



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, Dave Upthegrove
Alternate:*

*Sound Cities Association: Tim Harris, Carnation; Conrad Lee,
Bellevue;
Laura Mork, Shoreline; Penny Sweet, Kirkland*

Alternates: James Jeyaraj, Auburn; Jessica Rossman, Medina

*Sewer/Water Districts: Chuck Clarke, Woodinville Water
District; Lloyd Warren, Sammamish Plateau Water District, Vice
Chair*

Alternate: Ryika Hooshangi, Sammamish Plateau Water

*City of Seattle: Alex Pedersen, Kshama Sawant
Alternate: Tammy Morales*

*Lead Staff: Jenny Giambattista (206-477-0879)
Committee Clerk: Blake Wells (206-263-1617)*

3:00 PM

Wednesday, August 23, 2023

Hybrid Meeting

SPECIAL MEETING

1. **Call to Order**

Chair Balducci called the meeting to order at 3:01 PM.

2. **Roll Call**

Present: 10 - Balducci, Clarke, Dunn, Harris, Lee, Mork, Pedersen, Sweet, Warren and Jeyaraj

Excused: 2 - Sawant and Upthegrove

3. **Approval of Minutes**

Vice Chair Warren moved approval of the July 6, 2023 meeting minutes. There being no objections, the minutes were approved.

4. **Chair's Report**

Chair Balducci provided an overview of the agenda.

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

John McClellan, Chair, MWPAAC, provided updates on coordination of work plans with the RWQC and the content of the MWPAAC meeting on 8/23/2023.

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

Kamuron Gurol, Director, Wastewater Treatment Division, provided updates on the fire at Brightwater on 8/15/2023, summer tours of WTD facilities, and PFAS/PFOS litigation and answered questions from the members.

Discussion and Possible Action

7. **Proposed Motion No. 2023-0257**

A MOTION requesting the wastewater treatment division research and identify methodologies to forecast the long-term costs of its capital improvement needs.

Chair Balducci provided a history and status of this legislation.

Due to the design of the legislative tracking software used to produce the proceedings, the vote on this item is misreported. The correct vote is:

Yes: 8 - Balducci, Clarke, Dunn, Harris, Lee, Mork, Sweet, Warren.

No: 0.

Excused: 4 – Pedersen, Sawant, Upthegrove.

A motion was made by Mayor Sweet that this Motion be Recommended Do Pass Consent. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 6 - Balducci, Clarke, Dunn, Harris, Lee, Mork, Sweet and Warren

Excused: 5 - Pedersen, Sawant, Upthegrove and Jeyaraj

8. **Briefing No. 2023-B0086**

A motion developed and proposed by the RWQC, related to developing a long-term financial forecast of revenue requirements needed for the operating and capital investment needs of the regional wastewater system and a long-term sewer rate forecast.

Chair Balducci provided introductory remarks and explained the process for the proposed motion. Jenny Giambattista, Council staff, briefed the committee. Kamuron Gurol, Director, Wastewater Treatment Division, answered questions from the members. Commissioner Warren moved the proposed Regional Water Quality Committee (RWQC) motion.

The proposed RWQC motion was approved.

This matter was Presented

9. [Proposed Motion No. 2023-0264](#)

A MOTION concerning contaminants of emerging concern in wastewater effluent and directing next steps to limit their impact.

Jennifer Giambattista, Council staff, and Kamuron Gurol, Director, Wastewater Treatment Division, briefed the committee and answered questions from the members.

Councilmember Kohl-Welles, sponsor of the motion, also addressed the committee.

This matter was Deferred

Briefings

10. [Briefing No. 2023-B0087](#)

Update on Federal Advocacy Related to Long-term Wastewater Needs

Mac Nicholson, Director, Government Relations, King County Council, briefed the committee.

This matter was Presented

11. [Monthly Review of 2023 Work Program](#)

Chair Balducci provided updates on the 2023 RWQC Work Program.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:53 PM.

Approved this _____ day of _____

Clerk's Signature