

# Information Item: Water Resources Policy Plan Update

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# Water Resources Policy Plan



# WRPP Alignment with Thrive

## Environmental and Climate Change Direction

- Water sustainability
- Water planning
- Wastewater reuse
- Strengthen incentives and support
  - ✓ Proposed inflow and infiltration grant program
  - ✓ Proposed targeted storm water grants
  - ✓ Additional technical assistance in wastewater, water supply and surface water management

# WRPP Alignment with Thrive

## Environmental and Climate Change Direction

- Leading by example in operations
  - ✓ Energy and emissions
  - ✓ Water use
  - ✓ Storm water discharge
  - ✓ Sustainability operational policies and procedures
- Reducing inflow and infiltration in our pipes
- Emphasis on collaboration and partnerships for efficiency

# WRPP Alignment with Thrive

## Equity Direction

- Keeping wastewater rates to cities low and uniform
- Special Sewer Availability Charge (SAC) credit generation for housing proposal
- Re-examining outreach efforts
  - Providing documents in multiple languages
  - Evaluating outreach meeting locations, times, and opportunities to ensure all “communities” can be present

# WRPP Alignment with Thrive

## Economic Competitiveness Direction

- Planning and technical studies
- Goal of keeping wastewater rates low and uniform
- Providing flexibility in SAC
- Working to maximize regional benefits from regional investments
  - ✓ Point sources and nonpoint source efforts

# Water Resources Policy Plan Update Process

## Outreach Plan

- Watershed Administrators Advisory Committee input – (2013 -2014)
- Metro Area Water Supply Advisory Committee input – (2013-2014)
- Metro Cities Meetings – July 2014
- LUAC Meetings – 2014

# Meeting Takeaways

- Need for incentives to achieve regional goals
- Need for collaboration and partnerships
- Need to align our implementation approaches with our authorities
- Caution us to not go beyond current authorities
- Need to be more clear on how it all fits together
- Need to integrate storm water management across Council (transit, parks, transportation, grant programs)



# Next Steps

Sept 23	Environment Committee continued discussion on draft plan
Oct.- Nov.	Public outreach meetings on draft plan
Dec.	Finalize plan
Jan 2015	Start public hearing process
Spring 2015	Adopt new plan

# Input from Committee Members

- Process to date
- Input from stakeholders
- Proposed schedule
- Upcoming public meetings
- Draft Water Resources Policy Plan

# Questions

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