

Metropolitan Wastewater Management Commission



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ATTENTION COMMUNITY AFFAIRS DIRECTORS

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What: Public hearing for potential increase to sewer user rate

When: Thursday, September 25, 2008

Time: 8:00 AM

Where: Springfield City Hall – Library Meeting Room

Overview: Eugene-Springfield residents who pay for wastewater services are encouraged to attend a public hearing regarding a potential increase to the regional wastewater user rate.

The Metropolitan Wastewater Management Commission (MWMC) is implementing a major capital improvement program (CIP) to meet regulatory requirements and to ensure protection of public health and the environment. This CIP is estimated to cost approximately \$200 million dollars, which will be funded in part by revenue bonds. The requirements of the bonds, coupled with a recent significant loss of revenue due to the closure of the Hynix manufacturing facility, is causing the need to evaluate options to address the financial support necessary to provide required wastewater services to the community.

Several options related to managing wastewater expenses and revenues will be presented to the MWMC on September 25th. These options will include scenarios for possible increases in the wastewater user rates. The impact of the rate increases in the options to be presented range from 63 cents to \$1.10 per month on the average residential sewer bill.

A public hearing on the possible regional wastewater rate increases is scheduled in conjunction with the September Commission meeting.

Addl. Info: is available by calling 726-3695 or online at <http://www.mwmcpartners.org>