

## **WWMDC Statement**

**7 May 2014**

**Consistent with its continued effort to arrive at the best possible solution for everyone impacted by the costs of constructing the new wastewater treatment facility, the WWMDC (the “Commission”) is seeking to establish a fair and equitable mechanism to pay for such costs. To that end, the Commission does not want to take any available option off the table.**

**The looming deadline by which the Commission must finalize this process is 12 Aug 2014. Accordingly, because time is of the essence and in order to keep every such option available to it, the Commission shall continue the betterment process for the near term while it continues to consider the user fee surcharge and other appropriate options. It is the position of the Commission that allowing the betterment time deadline to expire without any long-term solution will serve to constrain the Commission, and limit those possible options that might be available to it. To let the time frames called for by the betterment process lapse, effectively eliminating one available option, may not be a prudent approach.**

**This action should not be construed as an affirmative decision to establish a policy for betterments or surcharges. Rather, it is only intended to keep any and all options open to the Commission such that a decision can be made at a later date. Finally, because of the pending and threatened litigation, the Commission shall make no further public comments with respect to the establishment of betterments or surcharges. Where appropriate, the Commission may comment on the issue of pro rata share.**