



King County

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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, May 5, 2021

Virtual Meeting

1. **Call to Order**

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

2. **Roll Call**

Present: 13 - Ms. Balducci, Ms. Carter, Mr. Dunn, Ms. Guier, Mr. Harman, Ms. Lambert, Mr. Pedersen, Ms. Sweet, Mr. Wong, Mr. Lee, Ms. Michaud, Mr. Stearns and Mr. Clarke

Excused: 1 - Ms. Herbold

3. **Approval of Minutes**

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

4. **Chair's Report**

Chair Lambert reported that the committee will continue having work sessions focusing on the Clean Water Plan. She noted that Mark Isaacson, Director, Wastewater Treatment Division (WTD) is retiring, and thanked him for his leadership, transparency and responsiveness in leading the division. She also announced the new director of the division, Kamuron Guroi.

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

Pam Carter, Chair, Metropolitan Water Pollution Abatement Advisory Committee (MWPAAC), reported that at its April meeting, the committee discussed the Executive's proposed 2022 sewer rate, and advocated for a 4% increase along with annual rate increases thereafter. The committee also voted to send a letter to WTD recommending a series of voluntary Best Management Practices for local agencies to address Infiltration and Inflow (I/I).

6. Wastewater Treatment Division (WTD) Report

Mark Isaacson, Director, WTD, thanked the chair and the committee upon his retirement. He also expressed his appreciation for the WTD staff. He reported that during a recent routine maintenance at the West Point Treatment Plant, an isolated power outage occurred which caused the emergency bypass gate to open. He outlined steps that are being taken to address the issue. He then commented on items on today's agenda and promoted the creation of an apprenticeship program in the trades. Lastly, he introduced Kamuron Gurol, the new director of the division, who provided remarks.

Briefing

7. [Briefing No. 2021-B0065](#)

Executive Recommended Sewer Rate and Capacity Charge

Mike Reed, Committee Staff, briefed the committee. Hiedi Popochock, Financial Services Manager, and Courtney Black, Rate, Capital, and Debt Management Unit Supervisor, WTD, also briefed the committee via a PowerPoint presentation and answered questions from the members. Mark Isaacson, Director, WTD, also answered questions from the members.

This matter was Presented

8. [Briefing No. 2021-B0066](#)

Clean Water Plan-Resource Recovery and Wastewater Conveyance including I/I Actions: Making the Right Decisions at the Right Time

Mike Reed, Committee Staff, briefed the committee. Tiffany Knapp and Steve Tolzman, Clean Water Plan Project Leads, WTD, and Ian McKelvey, Brown and Caldwell, also briefed the committee via a PowerPoint presentation 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 5:32 p.m.

Approved this _____ day of _____

Clerk's Signature