

Administration & Operations Committee Meeting Summary Report

Meeting Date: April 1, 2026

Committee Members Present: Director Carter Ohlmann, Director Rock Rockenbach

Staff Present: General Manager Weigold, Stephen (Administration) and Bryce (Engineering).

Duration: Approximately 1.3 hours

Overview

The Administration & Operations (A&O) Committee met to discuss the consideration of influent from Summerland Sanitary District (SSD) in the ongoing plant rehabilitation design.

Specifically, Tech Memo #1 from the Southland/MKN IGA presents future inflows to be considered in a WWTP rehabilitation. One option per the IGA contract is to consider the influent from SSD. The Board must ultimately determine if the rehabilitated plant is to be designed with consideration of SSD influent flows or not. This meeting is a first step toward a staff report and committee recommendation to the Board.

The discussion focused on:

- Rationale for taking on SSD influent includes 1) potential financial efficiencies from more hookups, and 2) more influent for recycling.
- Assessing cost savings requires understanding the condition of SSD's collections system to ensure existing MSD rate payers are not financially burdened with an aging SSD collections system. SSD is presently undergoing a condition assessment.
- Timeline for a staff report and committee recommendation was discussed. It is expected that Southland/MKN wants an answer regarding SSD influent for the IGA within the next two months. A firm date to be pinned down. The committee discussed a probabilistic decision tree given the timeline.
- The importance of fully understanding SSD's needs/wants going forward and willingness/ability to fund the necessary infrastructure upgrades to bring their influent to MSD.

Action Items taken:

- The committee and staff all agreed an important next step is hearing from Summerland. A meeting with SSD is to be scheduled. Goals of that meeting will be to determine what SSD wants with regard to future treatment, and what they are willing and able to contribute to get MSD to accept and treat their influent.

Recommendations to Board:

None at this time – the committee is working to gather more information.