



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, October 6, 2021

Virtual Meeting

1. **Call to Order**

Chair Lambert called the meeting to order at 3:03 p.m.

2. **Roll Call**

Present: 14 - Ms. Balducci, Ms. Carter, Mr. Dunn, Ms. Guier, Ms. Herbold, Mr. Harman, Ms. Lambert, Mr. Pedersen, Ms. Sweet, Mr. Wong, Mr. Lee, Ms. Michaud, Mr. Stearns and Mr. Clarke

3. **Approval of Minutes**

Mayor Sweet moved approval of the minutes of the September 1, 2021 regular meeting and work session. Seeing no objections, the minutes were approved.

4. **Chair's Report**

Chair Lambert expressed her appreciation to the Wastewater Treatment Division in its efforts seeking out and pursuing money-saving funding opportunities such as the state revolving fund loan to help support the construction of the Joint Ship Canal project.

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

Pam Carter, Chair, Metropolitan Water Pollution Abatement Advisory Committee (MWPAAC), reported that the committee received an update on the nutrients draft permit and heard an overview of the King County's Strategic Climate Action Plan (SCAP) at their September meeting. She also noted that MWPAAC held the first of their Clean Water Plan Subject Matter Expert (SME) Workshops and encouraged members to attend future workshops.

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

Kamuron Gurol, Director, Wastewater Treatment Division (WTD), provided brief comments on the King County Auditor's management letter and the nutrients permit process. He also noted that next week King County staff will be on a panel before the House Environment and Energy Committee on the nutrients topic, and that WTD staff provided a tour of the Carnation Treatment plant for Carnation Mayor Kim Lisk and two city councilmembers. And lastly, he reported that the Envision Silver award was given to WTD's Sunset and Heathville Pump Station and Force Main Upgrade project.

Discussion and Possible Action

7. **[Proposed Motion No. 2021-0285](#)**

A MOTION acknowledging receipt of a report providing analysis of the causes and consequences of the January 13, 2021, discharges of untreated wastewater into Puget Sound and Lake Washington from the West Point Treatment Plant and several pump stations as required by Motion 15832.

Mike Reed, Committee staff, briefed the committee and answered questions from the members. Bruce Kessler, Deputy Director, WTD and Kamuron Gurol, Director, WTD, also answered questions from the members.

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:

Votes: Yes: 12 - Ms. Balducci, Ms. Carter, Ms. Guier, Mr. Dunn, Ms. Herbold, Mr. Clarke, Mr. Pedersen, Ms. Lambert, Ms. Sweet, Mr. Wong and Mr. Lee

No: 0

Excused: Mr. Harman

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

Yes: 11.5 - Ms. Balducci, Ms. Carter, Ms. Guier, Mr. Dunn, Ms. Herbold, Mr. Pedersen, Ms. Lambert, Ms. Sweet, Mr. Wong, Mr. Lee and Mr. Clarke

Excused: 3 - Mr. Harman, Ms. Michaud and Mr. Stearns

8. [Proposed Motion No. 2021-0316](#)

A MOTION acknowledging receipt of the report on the shift of the sewer rate cost burden to the single-family sector from the commercial/industrial/multifamily sector required by the 2021-2022 Biennial Budget Ordinance, Ordinance 19210, Section 112, Proviso P3.

Mike Reed, Committee staff, briefed the committee. Courtney Black, Rates, Capital & Debt Management Unit Supervisor, WTD, briefed the committee via a PowerPoint presentation and answered questions from the members.

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:

Votes: Yes: 8 - Ms. Carter, Ms. Guier, Ms. Herbold, Mr. Harman, Mr. Pedersen, Ms. Lambert, Ms. Sweet, Mr. Wong and Mr. Lee

No: 0

Excused: 4 - Ms. Balducci and Mr. Dunn

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

Yes: 8.5 - Ms. Carter, Ms. Guier, Ms. Herbold, Mr. Harman, Mr. Pedersen, Ms. Lambert, Ms. Sweet, Mr. Wong and Mr. Lee

Excused: 6 - Ms. Balducci, Mr. Dunn, Ms. Michaud, Mr. Stearns and Mr. Clarke

Briefing**9. [Briefing No. 2021-B0136](#)**

Preliminary Review of the Clean Water Plan Development Process by the King County Auditor's Office

Mike Reed, Committee staff, briefed the committee. Ben Thompson, Deputy County Auditor, and Zainab Nejati, Principal Capital Analyst, King County Auditor's Office, briefed the committee via a PowerPoint presentation and answered questions from the members. Kamuron Gurol, Director, WTD, provided comments.

This matter was Presented

10. [Briefing No. 2021-B0137](#)

Clean Water Plan: Committee Questions and Concerns

Steve Tolzman, Clean Water Plan Project Lead, Wastewater Treatment Division (WTD), briefed the committee in the work session and 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 4:44 p.m.

Approved this _____ day of _____

Clerk's Signature