

ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE AGENDA

February 19, 2015 – North Conference Room

21630 11th Avenue South – Des Moines 98198

5:30P – 7:00P

1. Approve minutes of 1-15-2015 meeting
2. 2015 Comprehensive Plan Update – Conservation Element

(Discussion Item – 25 min)

Staff to present and solicit feedback on proposed amendments to the Conservation Element.

3. Draft Surface Water Comprehensive Plan Update

(Informational Item 20 min)

Final Draft Plan is now available for review (please see attached CD). Staff is soliciting any final comments before presenting the Final Plan to full Council next month for adoption.

4. 2014 Southwest Suburban Sewer District Comprehensive Plan

(Discussion Item – 25 min)

SWSSD staff has been invited to present the Comprehensive Plan to the Committee. Attached is the Executive Summary from the Plan, as well as excerpts from the Plan including the District's policy for sewer extensions and service area maps for future sewer extensions. Also attached is the last draft franchise agreement that was issued to the District for comment/acceptance.

5. FEMA Flood Plain Management

(Discussion Item – 20 min)

The City received a letter from FEMA dated December 3, 2014 concerning alternatives for jurisdictions to allow development within the floodplain to meet requirements of the Endangered Species Act. FEMA is moving forward with the three alternatives as outlined in the letter. Staff is requesting direction to hire an environmental consultant to review the alternatives and City code and provide recommendations.