



# King County

1200 King County  
Courthouse  
516 Third Avenue  
Seattle, WA 98104

## Meeting Minutes

### Regional Water Quality Committee

**Councilmembers:** *Larry Phillips, Chair; Reagan Dunn, Kathy Lambert*

**Suburban Cities Association:** *Don Davidson, Vice Chair, Bellevue;  
Ron Hansen, Shoreline; Bill Pelozza, Auburn; Rich Zwicker, Renton*  
**Alternates:** *Ron Harmon, Kent; Donovan Tracy, Lake Forest Park*

**Sewer Districts:** *Walter Canter, Bill Tracy; Alternate: Arnold Lind*

**City of Seattle:** *Tim Burgess, Richard Conlin; Alternate: Sally Clark*

**Staff:** *Beth Mountsier, Committee Coordinator (206-296-0319)  
Janice Mansfield, Committee Assistant (206-296-1683)*

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**3:00 PM**

**Wednesday, November 4, 2009**

**Room 1001**

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1. Call to Order

*Chair Phillips called the meeting to order at 3:15 p.m.*

2. Roll Call

**Present:** 11 - Mr. Dunn, Ms. Lambert, Mr. Burgess, Mr. Conlin, Mr. Canter, Mr. B. Tracy, Mr. Davidson, Mr. Pelozza, Mr. Phillips, Mr. Lind and Mr. Harmon

**Excused:** 4 - Mr. Hansen, Mr. Zwicker, Ms. Clark and Mr. D. Tracy

3. Approval of Minutes

*The meeting Minutes of July 1 and September 2, 2009 were approved as presented*

4. **Chair's Report**

*Beth Mountsier, Council Staff, briefed the committee on the recent and planned meetings of the Financial Policy Work Group that have been focused on capacity charge policies.*

*Councilmember Conlin expressed a recommendation that if the capacity charge policing review by the FPWG and RWQC is not complete prior to setting rates for 2011 that the rate should be a one-year, not two-year.*

**5. Metropolitan Water Pollution Abatement Advisory Committee (MWPAAC) Report**

*Scott Thomasson, President, Metropolitan Water Pollution Abatement Advisory Committee, advised the committee of a letter that will be forwarded to the members from MWPAAC. The letter is regarding MWPAAC's recommendation that the Reclaimed Water Planning Process not move forward at this time and the reasons.*

**6. Public Comment**

*The following person spoke:*

- 1) *Paul W. Locke*

## Discussion and Possible Action

7. [2009-0370](#) A MOTION accepting a report by the wastewater treatment division in the department of natural resources and parks on the status of the work program related to reclaimed water, as required in the 2009 Budget Ordinance, Ordinance 16312, Section 105, Proviso 1.

**Sponsors:** Mr. Constantine and Mr. Phillips

*Beth Mountsier, Council Staff, briefed the committee and answered questions.*

*Councilmember Davidson moved, and was seconded, Amendments #1 and T1. The motions passed.*

**This matter was Amended.**

[2009-0370](#)

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**Sponsors:** Mr. Constantine and Mr. Phillips

**A motion was made by Mr. Davidson that this matter be Recommended Do Pass Substitute. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 9 - Mr. Dunn, Ms. Lambert, Mr. Conlin, Mr. Canter, Mr. B. Tracy, Mr. Davidson, Mr. Peloza, Mr. Phillips, Mr. Lind and Mr. Harmon

**Excused:** 4.5 - Mr. Burgess, Mr. Hansen, Mr. Zwicker, Ms. Clark and Mr. D. Tracy

*Due to the design of the legislative tracking software used to produce the proceedings, the vote on this item is misreported. The correct vote is:*

*Votes: Yes: 9 - Mr. Phillips, Ms. Lambert, Mr. Dunn Mr. Conlin, Mr. Tracy, Mr. Canter, Mr. Peloza, (Mr. Harmon voting as alternate for Mr. Zwicker who was excused) Mr. Davidson*

*No: 0*

*Excused: 2 - Mr. Hansen and Mr. Burgess*

8. [2009-0513](#) A MOTION approving the wastewater treatment division's planning process to determine if, how, when, where and by what funding mechanisms over the next thirty years King County's existing reclaimed water program should expand.

**Sponsors:** Mr. Phillips

*Beth Mountsier, Council Staff, briefed the committee and answered questions.*

*Councilmember Pelozo moved Do Pass 2009-0513.*

*Councilmember Conlin moved an amendment adding a new element to Step 1 of Attachment A.*

*Christie True, Director, Wastewater Treatment Division, Department of Natural Resources and Parks, answered questions of the members.*

*Councilmember Pelozo moved to table Proposed motion 2009-0513 to the next meeting so that staff and committee members have a chance to look at the impact Councilmember Conlin's amendment would have on the planning process. The motion was seconded.*

*Commissioner Canter requested clarification to the timeline and schedule for the Planning Process asking "why such a hurry" since Brightwater doesn't come on line until 2013. He expressed concern as to how much it will cost the rate payers.*

*Councilmember Harmon stated that he supports the motion to the amendment and also to table action at this meeting.*

*The Chair noted that Step 1 was to be done in October 2009.*

*Councilmember Conlin requested staff revise the timeline for the report since the deadline of October 2009 was not met.*

*The motion to table Proposed Ordinance 2009-0513 until the December 2, 2009 meeting Passed.*

## **Briefing**

9. [2009-B0236](#) Capital Improvement Projects for Reliability and Asset Management

*Beth Mountsier, Council Staff, briefed the committee and introduced Kathy Loland.*

*Kathy Loland, Project Planning and Delivery Manager, Wastewater Treatment Division, Department of Natural Resources and Parks, gave a powerpoint presentation and answered questions of the members.*

*Christie True, Director, Wastewater Treatment Division, Department of Natural Resources and Parks, answered questions of the members.*

10. [2009-B0237](#) 2008 Regional Wastewater Services Plan Annual Report

*Debra Ross, Water Quality Planner, Wastewater Treatment Division, Department of Natural Resources and Parks gave a powerpoint presentation and answered questions of the members.*

*Commissioner Tracy requested an update on when the Brightwater boring machine may be up and running.*

**11. Other Business**

*There was no other business to come before the committee.*

**12. Adjournment**

*The meeting was adjourned at 4:48 p.m.*