



King County

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Courthouse
516 Third Avenue
Seattle, WA 98104

Meeting Minutes

Regional Water Quality Committee

Councilmembers:

*Claudia Balducci, Chair
Reagan Dunn, Rhonda Lewis*

*Sound Cities Association: Vice Chair, Laura Mork, Shoreline;
Dave Hamilton, Bellevue; Sarah Moore, Burien; Jessica
Rossman, Medina*

Alternates: Hanan Amer, Auburn; Melissa Stuart, Redmond

*Sewer/Water Districts: Chuck Clarke, Woodinville Water
District; Lloyd Warren, Sammamish Plateau Water District
Alternate: Ryika Hooshangi, Sammamish Plateau Water*

*City of Seattle: Joy Hollingsworth, Maritza Rivera
Alternate: Rob Saka*

*Non-Voting Member: John McClellan, Metropolitan Water
Pollution Abatement Advisory Committee*

*Lead Staff: Jenny Giambattista (206-477-0879)
Committee Clerk: Marka Steadman (206-477-0887)*

3:00 PM

Wednesday, January 7, 2026

Hybrid Meeting

DRAFT MINUTES

1. Call to Order

Chair Balducci called the meeting to order at 3:01 p.m.

2. Roll Call

Present: 13 - Balducci, Dunn, Hamilton, Hollingsworth, Lewis, Moore, McClellan, Mork, Rossman, Warren, Amer, Stuart and Hooshangi

Excused: 2 - Clarke and Rivera

3. Approval of Minutes

Vice Chair Mork moved approval of the December 3, 2025, meeting minutes. There being no objections, the minutes were approved.

4. Chair's Report

Chair Balducci welcomed new members to the committee and provided an overview of the meeting topics.

5. MWPAAC Report

John McClellan, Chair, MWPAAC, noted that the December 10, 2025, general meeting focused on pollution control draft actions and an update on nutrients. The RWSP will be a major part of their work plan. Subcommittees will meet tomorrow regarding the November Regional Utility Summit and receive an update on progress for the third-party oversight contract. The next general meeting will be Wednesday, January 28th, where elections will be held and a report from the consultant looking at the WTD rate model will be provided. The Executive Board will have their first working retreat of the year on January 30th.

6. Wastewater Treatment Division (WTD) Report

John Taylor, Director, Department of Natural Resources and Parks, provided a PowerPoint presentation related to recent flooding and answered questions from the members.

Kamuron Gurol, Director, Wastewater Treatment Division, noted that WTD received a Federal Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act loan to modernize wastewater infrastructure for the Black Diamond wastewater pipeline, and a public works loan from the State that will help to replace raw sewage pumps at West Point. A report on WTD bond ratings will be provided later this year. The sewer rate and capital work plan monthly update included in the meeting packet was noted. A consultant is being hired for the third-party rate review. Comments related to staffing changes and the Lake Washington clean up were provided.

Discussion and Possible Action**7. Briefing No. 2026-B0006**

Selection of Vice-Chair

Commissioner Warren moved to appoint Councilmember Mork as vice chair of the committee. There being no objections, Councilmember Mork was appointed vice chair of the Regional Water Quality Committee.

This matter was Presented

Briefing**8. Briefing No. 2026-B0007**

Introduction to the Regional Water Quality Committee and the Regional Wastewater Treatment System

Jenny Giambattista, Council staff, briefed the committee.

This matter was Presented

9. Briefing No. 2026-B0001

Regional Wastewater Services Plan Policy Framework

Darren Greve, Government Relations Administrator, Wastewater Treatment Division, briefed the committee and answered questions from the members. Kamuron Gurol, Director, Wastewater Treatment Division, addressed the committee.

This matter was Presented

10. Briefing No. 2026-B0002

Discussion of 2026 Regional Water Quality Committee Work Program

Chair Balducci provided introductory comments. Jenny Giambattista, Council staff, briefed the committee.

This matter was Deferred

Other Business

There was no further business to come before the committee.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:47 p.m.

Approved this _____ day of _____

Clerk's Signature