ratify the MWMC FY 06-07 RWP Budget and CIP as adopted by MWMC.
2. Request that MWMC modify the FY 06-07 RWP Budget and CIP and refer it back to MWMC for reconsideration.

D. Timing

If the Board elects to pursue Alternative 2, the specific request needs to be forwarded to MWMC immediately in order to provide time for MWMC reconsideration and redistribution to the governing bodies for their consideration in June.

IV. IMPLEMENTATION/FOLLOW UP

If the Board ratifies the Budget document as recommended, no further action is necessary. However, as noted above, if the Board elects to pursue Alternative 2, the specific request needs to be forwarded to MWMC for consideration. A special MWMC meeting would then be convened to consider any modifications requested by the Board. Following MWMC reconsideration, the Budget would be referred once again to the Board, Eugene, and Springfield for reconsideration in June. The IGA provides for a mediation process if agreement on the Budget document cannot otherwise be achieved.

V. ATTACHMENTS

Attached is the FY 06-07 RWP Budget and CIP document, as approved by MWMC on April 20, 2006.

Available for review in Board office.

**IN THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
LANE COUNTY, OREGON**

Order No.) **IN THE MATTER OF RATIFYING THE FY 06-07**
) **REGIONAL WASTEWATER PROGRAM BUDGET**
) **AND CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PROGRAM AS**
) **APPROVED BY THE METROPOLITAN**
) **WASTEWATER MANAGEMENT COMMISSION**

WHEREAS, Board ratification of the Metropolitan Wastewater Management Commission Regional Wastewater Program Budget and Capital Improvements Program occurs on an annual basis, as provided for in the Metropolitan Wastewater Management Commission Intergovernmental Agreement first adopted in 1977; and

WHEREAS, the Metropolitan Wastewater Management Commission, after holding a required public hearing and following additional discussions and deliberation, directed on April 20, 2006, that the FY 06-07 Regional Wastewater Program Budget and Capital Improvements Program be approved and forwarded to the governing bodies for ratification; and

WHEREAS, Lane County, one of the participating governing bodies, has now reviewed the Metropolitan Wastewater Management Commission’s proposed Regional Wastewater Program Budget and Capital Improvements Program for FY 06-07;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the Metropolitan Wastewater Management Commission’s Regional Wastewater Program Budget and Capital Improvements Program for FY 06-07 is hereby ratified.

Dated this _____ day of May, 2006.

Chair, Lane County Board of Commissioners