



# King County

## Meeting Minutes Regional Water Quality Committee

1200 King County  
Courthouse  
516 Third Avenue  
Seattle, WA 98104

### *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, Maritza Rivera  
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)*

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3:00 PM

Wednesday, January 7, 2026

Hybrid Meeting

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1. **Call to Order**

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

2. **Roll Call**

**Present:** 13 - Balducci, Dunn, Hamilton, Hollingsworth, Lewis, Moore, McClellan, Mork, Rossman, Warren, Amer, Stuart and Hooshangi

**Excused:** 2 - Clarke and Rivera

3. **Approval of Minutes**

*Vice Chair Mork moved approval of the December 3, 2025, meeting minutes. There being no objections, the minutes were approved.*

4. **Chair's Report**

*Chair Balducci welcomed new members to the committee and provided an overview of the meeting topics.*

**5. MWPAAC Report**

*John McClellan, Chair, MWPAAC, noted that the December 10, 2025, general meeting focused on pollution control draft actions and an update on nutrients. The RWSP will be a major part of their work plan. Subcommittees will meet tomorrow regarding the November Regional Utility Summit and receive an update on progress for the third-party oversight contract. The next general meeting will be Wednesday, January 28th, where elections will be held and a report from the consultant looking at the WTD rate model will be provided. The Executive Board will have their first working retreat of the year on January 30th.*

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

*John Taylor, Director, Department of Natural Resources and Parks, provided a PowerPoint presentation related to recent flooding and answered questions from the members.*

*Kamuron Gurol, Director, Wastewater Treatment Division, noted that WTD received a Federal Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act loan to modernize wastewater infrastructure for the Black Diamond wastewater pipeline, and a public works loan from the State that will help to replace raw sewage pumps at West Point. A report on WTD bond ratings will be provided later this year. The sewer rate and capital work plan monthly update included in the meeting packet was noted. A consultant is being hired for the third-party rate review. Comments related to staffing changes and the Lake Washington clean up were provided.*

**Discussion and Possible Action****7. Briefing No. 2026-B0006**

Selection of Vice-Chair

*Commissioner Warren moved to appoint Councilmember Mork as vice chair of the committee. There being no objections, Councilmember Mork was appointed vice chair of the Regional Water Quality Committee.*

**This matter was Presented**

**Briefing****8. Briefing No. 2026-B0007**

Introduction to the Regional Water Quality Committee and the Regional Wastewater Treatment System

*Jenny Giambattista, Council staff, briefed the committee.*

**This matter was Presented**

**9. Briefing No. 2026-B0001**

Regional Wastewater Services Plan Policy Framework

*Darren Greve, Government Relations Administrator, Wastewater Treatment Division, briefed the committee and answered questions from the members. Kamuron Gurol, Director, Wastewater Treatment Division, addressed the committee.*

**This matter was Presented**

**10. Briefing No. 2026-B0002**

Discussion of 2026 Regional Water Quality Committee Work Program

*Chair Balducci provided introductory comments. Jenny Giambattista, Council staff, briefed the committee.*

**This matter was Deferred**

**Other Business**

*There was no further business to come before the committee.*

**Adjournment**

*The meeting was adjourned at 4:47 p.m.*

Approved this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_

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Clerk's Signature