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**AGENDA DATE:** May 23, 2007

**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 07-08 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 07-08 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 07-08 RWP Budget and Capital Improvements Program (the budget document) was approved by the MWMC on April 19, 2007. The MWMC convened three budget work sessions and a public hearing prior to adopting the Budget and CIP. The FY 07-08 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 detailed budgets for the services provided by Eugene and Springfield. The budget

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

The FY 07-08 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, 2007). The Eugene City Council ratified the Budget and CIP on May 14, 2007, and the Springfield City Council will ratify the Budget and CIP through its adoption of the City of Springfield Budget on June 18, 2007.

**C. Alternatives**

1. Ratify the MWMC FY 07-08 RWP Budget and CIP as adopted by MWMC and as ratified by the City of Eugene.
2. Request that MWMC modify the FY 07-08 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 07-08 RWP Budget and CIP document, as approved by MWMC on April 19, 2007, and as ratified by the Eugene City Council on May 14, 2007.

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

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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 19, 2007, that the FY 07-08 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 07-08;

**NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED** that the Metropolitan Wastewater Management Commission's Regional Wastewater Program Budget and Capital Improvements Program for FY 07-08 is hereby ratified.

Dated this \_\_\_\_\_ day of May, 2007.

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Chair, Lane County Board of Commissioners

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