



King County

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Courthouse
516 Third Avenue
Seattle, WA 98104

Meeting Minutes Regional Water Quality Committee

Councilmembers:

Reagan Dunn, Chair

Claudia Balducci, Kathy Lambert

*Sound Cities Association: Penny Sweet, Kirkland, Vice Chair;
Leanne Guier, Pacific; Conrad Lee, Bellevue; Benson Wong,
Mercer Island;*

Alternates: Zandria Michaud, Kent; Chris Stearns, Auburn

*Sewer/Water Districts: Pam Carter, Valley View Sewer District;
Tom Harman, Sammamish Plateau Water District;
Alternate: Chuck Clarke, Woodinville Water District*

City of Seattle: Lisa Herbold, Alex Pedersen

Alternate: Kshama Sawant

Lead Staff: Mike Reed (206-477-0888)

Committee Clerk: Sharon Daly (206-477-0870)

3:00 PM

Wednesday, December 1, 2021

Virtual Meeting

1. **Call to Order**

Chair Dunn called the meeting to order at 3:01 p.m.

2. **Roll Call**

Present: 13 - Balducci, Carter, Dunn, Guier, Harman, Lambert, Pedersen, Sweet, Wong, Lee, Michaud, Stearns and Clarke

Excused: 1 - Herbold

3. **Approval of Minutes**

Mayor Sweet moved approval of the minutes of the October 6, 2021 meeting and work session. Seeing no objections, the minutes were approved.

4. **Chair's Report**

Since this is the last meeting of 2021, Chair Dunn took the opportunity to highlight the work of the committee this past year.

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

Pam Carter, Chair, Metropolitan Water Pollution Abatement Advisory Committee (MWPAAC), reported that the committee has been discussing infiltration and inflow (I/I) for years and is considering creating a voluntary I/I inspector training and certification program. The committee is also looking forward to today's briefings, and is especially interested in the next steps in the pause on the Clean Water Plan. Ms. Carter also announced this is her last meeting since she is retiring from both MWPAAC and RWQC. She thanked the RWQC for its engagement this year in the issues before the committee.

6. **Wastewater Treatment Division (WTD) Report**

Kamuron Gurol, Director, Wastewater Treatment Division (WTD), announced that the division has put a pause on the Clean Water Plan planning process due to two issues: the nutrient permit and the negotiations on the combined sewer overflow consent decree. Both of these elements have very large cost components and currently have a high degree of uncertainty. He also noted that the Department of Ecology has just issued the final Nutrients General Permit. And lastly, WTD has started the process to develop the 2023 annual sewer rate.

Briefing

7. **[Briefing No. 2021-B0152](#)**

Clean Water Plan: Executive Response to Issues from Auditor Management Letter, Committee Member Inquiries

Kamuron Gurol, Director, WTD, briefed the committee and answered questions from the members.

This matter was Presented

8. **[Briefing No. 2021-B0153](#)**

Capital Projects Update

Mike Reed, Committee staff, briefed the committee. Stan Hummel, Capital Projects Managing Supervisor, WTD, briefed the committee via a PowerPoint presentation and answered questions from the members. Kamuron Gurol, Director, WTD, provided comments and answered questions from the members.

This matter was Presented

9. **[Briefing No. 2021-B0154](#)**

Joint Ship Canal Water Quality Project

Mike Reed, Committee staff, briefed the committee. Keith Ward, Project Executive, Ship Canal Water Quality Project, Seattle Public Utilities, briefed the committee via a PowerPoint presentation and answered questions from the members.

This matter was Presented

Other Business

The Chair thanked both Councilmember Lambert and Commissioner Carter for their service in serving on the committee. Councilmember Lambert provided comments.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:50 p.m.

Approved this _____ day of _____

Clerk's Signature