BEFORE THE COUNCIL OF THE METROPOLITAN SERVICE DISTRICT

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FOR THE PURPOSE OF SUBMITTING THE AREAWIDE WATER QUALITY MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR RECERTIFICATION RESOLUTION NO. 83-432

Introduced by the Regional Development Committee

WHEREAS, The Regional Waste Treatment Management Plan and the Areawide Water Quality Management Plan must be recertified annually to preserve the region's eligibility for federal sewerage and water quality management assistance; and

WHEREAS, The Water Resources Policy Alternatives Committee of the Metropolitan Service District has reviewed the Plans and found that no amendments or modifications are required in Fiscal Year 1984; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED,

That the Council of the Metropolitan Service District shall forward the Regional Waste Treatment Management Plan and the Areawide Water Quality Management Plan to the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality, to the Governor of the State of Oregon, and to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency for recertification.

ADOPTED by the Council of the Metropolitan Service District this 27th day of October , 1983.

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STAFF REPORT

Agenda Item No. 6.2

Meeting Date October 27, 1983

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. 83-432 SUBMITTING THE REGIONAL WATER QUALITY MANAGEMENT PLAN TO THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY (DEQ), THE GOVERNOR AND TO THE U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY (EPA) FOR RECERTIFICATION.

Date: September 16, 1983 Presented by: Marion Hemphill

FACTUAL BACKGROUND AND ANALYSIS

The first element of the Areawide Water Quality Management Plan called for under the Clean Water Act of 1977 (P.L. 95-217) was adopted in October of 1980 when Council adopted the Regional Waste Treatment Management Plan. The final element of the Plan was adopted by Council Ordinance in February 1982 in the form of the Regional Stormwater Management Plan. Taken as a whole the Plan and its supporting technical documents represent a comprehensive strategy for sewer system development, sewage treatment plant siting, drainage and stormwater management, and water quality maintenance in the Metro region.

An ongoing requirement of the Act is that the Plan be maintained as an accurate statement of the region's water quality management problems and the short- and long-term solutions to those problems. The Plan is used as the basis for allocating federal funds for such things as sewers and sewerage treatment plants. In order to satisfy this requirement, federal guidelines call for an annual review and, if necessary, an annual update and amendment to the Plan.

The Plan was developed under the technical review of a Council appointed body of experts called the Water Resources Policy Alternatives Committee (WRPAC). The WRPAC is composed of individuals representing the cities of region, the three counties, certain state agencies directly interested in water quality, the Corps of Engineers, soil and water conservation districts, sanitary districts, laymen representing the interests of the public-at-large, and representatives of businesses and industries directly affected by water quality management issues. The Council has maintained WRPAC as the advisory body on water quality management issues and to facilitate the maintenance of the Plan.

On September 14, 1983 WRPAC held its annual meeting to review the Plan and make its recommendations on recertification of the Plan. The conclusion of the review was that there were no amendments or modifications to the Plan required this year. A vote by a quorum of the committee resulted in the unanimous recommendation that the Metro Council request state and federal recertification of the Plan without any new amendments.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

The Executive Officer recommends approval of the attached Resolution to submit the Areawide Water Quality Management Plan to the DEQ, the Governor and to the EPA for recertification.

COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION AND RECOMMENDATION

On October 10, 1983, the Regional Development Committee recommended Council adoption of Resolution No. 83-432.

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