

## MEMORANDUM

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To: Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ)  
Revolving Loan Section, Attn: Jonathan Berman

From: Jared Buzo, Oakland County WRC

Date: October 31, 2017

Re: City of Pontiac Wastewater Treatment Facility Drainage District  
MDEQ Stormwater, Asset Management and Wastewater (SAW) Grant #1259-01  
Summary of Wastewater (and Stormwater) Asset Management Plan

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The following is a summary of the work completed under the MDEQ SAW Grant work performed by the City of Pontiac Wastewater Treatment Facility (POC WWTF) Drainage District. It includes a summary of the project scope, results and findings of activities covered by the grant, grant amount spent and match amount, and contact information. It has been prepared as required under Section 603 of Public Act 84 of 2015, and follows recent MDEQ guidance.

## GRANTEE INFORMATION

City of Pontiac Wastewater Treatment Facility Drainage District, SAW Grant Project #1259-01

Project Grant Amount: \$2,000,000

Applicant Match Amount \$0

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## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The City of Pontiac Wastewater Treatment Facility Drainage District applied for and received a grant to further develop an Asset Management Plan (AMP) for its sanitary system through the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality's (MDEQ) Stormwater, Wastewater and Asset Management (SAW) program. Because the SAW program was funded through monies appropriated for water quality, other related infrastructure systems, such as drinking water, were not eligible for funding through the grant, but are considered in analysis and recommendations where appropriate.

The City of Pontiac Wastewater Treatment Facility is owned Chapter 20 Drainage District and is operated and maintained by the Oakland County Water Resources Commissioner (WRC.) The WRC has various tools used to manage the assets it owns or operates and maintains, including a GIS geodatabase, collaborative asset management system, hydraulic models, condition assessment methods, risk and prioritization models, capacity studies, asset deterioration models, and an operating and capital improvement project prioritization model. These tools are used to guide the short and long-term strategies for WRC to operate the various systems in a sustainable manner that meets the required level of service, with a focus on prioritizing assets that are most critical and being cost-effective. The funding strategy for each fund is also evaluated annually through WRC's "Long-Term Plan" (LRP) process that includes a review of the current rate structure, fund balances and anticipated future funding needs.

The WRC "Common to All" approach was generally followed with in development of the asset management plan for this system. The following is a summary of the AMP, as required by the grant, which includes a brief discussion of the five major AMP components, a list of the plan's major identified assets, and contact information for the grant.

## **WASTEWATER INVENTORY**

WRC uses its existing Geographic Information System (GIS) geodatabase as the primary means to inventory and map the assets in the system. The geodatabase includes key attributes associated with each asset, such as installation date (age), size, material, along with other information as needed for a given asset type.

WRC currently uses the Cityworks software package for its Computer Maintenance Management System (CMMS,) which then collaborates with the GIS to present a single interface to the user via the Collaborative Asset Management System (CAMS.) CAMS assists in managing inspections and maintenance work by generating and tracking work orders, collecting inspection and condition data, and compiling costs and hours spent on each asset. Maintenance history and costs can be tracked on an asset and/or fund level.

WRC's vertical assets include pumping stations, and storage and treatment facilities. As part of WRC's Common to All Program, a tool was developed to assess the condition of the various asset types present at the vertical facilities. WRC worked with CH2M to develop an assessment tool that could be used to estimate and record the condition of these assets. The tool is presently set up as spreadsheet that provides a series of condition assessment questions, specifically tailored to each asset type.

The tool was used by the individual systems to determine asset condition as part of the individual AMPs. The data will be imported into CAMS as part of the maintenance records, and used by the asset optimization software to estimate rehabilitation and replacement needs.

As part of the grant for City of Pontiac Wastewater Treatment Facility Drainage District, the GIS geodatabase inventory was reviewed for completeness and to ensure critical attributes were populated. Approximately 700 assets were reviewed and assessed as part of the project. In addition, a facility walk-down was conducted at both plants to ensure all assets in the GIS geodatabase were present at the plants.

## **CRITICALITY OF ASSETS**

WRC implemented PowerPlan asset optimization software as part of the "Common to All" Program. Baseline Probability of Failure (POF) and Consequence of Failure (COF) factors were configured into the

software as part of that Program, and were used to estimate the overall risk of the horizontal assets (sewers and associated structures.) For pump stations and storage and treatment facilities, individual assets were reviewed by staff as part of the grant work, and POF and COF factors determined and input into the software.

Both the POF and COF were scored on a scale of 1 to 5, with 1 being the lowest probability or consequence of failure, and 5 corresponding to the highest probability or consequence of failure. The Business Risk Evaluation (BRE or Risk) score is the product of the POF score and the COF score (POF times COF equals Risk,) and has a scale of 1 to 25. Higher BRE scores identify the assets with the greatest overall risk.

The POF and COF of vertical assets were calculated using a scoring matrix. The POF for vertical assets was calculated using a combination of age and physical condition collected from inspections performed. O&M protocol and performance factors were also scored and used in the calculation. In the absence of any other data, age was used to estimate POF. The COF for vertical assets was scored using a matrix of factors including: safety of public and employees, financial impact, public confidence, regulatory compliance, and firm capacity.

## LEVEL OF SERVICE DETERMINATION

At the strategic level, the Level of Service (LOS) identifies the long-term goals and strategies of the organization. An overall LOS guiding matrix was developed to document the goals and strategies of the WRC organization. The WRC Mission Statement and the annual LRP rate process form additional elements of the LOS.

The WRC's current Mission Statement is:

*The Oakland County Water Resources Commissioner's Office is dedicated to the preservation and protection of our water environments, public health, welfare, convenience and the citizen's right to quality water. We are committed to acting with integrity and professionalism and will always seek collaboration among our Oakland County communities and regional partners.*

*We commit ourselves to providing our customers with high value services that are fairly priced, environmentally sound and sustainable in the long term. We are committed to an open dialogue with our communities and promise to keep lines of communication open.*

*In our pursuit of excellence and continuous improvement, every member of our staff will respond to issues of the public promptly, safely, respectfully and with sensitivity to their individual needs. Our office will always endeavor to provide an appropriate resource when an issue is not within our authority.*

*We will install a culture that perpetuates an environment promoting trust, respect and teamwork, both within our organization and among our communities and region.*

The WRC strategic Level of Service Goals included:

- Financial Viability and Impact. Goal: Emergency repairs can be repaired within Utility Reserve Budgets of the system. Measurable: Exceedances of reserve budgets
- Public Confidence and System Service Impact. Goal: Minimal to some loss of service or impact on other services for less than four hours. No sewer system or basement backups. Minor

disruption (e.g., traffic, dust, noise.) Measurable: Number of service interruptions, complaints, and backups.

- Regulatory Compliance. Goal: No state permit violations and comply with all MDEQ policies. Measurable: Number of violations
- Safety of Public and Employees. Goal: Non-reportable injuries, no lost-time injuries or medical attention required. No impact to public health. Measurable: Number of injuries and any public health advisories.
- Redundancy. Goal: Comply with 10 State Standards. Measurable: Number of violations.
- Risk and BRE score: Goal: 70% of assets have a BRE less than 15. Measurable: System risk score.
- Staffing. Goal: Staffing levels and training maintained to meet level of service. Measurable: Number of open positions, training hours.

At the tactical level, the LOS focuses on the prioritization in the medium-term and identification of factors and indicators related to performance, cost, risk, and failure probability. The Probability of Failure and Consequence of Failure scoring matrices used in the criticality and risk analysis were developed using the strategic LOS guidance. Progress toward the goals are measured through the CAMS analytic data, and is reviewed as part of the LRP process with internal staff and customers.

At the operational level, the LOS is related to procedures and information related to the short-term, day-to-day operation. Performance is measured at the asset level using work orders to collect data, and annual reporting of measurables and progress toward goals with operational staff.

## REVENUE STRUCTURE

The annual operation and maintenance budget includes the typical costs spent each year to operate the system and to perform normal maintenance activities. This baseline O&M budget does not include major capital improvements that are required to increase capacity, meet new regulatory requirements, or replace items that have failed or reached the end of their useful service life.

The asset optimization software assisted WRC staff by developing recommended strategies for inspection, rehabilitation and replacement needs over the long-term for each system based on condition and risk. WRC project management staff then reviewed the recommendations generated by the software and rationalized the recommendations to “real world” needs, including any improvements required due to capacity or regulation changes. The WRC uses this information as part of its existing LRP rate process to prioritize projects and ensure adequate funding is available.

The LRP rate methodology is a tool to determine utility rates and charges to provide sufficient revenues to cover the anticipated operation, maintenance, replacement, capital improvement projects, and debt costs associated with a given system, as well as to maintain a reserve balance for emergencies or a significant one-time charge. It ensures adequate revenues are collected for budgeted needs in the current year, and over the long term.

The LRP includes multiple reserve accounts that are used to fund activities above and beyond the normal annual operation and maintenance costs. The reserve accounts include:

- Emergency Repair Reserve for unexpected repairs due to system failure or catastrophic events.

- Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) Reserve for replacement of equipment or facilities in kind or with alternate technology.
- Major Maintenance Reserve which is used to minimize fluctuations of expenses not accounted for in annual operating budgets.

WRC worked with its internal fiscal staff to determine if the system's current rate structures were sufficient to meet the current needs for the management of the wastewater system, and to plan for any adjustments that may be required to meet anticipated future expenses. A demonstration of sufficiency of the system's current rate structure was made, as required by the SAW Grant Program, and submitted to the MDEQ six months prior to the SAW grant end date.

## **CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN**

The asset optimization software forecasts and prioritizes assets that require replacement in the planning period. The individual replacements can be combined into projects and scheduled with budget amounts established. This information is then used in the LRP process to determine rate needs for funding the project established. A list of capital projects was developed for City of Pontiac Wastewater Treatment Facility Drainage District, using recommendations from the asset optimization software, and consideration of other system needs.

The recommended projects are summarized below. Projects listed for implementation in the 0 to 5 year range include cost estimates prepared on data available at the study/feasibility level. Projects in the 5 to 20 year range are based on broad concepts only and costs are based on cost curves and other general tools. All projects are listed for financial and resource planning purposes only. Changes to project inclusion, scope, cost and/or timing are expected as resources are allocated and changes occur in prioritization, regulations, technology, cost and other data becomes available.

### Capital Projects, 0 to 5 years:

- Administration Building Rehabilitation, \$2,500,000, 2020
- Tertiary System Improvements, \$500,000 per year, 2019-2021
- Biosolids Handling and Septage Receiving, \$32,000,000, 2017-2019

### Capital Projects, 6 to 10 years:

- Headworks Renovations, \$3,500,000, 2023
- Disinfection System Rehabilitation, \$3,000,000, 2022

### Capital Projects, 10 to 20 years:

- No current projections.

## RECOMMENDATIONS

In order to keep this AMP sustainable into the future, the LRP process will be undertaken annually to review existing recommendations, status of current projects, and forecasted needs against available reserves and anticipated funding. The asset optimization tool will be regularly synced with CAMS to incorporate any new GIS and operational and condition data. The software will then automatically update recommended events, treatment and replacement strategies, and capital projects. The updated recommendations will be reviewed quarterly and as part of the annual LRP to ensure the availability of required funds for the projects.

## LIST OF MAJOR ASSETS

The City of Pontiac Wastewater Treatment Facility Drainage District 's major assets include:

ASSET SUMMARY											
Asset Type	Auburn	East	Total	Asset Type	Auburn	East	Total	Asset Type	Auburn	East	Total
ACTUATOR	40	4	44	ELECTRICAL - TRANSFORMER	8	3	11	PIPING	5	0	5
ANTENNA STRUCTURE				ELECTRICAL-BUILDING	14	0	14	PUMP-CENT	37	16	53
ATS	0	2	2	ENGINE	0	1	1	PUMP-PD	24	7	31
BACKFLOW PREVENTOR	4	4	8	FILTERS & STRAINERS	7	0	7	PUMP-SCREW	3	0	3
BLOWER	10	6	16	FLAME ARRESTOR	1	0	1	PUMP-SUB	3	1	4
BOILER	4	1	5	GEARBOX	14	0	14	PUMP-VERT TURBINE	9	2	11
CHEM FEED SYSTEM	5	0	5	GENERAL EQUIP	0	1	1	SCADA - ANTENNA CABLE	1	1	2
CLARIFIER	4	4	8	GENERATOR	7	2	9	SCADA - COMMUNICATIONS	4	1	5
COMPRESSOR	6	2	8	HEAT COOL	20	10	30	SCREEN	4	4	8
CONVEYOR	3	0	3	HOIST	6	0	6	STRUCTURES	19	15	34
DEWATERING - BELT PRESS	4	0	4	INSTR CONTROL - PANEL	22	4	26	STRUCTURES - SITE	0	1	1
DIGESTER GAS EQUIP	3	0	3	INSTR CONTROL - PLC	0	1	1	STRUCTURE-SITE	1	0	1
DRIVE	0	6	6	INSTRUMENT	17	7	24	TANK	36	15	51
DRYER	1	0	1	METER	23	13	36	TANK - VAULT	0	3	3
ELECTRICAL	6	10	16	MIXER	1	6	7	VALVES	99	21	120
ELECTRICAL - MCC	13	0	13	MOTOR	60	7	67	WET WELL	1	2	3



**Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ)**  
**Stormwater, Asset Management, and Wastewater (SAW) Grant**  
**Wastewater Asset Management Plan**  
**Certification of Project Completeness**

**Completion Date** October 31, 2017  
(no later than 3 years from executed grant date)

The Pontiac Wastewater Treatment Facility (legal name of grantee) certifies that all wastewater asset management plan (AMP) activities specified in SAW Grant No. 1259-01 have been completed and the implementation requirements, per Part 52 of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, 1994, PA 451, as amended, are being met. Section 5204e(3) requires implementation of the AMP and that significant progress toward achieving the funding structure necessary to implement the AMP be made within 3 years of the executed grant.

Please answer the following questions. If the answer to Question 1 is No, fill in the date of the rate methodology approval letter and skip Questions 2-4:

- 1) Funding Gap Identified: Yes or No

If No - Date of the rate methodology approval letter: 4-25-2017

- 2) Significant Progress Made: Yes or No

(The DEQ defines significant progress to mean the adoption of an initial rate increase to meet a minimum of 10 percent of any gain in revenue needed to meet expenses, as identified in a 5-year plan to eliminate the gap. A copy of the 5-year plan to eliminate the gap must be submitted with this certification.)

- 3) Date of rate methodology review letter identifying the gap: \_\_\_\_\_

- 4) An initial rate increase to meet a minimum of 10 percent of the funding gap identified was adopted on \_\_\_\_\_

Attached to this certification is a brief summary of the AMP that includes a list of major assets. Copies of the AMP and/or other materials prepared through SAW Grant funding will be made available to the DEQ or the public upon request by contacting:

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Name	Phone Number	Email

  
Signature of Authorized Representative (Original Signature Required)

10/26/17  
Date

Jim Nash, Oakland Co. Water Resources Commissioner  
Print Name and Title of Authorized Representative

April 2017