

**PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY COUNCIL
AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY**

Meeting Date: 2/6/2001

Reference No.: CR-2-2001

Proposer: WSSC

Draft No.: 1

Sponsors: Scott, Wilson, Russell

Item Title: A Resolution amending the WSSC Fiscal Years
2001-2006 Capital Improvement Program for Water
and Sewerage

Drafter: Sandra Eubanks, Director
Transportation, Housing &
Environment Committee

Resource Craig S. Price
Personnel: Deputy Council Administrator

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY:

Date Presented: __/__/__

Executive Action: __/__/__

Committee Referral: 1/16/2001 THE

Effective Date: __/__/__

Committee Action: 2/1/2001 FAV

Date Introduced: 1/16/2001

Public Hearing: 2/6/2001 10:00 A.M.

Council Action: 2/6/2001 ADOPTED

Council Votes: RVR:A, DB:A, JE:A, IG:A, TH:A, WM:-, AS:A, PS:A, MW:A

Pass/Fail: P

Remarks: _____

TRANSPORTATION, HOUSING AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE DATE: 2/1/01

Committee Vote: Favorable, 3-0, (In favor: Council Members Estepp, Shapiro and Gourdine)

CR-2-2001 is an amendment to the 2001-2006 Capital Improvement Program for Water and Sewer to implement changes to the scope of the Potomac Water Filtration Plant Reliability/Water Quality Study. This is a Bi-County project. The cost associated with changing the scope of the study for FY01 is \$786,000. This project funds a facility plan to enable the Potomac Water Filtration Plant to produce 285 million gallons per day (mgd) while meeting the requirements of the Safe Drinking Water Act.

The Project Manager for the Potomac Water Filtration Plant Reliability/Water Quality Study indicates that the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission (WSSC) believes that none of the

likely options for upgrading the plant to the 285 mgd capacity are cost-effective. WSSC supports a change in the project scope from determining ways to bring the plant up to a 285 mgd capacity to determining the most cost-effective way to provide adequate reliability of treated water from the Potomac Water Filtration Plant.

A second project, Patuxent Water Treatment Implementation, is included in this amendment in order to offset FY01 cost increases proposed for the Potomac Water Filtration Plant Reliability/Water Quality Study project. This project funds the replacement of the existing Patuxent Water Filtration Plant with a new facility on the same site. Total project cost is projected to be less than assumed in the adopted CIP based on actual construction cost experience during FY01.

WSSC's Budget Supervisor indicates that as a bi-county project, Montgomery County Council's T&E Committee endorsed the amendment on January 22, 2001 and the full Council approved the amendment on January 30, 2001.

The Legislative Officer and the Office of Law find CR-2-2001 to be in proper legislative form. The Office of Law submitted technical amendments. The County Executive supports.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION/FISCAL IMPACT

(Includes reason for proposal, as well as any unique statutory requirements)

On November 29, 2000, Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission leadership and staffs from the Montgomery County and Prince George's County Councils, discussed the status of the Potomac Water Filtration Plant Reliability/Water Quality Study. All parties agreed that an amendment to the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission FY01-06 Capital Improvement Program will be introduced in order to address changes in the project scope.

The revised project scope will allow for a determination of the most cost-effective alternative to provide adequate reliability of treated water from the Potomac Water Filtration Plant. This scope of work will look at: optimizing the current plant, dealing with peak demand issues, considering

alternative for pre and post treatment of water, and other issues. This change in scope will require an additional \$1.032 million in project costs of which \$786,000 is needed in FY01. These costs will be offset by adjustments in the Patuxent Water Treatment Implementation project.

The Patuxent Water Treatment Implementation (W-172.04) project funds the replacement of the existing Patuxent Water Filtration Plant with a new facility on the same site. Total project costs are projected to be less than assumed in the adopted Capital Improvements Program based on actual construction cost experience during FY01. The reduction of costs in this project will offset requested increases in the Potomac WFP Reliability/Water Quality project.

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