

12. The Chief Engineer and Director presented a draft position statement for the Dane County Regional Planning Commission Hearing on changes to the Dane County Water Quality Plan regarding the City of Verona.

After discussion, it was moved by Commissioner Schten and seconded by Commissioner Lautz that the following resolution be adopted:

WHEREAS, the Facilities Plan for the City of Verona recommends the abandonment of the City of Verona Treatment Facilities and subsequent pumping of wastewater to the Nine Springs Wastewater Treatment Plant for treatment, and

WHEREAS, pumping wastewater from the City of Verona to the Nine Springs Wastewater Treatment Plant would divert treated water from the Sugar River Basin to the Yahara River basin, and

WHEREAS, the Madison Metropolitan Sewerage District has a concern that permanent diversion of water or wastewater from one basin to another can present short and long term water quality and fisheries impacts,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Dane County Regional Planning Commission recognize in any changes to the Dane County Water Quality Plan that permanent interbasin water or wastewater transfer is inherently detrimental to maintaining long-term water quality goals, and

BE IT RESOLVED, that any diversion of wastewater to the Nine Springs Wastewater Treatment Plant be considered temporary in nature, and

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Dane County Water Quality Plan direct that effluent should supplement water flows in the Sugar River basin at a future date either through diversion of Nine Springs Wastewater Treatment Plant effluent back to the basin or through the construction of a regional wastewater treatment plant in the Sugar River basin.

The motion was carried.

Ayes: Commissioners Hovel, Lautz, Polkowski, and Schten.

Nayes: None.