



King County

1200 King County
Courthouse
516 Third Avenue
Seattle, WA 98104

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; 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, September 1, 2021

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, Mr. Dunn, Ms. Guier, Mr. Harman, Ms. Lambert, Ms. Sweet, Mr. Wong, Mr. Lee, Ms. Michaud, Mr. Stearns and Mr. Clarke

Excused: 3 - Ms. Herbold, Mr. Pedersen and Ms. Sawant

3. Approval of Minutes

Mayor Sweet moved approval of the minutes of the July 7, 2021 regular meeting and work session. Seeing no objections, the minutes were approved.

4. Chair's Report

Chair Lambert commented on the voltage sags in the city of Seattle. She also reported that the county recently issued over \$500 million in sewer revenue bonds and LTGO bonds which is expected to save \$90 million over the next 26 years. These savings will come about partly due to our strong credit rating.

In addition, the chair noted the comment period for the Nutrients Draft General Permit has concluded, and the Department of Ecology received over 40 comments from King County and its partner agencies. Responses to those comments are expected in mid-November.

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

Pam Carter, Chair, Metropolitan Water Pollution Abatement Advisory Committee (MWPAAC), reported that the committee met with Wastewater Treatment Division (WTD) education staff at the Brightwater Treatment Plant in July. In August, the committee received briefings on the Clean Water Plan, the voltage sags at the West Point Treatment Plant and the January bypass events.

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

Kamuron Gurol, Director, WTD, thanked the chair for her comments regarding the bond refinance, and also thanked the County Council for stable financial management. He provided a number of comments on the Nutrients Draft General Permit process and the comments submitted to the Department of Ecology. Lastly, he reported that today's Clean Water Plan briefing will focus on the work-in-progress strategies and the feedback received on the planning process.

Briefing

7. **[Briefing No. 2021-B0113](#)**

Briefing on 2021-RPT0084: Report on January 2021 Unpermitted Wastewater Discharge-Response to Motion 15832

Mike Reed, Committee staff, briefed the committee. Bruce Kessler, Deputy Director, 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

8. **[Briefing No. 2021-B0114](#)**

Clean Water Plan Strategies

Mike Reed, Committee staff, briefed the committee. Steve Tolzman, Clean Water Plan Project Lead, WTD, Amina Kedir, Deputy Project Manager for Regional Engagement, WTD, and Tiffany Knapp, Clean Water Plan Project Lead, WTD, briefed the committee via a PowerPoint presentation and answered questions from the members. Kamuron Gurol, Director, WTD, also 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 5:03 p.m.

Approved this _____ day of _____

Clerk's Signature