



King County

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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, March 5, 2025

Hybrid Meeting

DRAFT MINUTES

1. **Call to Order**

Chair Balducci called the meeting to order at 3:02 p.m.

2. **Roll Call**

Present: 12 - Balducci, Clarke, Dunn, Lee, Mork, Moore, Rossman, Warren,
Hollingsworth, Kettle, Sweet and Hooshangi

3. **Approval of Minutes**

Councilmember Dunn moved approval of the February 5, 2025, meeting minutes.
There being no objections, the minutes were approved.

4. **Chair's Report**

Chair Balducci provided an overview of the discussion topics for the meeting.

5. MWPAAC Report

John McClellan, Chair, MWPAAC, reported on the February general meeting where the 2026 sewer rates and financial forecast were the primary topics; and the Executive Board's retreat on February 28th with discussion on their work plan, intent to align to the decree as well as issues at play this year. The next general meeting is on March 26th. Other comments covered a presentation by WTD and their consultants on cost and cost estimating efforts for the mouth of the Duwamish CSO project; concern among members on policies related to CSOs, capacity charge, and rate equity and affordability; along with concerns and challenges around rate projections in light of infrastructure work that MWPAAC members need to address.

6. Wastewater Treatment Division (WTD) Report

Kamuron Gurol, Director, Wastewater Treatment Division, commented on the projected 2026 Sewer Rate and associated forecast; a presentation tomorrow on the proposed rate to MWPAAC; the cost of the regulatorily-mandated MDCSO project; the contribution of regulatory requirements, asset management and capacity needs to the higher rate path; WTD's pledge to employ transparency, best practices and collaboration; vision for clean water; bills being followed in the State legislature; and the State Pollution Control Hearings Board ruling that invalidated the Puget Sound Nutrient General Permit.

Briefing**7. [Briefing No. 2025-B0030](#)**

Wastewater Treatment Division's Preliminary 2026 Sewer Rate Forecast Discussion

Kamuron Gurol, Director, Wastewater Treatment Division, briefed the committee and answered questions from the members. Chair Balducci provided an overview of the role of the Auditor's Office.

This matter was Presented

8. [Briefing No. 2025-B0031](#)

Regional Wastewater Services Plan Update - Wastewater Treatment Division's Framing of Challenges and Opportunities Which are Informing Development of the Options for the Vision for Clean Water

Darren Greve, Government Relations Administrator, Wastewater Treatment Division; briefed the committee and answered questions from the members.

This matter was Presented

9. [Briefing No. 2025-B0032](#)

Capital Program Overview and Market Factors Influencing Delivery

Crystal Fleet, Capital Portfolio Planning and Analysis Unit Manager, Wastewater Treatment Division; and Chad Merrill, Capital Delivery Strategy, Quality, and Standardization Manager, Wastewater Treatment Division; briefed the committee.

This matter was Presented

10. [Briefing No. 2025-B0033](#)

Lower Duwamish Waterway Superfund Site Cleanup Consent Decree and Settlements

Kamuron Gurol, Director, Wastewater Treatment Division; and Kristie Elliott, Senior Deputy Prosecuting Attorney; briefed the committee and answered questions from the members.

This matter was Presented

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

Discussion of 2025 Regional Water Quality Committee Work Program

Chair Balducci commented on upcoming tour opportunities and future discussion topics.

This matter was Deferred

Other Business

There was no further business to come before the committee.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:58 p.m.

Approved this _____ day of _____

Clerk's Signature