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Issue

Other

Other

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Brief Description

OPC DR 38 to Staff

Description

In response to OPC DR 38, Staff explained that it did not include the amounts identified in the engineer reports for the Golden Ponds and Hiller's Creek wastewater systems because they "were too speculative." Staff also did not identify amounts for the following six systems in the memorandum attached to its Recommendation: Ryan's Lake, Southwind Meadows, Sterling Ridge, Stoney Creek, Summit View, and The Highlands. For each of these six systems, please identify all reasons why Staff did not include amounts for each system in the memorandum.

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Response Date

4/15/2025

Response

Dollar amounts that are shown in the engineer reports that have been submitted by the Company are only estimates, and are for company budgeting purposes. While useful, they do not reflect actual expenses made by a company and therefore their usefulness is limited. Staff included enough of the estimates that seemed reasonable to convey the relative scale of the upgrades that could be necessary. More specifically: - Ryan's Lake – MAWC recently made significant upgrades to this system. Staff believes that the costs budgeted by Confluence are too speculative. - Southwind Meadows – Confluence's estimated budget did not seem to align with the condition of the facility given the information available to Staff at that time. Staff believes that the costs budgeted by Confluence are too speculative. - Sterling Ridge – This plant is in good condition. While expansion will likely be necessary at some point in the future, it is Staff's position that the size, timing, and cost of this expansion is too uncertain for an accurate budget prediction. - Stoney Creek – Staff found the amount budgeted for fencing repairs to likely be excessive. Staff will need additional information when reviewing any expenses that were necessary. - Summit View – The estimates do not include significant earthwork, erosion control, and other stormwater management installations that will be necessary. Staff believes the actual costs may be higher once upgrades are designed. - Highlands – Staff finds the budgeted amount for upgrades to the access road to be too speculative given the existing condition of the road. There is conflicting information regarding the eventual sizing of the upgraded system. The current treatment facility is a lagoon, and there are multiple technology options for upgrade, which will depend on the effluent limits provided by the Department of Natural Resources. Staff is skeptical of the estimated cost given the level of uncertainty of what the actual upgrades will be. Technical Staff Witness: Adam Stamp/Curt Gateley

Objections

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Rationale

Attachments ▼

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