



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, Eddie Lin
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, February 4, 2026

Hybrid Meeting

1. **Call to Order**

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

2. **Roll Call**

Present: 12 - Balducci, Clarke, Dunn, Hollingsworth, Lewis, Moore, McClellan, Mork, Rossman, Amer, Hooshangi and Stuart

Excused: 3 - Hamilton, Rivera and Warren

3. **Approval of Minutes**

Council President Stuart moved approval of the January 7, 2026, meeting minutes. There being no objections, the minutes were approved.

4. **Chair's Report**

Chair Balducci noted an article included in the meeting packet regarding the senior gardener at the South Treatment Plant and an upcoming tour opportunity at the same. Also noted were the topics to be covered in the meeting.

5. MWPAAC Report

John McClellan, MWPAAC Chair, reported on election results at the January 28, 2026, general meeting and a presentation that provided an assessment of the Wastewater Treatment Division's financial model, which it is hoped can be shared with RWQC in some form.

6. Wastewater Treatment Division (WTD) Report

Kamuron Gurol, Director, Wastewater Treatment Division, commented on the following: factors and scenarios impacting the initial 2027 sewer rate and 20-year rate forecast to be presented today; recent State Department of Ecology modifications to their nutrient regulatory approach and potential impacts on King County projects; and a rebate check received from the IRS related to the West Point Power Quality Project.

Briefing**7. Briefing No. 2026-B0018**

An Overview of Water Quality in Puget Sound

Beth Ledoux, Environmental Program, Managing Supervisor, Water and Land Resources Division, King County Department of Natural Resources and Parks; briefed the committee and answered questions from the members. Kamuron Gurol, Director, Wastewater Treatment Division, answered questions from the members.

This matter was Presented

8. Briefing No. 2026-B0019

Wastewater Treatment Division's Preliminary 2027 Sewer Rate and Capacity Charge

Kamuron Gurol, Director, Wastewater Treatment Division (WTD); and Caitlyn Hall, Interim Chief Financial Officer, WTD, King County Department of Natural Resources and Parks (DNRP); briefed the committee and answered questions from the members.

This matter was Presented

9. Briefing No. 2026-B0002

Discussion of 2026 Regional Water Quality Committee Work Program

Chair Balducci provided brief comments related to the committee's proposed work plan.

This matter was Deferred

Other Business

There was no further business to come before the committee.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:56 p.m.

Approved this _____ day of _____.

Clerk's Signature