

## **RWQC Monthly Work Program for 2023**

*Updated August 23, 2023*

The suggested dates are based on the scheduling information available at the time the work program was prepared. The committee will adjust the schedule throughout the year to accommodate any necessary changes.

### **JANUARY 4, 2023 (No meeting)**

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### **FEBRUARY 1, 2023**

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- ✓ Overview of committee and vice-chair selection
- ✓ Proposed Motion 2023-0034 acknowledging receipt of report addressing the presence and effects of toxics in wastewater.

### **MARCH 1, 2023 (Special meeting to plan work program)**

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- ✓ Discussion of 2024 RWQC work program

### **APRIL 5, 2023**

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- ✓ Action on Proposed Motion 2023-0034 acknowledging receipt of report addressing the presence and effects of toxics in wastewater.
- ✓ Adoption of 2024 RWQC work program.
- ✓ Briefing on 2024 WTD sewer rate and capacity charge proposal. This includes discussion of the proposed cash funding approach assumed for the 2024 sewer rate and ten-year projections. (First of two meetings.)

### **MAY 3, 2023**

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- ✓ Briefing on Executive's proposed 2024 sewer rate and capacity charge (second of two meetings).
- ✓ Discussion on seeking federal recognition and funding for Puget Sound to improve water quality (first of two meetings).

### **JUNE 7, 2023**

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- ✓ Briefing on long-term capital needs, associated with known and potential regulatory requirements, system expansion, and asset management. (One meeting)
- ✓ Briefing and discussion on governance, including discussion of Portland State University's report *King County Regional Wastewater Governance Study* (first of two meetings).
- ✓ During MWPAAC's chair briefing, chair will outline the debt issues it plans to study, including cash funding approach, original cost depreciation and preserving debt capacity that MWPAAC plans to study in 2023.

### **JULY 6, 2023 ( This will be a special meeting to replace the July 5<sup>th</sup> meeting)**

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- ✓ Continued briefing/discussion on governance (second of two briefings).
- ✓ Proposed Motion 2023-0257 on forecasting long term costs of WTD's capital improvement needs (Added based on request at June meeting)
- ~~Discussion on asset management, including how projects are prioritized (one meeting). (Moved to September)~~
- ~~Expected legislation related Class A Biosolids legislation (first of two briefings). (Moved to August)~~

### **AUGUST 23, 2023 (Special meeting date to replace August 2 date.)**

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- Proposed Substitute Motion 2023-0257 on forecasting long-term costs of WTD's capital improvement needs. (A technical amendment changing the due date for the final recommended methodology from December 2023 to January 2024 is proposed was adopted by the TrEE committee. If approved by Council, the motion will need to come back to RWQC.
- Brief update on seeking federal recognition and funding for Puget Sound to improve water quality (second of two meetings).
- Briefing/Discussion on long-term sewer rate projections.
- Proposed Motion 2023-0264 –A motion concerning contaminants of emerging concern in wastewater effluent and directing next steps (one of two meetings)
- ~~Discussion on how RWQC can provide input on the Clean Water Plan (one meeting). (Move to November)~~

### **SEPTEMBER 6, 2023**

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- Status briefing on developing a methodology for forecasting long-term costs of WTD's capital improvement needs (New add based on Proposed Motion 2023-0257.)
- RWQC 2023 work program review and prioritization
- ~~Discussion on asset management, including how projects are prioritized (one meeting). (Moved from July)~~
- ~~Continued discussion on seeking federal recognition and funding for Puget Sound to improve water quality (second of two meetings). (Moved to August)~~
- Discussion/possible action on expected legislation from WTD on capacity charge methodology (Move discussion to 2024 with legislation expected 2025)
- Discussion and briefing on achieving better results for the health of Puget Sound through a combination of stormwater initiatives and wastewater programs (first of two meetings). (Moved to October)

### **OCTOBER 4, 2023**

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- Proposed Motion 2023-0264 A motion concerning contaminants of emerging concern in wastewater effluent and directing next steps (if needed, second of two meetings.)
- Discussion and briefing on achieving better results for the health of Puget Sound through a combination of stormwater initiatives and wastewater programs (first of two meetings). (Moved from September)
- Discussion on asset management (one meeting). Moved from July.

- Waterworks grants briefing
- ~~Expected legislation related to Class A Biosolids legislation (second of two meetings, if needed). (Subject to determination by Council chair if this is a mandatory referral to RWQC.) Moved from July-WTD request to move to 2025~~
- ~~Discussion and briefing on sewage disposal agreements (first of two meetings). Moved to 2024.~~
- ~~Discussion/possible action on expected legislation from WTD on capacity charge methodology (second of two meetings). (Move discussion to 2024 with legislation expected 2025)~~

### **NOVEMBER 1, 2023**

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- Discussion on how RWQC can provide input on the Clean Water Plan (one of two meetings).
- Briefing and discussion on achieving better results for the health of Puget Sound through a combination of stormwater initiatives and wastewater programs (second of two meetings).
- Legislation related to Modified Combined Sewer Overflow Consent Decree. Timing is dependent upon negotiations. (first of two meetings)
- ~~Briefing and discussion on sewage disposal agreements (second of two meetings). Move to 2024.~~
- ~~Expected legislation related to Class A Biosolids legislation (first of two meetings, if needed). (Subject to determination by Council chair if this is a mandatory referral to RWQC.) Moved from July-WTD request to move to 2025~~

### **DECEMBER 6, 2023**

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- Discussion/possible action on legislation related to Modified Combined Sewer Overflow Consent Decree. Timing is dependent upon negotiations (second of two meetings).
- Discussion/briefing on how Clean Water Plan (second of two meetings).
- Briefing from MWPAAC on their discussion of issues related to debt, including cash funding approach, depreciation and preserving debt capacity. (one meeting.)

### **2024**

- Report from WTD on recommended methodology for forecasting long term capital improvement costs. (Moved from January 2024)
- Discussion and briefing on sewage disposal agreements (two meetings).

### **2025**

- Class A biosolids legislation transmitted by WTD (Moved from 2023 work program)
- Discussion from WTD on capacity charge methodology with legislation expected in 2025. (two meetings)

RWQC staff will work throughout the year to coordinate with MWPAAC staff to align work programs of both committees.