



King County

1200 King County
Courthouse
516 Third Avenue
Seattle, WA 98104

Meeting Minutes Regional Water Quality Committee

Councilmembers:

Claudia Balducci, Chair

Reagan Dunn

Alternate:

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

Alternates: *Penny Sweet, Kirkland; Yolanda Trout Manuel,
Auburn*

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, Robert Kettle
Alternate: Rob Saka*

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

3:00 PM

Wednesday, May 7, 2025

Hybrid Meeting

DRAFT MINUTES

1. **Call to Order**

Vice Chair Mork called the meeting to order at 3:09 p.m.

2. **Roll Call**

Present: 10 - Balducci, Clarke, Dunn, Lee, Mork, Moore, Rossman, Warren, Sweet and Hooshangi

Excused: 2 - Hollingsworth and Kettle

3. **Approval of Minutes**

Commissioner Warren moved approval of the April 2, 2025, meeting minutes. There being no objections, the minutes were approved.

4. **Chair's Report**

Chair Balducci reported that she and Councilmember Sweet are at Microsoft to attend a preview of the new light rail stations opening this weekend, provided an overview of the meeting agenda, noted the upcoming tour of the West Point Treatment Plant on May 30th and expressed thanks to the Wastewater Treatment Division for setting up these tours.

5. MWPAAC Report

John McClellan, Chair, MWPAAC, provided an overview of the April 23, 2025, MWPAAC meeting to include their letter to the County Council regarding the proposed 2026 sewer rates, and discussion on the Regional Wastewater Services Plan vision. He also commented on the synergy between RWQC and MWPAAC.

6. Wastewater Treatment Division (WTD) Report

Kamuron Gurol, Director, Wastewater Treatment Division, expressed appreciation for the input received regarding the sewer rate and forecast process, noted WTD staff presentations and engagement within the community, expressed support for ideas like the utility affordability summit, and provided an overview of a April visit to Washington DC and meetings with delegation members. Further input provided via email included updates regarding activity at the state legislature, impacts of tariff policies and activities in Coal Creek.

Briefing**7. Briefing No. 2025-B0063**

Executive's Proposed 2026 Sewer Rate and Capacity Charge

Jenny Giambattista, Council staff, briefed the committee. Crystal Fleet, Project Resources Unit Manager, Wastewater Treatment Division; and Stan Hummel, CSO Delivery Unit Manager, Wastewater Treatment Division; addressed the committee and answered questions from the members.

The Chair called for an executive session under RCW 42.30.110 to discuss with legal counsel legal risks of a proposed action when public knowledge regarding the discussion is likely to result in an adverse legal or financial consequence to the county at 3:52 p.m. for 15 minutes. The executive session was extended an additional 5 minutes. The executive session was extended a further 5 minutes. The meeting returned to regular session at 4:17 p.m.

Discussion ensued regarding the proposed letter from RWQC to the King County Council regarding the 2026 Proposed Sewer Rate and Capacity Charge. Councilmember Sweet offered an oral amendment to include comments supportive of a affordability summit. Councilmember Sweet moved that the committee approve the proposed letter as amended. The motion passed unanimously.

8. Briefing No. 2025-B0064

Status Update on Long Term Financial and Sewer Rate Forecast Motion 16449

The Wastewater Treatment Division will provide written updates on this topic.

This matter was Presented

9. [Briefing No. 2025-B0042](#)

Regional Wastewater Services Plan: Briefing on Emerging Options for the Vision for Clean Water

WTD staff will individually brief the RWQC caucuses and follow-up at a future RWQC meeting with the feedback received.

This matter was Deferred

10. [Briefing No. 2025-B0065](#)

Voluntary PFAS Testing in King County's Wastewater and Landfill

This matter was Deferred

11. [Briefing No. 2025-B0005](#)

Discussion of 2025 Regional Water Quality Committee Work Program

This matter was Deferred

Other Business

There was no further business to come before the committee.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

Approved this _____ day of _____

Clerk's Signature