



King County

1200 King County
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

Thursday, July 6, 2023

Hybrid Meeting

SPECIAL MEETING

1. **Call to Order**

Chair Balducci called the meeting to order at 3:05 p.m.

2. **Roll Call**

Present: 13 - Balducci, Clarke, Dunn, Harris, Lee, Mork, Pedersen, Sweet, Upthegrove,
Warren, Hooshangi, Jeyaraj and Rossman
Excused: 1 - Sawant

3. **Approval of Minutes**

*Vice Chair Warren moved approval of the June 7, 2023, meeting minutes. There being
no objections, the minutes were approved.*

4. **Chair's Report**

*Chair Balducci summarized the meeting agenda and noted that the August RWQC
meeting will be at 3:00 p.m. on August 23rd.*

5. Wastewater Treatment Division (WTD) Report

Kamuron Gurol, Director, King County Wastewater Treatment Division, reported on their Operator in Training program, work done during a planned power shutdown at the West Point Treatment Plant, a broken pipe at the York pump station, a sewer leak in Tukwila, mission statement updates, redefined organizational values, approval of a loan for the Wastewater Treatment Division, and a sewer revenue bond sale.

6. Metropolitan Water Pollution Abatement Advisory Committee (MWPAAC) Report

John McClellan, Chair, Metropolitan Water Pollution Abatement Advisory Committee (MWPAAC), reported on their letter to the Washington Department of Ecology expressing concerns about the draft NPDES permit for West Point. The June meeting also included a presentation on biogas systems, a report on the MWPAAC Executive Board's spring retreat. Rather than August meetings they will tour the joint ship canal project on July 26th and hold their next regular meeting on Wednesday, August 23rd.

Briefings**7. [Briefing No. 2023-B0053](#)**

Wastewater Governance

Chair Balducci provided opening remarks, followed by discussion among the committee members.

This matter was Presented

Discussion and Possible Action**8. [Briefing No. 2023-B0067](#)**

Authorizing RWQC chair to draft and sign a letter on behalf of RWQC supporting the MWPAAC letter regarding NPDES Permit 0029181 dated June 28, 2023

The committee agreed to provide a letter from the Regional Water Quality Committee in support of the Metropolitan Water Pollution Abatement Advisory Committee letter regarding NPDES permit 0029181 dated June 28, 2023.

This matter was Presented

9. [Briefing No. 2023-B0068](#)

A motion developed and proposed by the RWQC, related to developing a methodology for forecasting long-term financial investments for the Wastewater Treatment Division’s capital improvements, for consideration by the King County Council.

Chair Balducci provided introductory remarks and explained the process for the proposed motion. Jenny Giambattista, Council staff, briefed the committee. Mayor Sweet moved the proposed Regional Water Quality Committee (RWQC) motion. Councilmember Harris offered an oral amendment on lines 95 and 96 of the proposed motion to add ", with written notice to the chairs of the regional water quality committee and metropolitan water pollution abatement advisory committee," after the word "may" in the following sentence, "The wastewater treatment division may adopt revisions to the recommended methodologies as needed." The oral amendment was adopted.

The proposed RWQC motion, as amended, was approved.

This matter was Presented

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

Chair Balducci reported that the work program has been updated to reflect a preference for more discussion time and proposed moving the capacity charge and sewage disposal agreements discussions to 2024.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:39 p.m.

Approved this _____ day of _____

Clerk's Signature