



King County

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Courthouse
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Meeting Minutes Regional Water Quality Committee

*Councilmembers: Kathy Lambert, Chair; Claudia Balducci,
Reagan Dunn*

*Sound Cities Association: Penny Sweet, Kirkland, Vice Chair;
Leanne Guier, Pacific; Yolanda Trout-Manuel, Auburn; Benson
Wong, Mercer Island;*

Alternates: Conrad Lee, Bellevue; Zandria Michaud, Kent

*Sewer Districts: Pam Carter, Tom Harman
Alternate: Chuck Clarke*

*City of Seattle: Lisa Herbold, Alex Pedersen
Alternate: Kshama Sawant*

*Staff: Mike Reed, Lead Staff (206-477-0888)
Sharon Daly: Committee Clerk (206-477-0870)*

3:00 PM

Wednesday, October 7, 2020

Virtual Meeting

1. **Call to Order**

Chair Lambert called the meeting to order at 3:04 p.m.

2. **Roll Call**

Present: 12 - Ms. Balducci, Ms. Carter, Ms. Guier, Ms. Herbold, Mr. Harman, Ms. Lambert, Mr. Pedersen, Ms. Sweet, Mr. Wong, Mr. Lee, Ms. Michaud and Mr. Clarke

Excused: 2 - Mr. Dunn and Ms. Trout-Manuel

3. **Approval of Minutes**

*Mayor Sweet moved approval of the minutes of the September 2, 2020 meeting.
Seeing no objections, the minutes were approved.*

4. **Chair's Report**

Chair Lambert reported that the first discussion of the Wastewater budget will be at the Budget and Fiscal Management Committee meeting tomorrow. Also, the proviso reports related to the Biosolids study and the Kenmore Interceptor will be taken up by the Committee of the Whole, the date yet to be determined due to the budget season.

5. Metropolitan Water Pollution Abatement Advisory Committee

Pam Carter, Chair, Metropolitan Water Pollution Abatement Advisory Committee (MWPAAC), reported that the committee received an update on the study and recommendations to improve the electrical reliability at the West Point Treatment Plant. The Wastewater Treatment Division provided a presentation to MWPAAC on the nutrient discharges issue. MWPAAC also has been having a series of briefings on rate setting and Asset Management.

6. Director's Report-Mark Isaacson, Director, Wastewater Treatment Division

Mark Isaacson, Director, Wastewater Treatment Division (WTD), reported that the topics on today's agenda are very important because both are major drivers in WTD's clean water plan.

As we enter into the fall wet weather season, two critical issues are power reliability and the safety of the staff. Extra precautions are being taken to keep staff safe during the pandemic. Also, a contingency plan has been created for how to respond if the West Seattle Bridge fails. And lastly, the director noted that during the recent major rain event, all facilities operated as intended.

Briefing**7. [Briefing No. 2020-B0086](#)**

Nutrient Management/Washington Department of Ecology Control Initiative

Vincent McGowan, PE, Water Quality Program Manager, and Eleanor Ott, PE, Permit Writer, Washington State Department of Ecology, briefed the committee via a PowerPoint presentation and answered questions from the members. Rachel McCrea, Water Quality Section Manager for the Northwest Regional Office, and Dustin Bilhimer, PSNSRP Project Manager, Water Quality Program, Department of Ecology, also answered questions from the members.

This matter was Presented

8. [Briefing No. 2020-B0087](#)

Asset Management: Cost Drivers for Wastewater Rate Setting

Bruce Kessler, Deputy Director, Wastewater Treatment Division, briefed the committee via a PowerPoint presentation and answered questions from the members.

This matter was Presented

Other Business

There was no other business to come before the committee.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:59 p.m.

Approved this _____ day of _____

Clerk's Signature