

MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE
OF THE METROPOLITAN SERVICE DISTRICT

Regular Meeting
March 21, 1989

Committee members present: Councilors Jim Gardner (Chair), Tanya Collier (V. Chair), Tom DeJardin and Richard Devlin

Committee members absent: Councilor Lawrence Bauer

Chair Gardner called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

Discussion and Work Session on Metro's Role in Regional Water Quality Management Planning

Chair Gardner announced the purpose of the meeting was to receive an update from the Planning and Development Department on what the Department would be proposing in the FY 89-90 budget regarding water quality planning and to begin to identify areas where it may be appropriate for Metro to have a role in water quality planning. Rich Carson, Planning and Development Director and Patrick Lee, Planning Supervisor made the staff presentation and responded to questions raised by the Committee. The following is a summary:

1. Staff and budget - .5 FTE had been proposed for water quality planning in FY 89-90; Department expects \$30,000 revenue from the State Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) under the Clean Water Act Section 205(j) pass-through provisions
2. Proposed work program elements - a) expand scope of Regional Wastewater Management Plan annual update to include progress reports on water quality issues in the Columbia Slough and Tualatin River areas, b) monitor other water quality programs in the region where Metro does not have a defined role and recommend areas where regional approaches would be beneficial to local jurisdictions and c) examine water quality issues as they relate to parks and natural areas and urban growth management

Councilor Devlin suggested as the Department expanded efforts in water quality management, they include in their work program an examination of surface water management and a regional inventory of drinking water needs.

Councilor Gardner asked if would be beneficial to establish a regional comprehensive water management plan which would include stormwater management, drinking water supply and quality, drainage, wastewater treatment and pollution. Staff agreed such a single, regional comprehensive plan would be beneficial but would be a major undertaking.

In response to Committee members' questions regarding DEQ funds,

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staff said they had met with DEQ representatives and while there was not question as to whether Metro met the definition of a regional comprehensive planning organization, Metro and DEQ differed in their interpretation of the rules governing 205(j) pass through funds. Staff said they would continue to meet with DEQ and that they were in the process of developing a program proposal for DEQ review.

There was no other business, and the meeting was adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



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Council Committee Clerk

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