



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, De'Sean Quinn
Alternate:

Sound Cities Association: Vice Chair, Laura Mork, Shoreline;
Conrad Lee, Bellevue; Jessica Rossman, Medina;
Sarah Moore, Burien

Alternates: Penny Sweet, Kirkland; Yolanda Trout Manuel,
Auburn

Sewer/Water Districts: Chuck Clarke, Woodinville Water
District; Lloyd Warren, Sammamish Plateau Water District
Alternate: Ryika Hooshangi, Sammamish Plateau Water

City of Seattle: Joy Hollingsworth, Robert Kettle
Alternate: Rob Saka

Non-Voting Member: John McClellan, Metropolitan Water
Pollution Abatement Advisory Committee

Lead Staff: Jenny Giambattista (206-477-0879)
Committee Clerk: Marka Steadman (206-477-0887)

3:00 PM

Wednesday, September 3, 2025

Hybrid Meeting

1. **Call to Order**

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

2. **Roll Call**

Present: 13 - Balducci, Clarke, Dunn, Lee, Mork, Moore, Rossman, Warren, Kettle,
Quinn, Sweet, Hooshangi and Trout-Manuel

Excused: 1 - Hollingsworth

3. **Approval of Minutes**

Commission Warren moved approval of the July 2, 2025, meeting minutes. There being no objections, the minutes were approved.

4. **Chair's Report**

Chair Balducci thanked Vice Chair Mork for running the last RWQC meeting, commented on the recent biosolids tour, expressed appreciation for the work of WTD staff in coordinating the various tours, and provided an overview of the meeting topics.

5. **MWPAAC Report**

John McClellan, Chair, MWPAAC, commented on August 27th MWPAAC meeting where topics included a briefing and discussion related to the combined system actions by WTD and an update on the capacity charge process. The Engineering and Planning subcommittee will be receiving a briefing on the nutrient comment letter from the County to the Department of Ecology and will also be receiving an update on WTD's separated system conveyance. The next general meeting is September 24th. Noted that MWPAAC pays closed attention to the activities and work plan of RWQC and uses that to inform their planning and coordination efforts, also that one of most important things to achieve is to get to a collaborative working relationship with the Department of Ecology to be able to come to a useful, effective solution. Expressed appreciation for Kamuron and his work

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

Kamuron Gurol, Director, Wastewater Treatment Division (WTD), provided updates on various topics tied to nutrient regulation to include the status of litigation; submission of comments; cost and concerns related to plant upgrades; proposed Department of Ecology regulations and WTD comments, requests and questions; commented on the proposed work plan; and noted that the South Treatment Plant received a peak performance award from the Association of Clean Water Agencies recognizing five years of 100% permit compliance. Director Gurol answered questions from the members.

Discussion and Possible Action

7. **[RWQC Resolution No. RWQC2025-03](#)**

A RESOLUTION recognizing John McClellan's designation as a nonvoting member of the regional water quality committee.

Jenny Giambattista, Council staff, briefed the committee.

Councilmember Sweet moved approval of RWQC resolution 2025-03. The resolution was adopted.

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: 9 - Lee, Mork, Moore, Rossman, Kettle, Clarke, Warren, Quinn and Balducci

No: 0

Excused: 3 – Hollingsworth and Dunn

A motion was made by Councilmember Sweet that this RWQC Resolution be Passed. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Balducci, Clarke, Lee, Mork, Moore, Rossman, Warren, Kettle and Quinn

Excused: 6 - Dunn, Hollingsworth, Sweet, Hooshangi and Trout-Manuel

Briefing

8. [Briefing No. 2025-B0120](#)

Long-Term Rate Forecasting Briefing per Motion 16449

Courtney Black, Chief Financial Officer, King County Wastewater Treatment Division; and Joe Crea, Vice President, Raftelis Financial Consultants; briefed the committee and answered questions from the members.

This matter was Presented

Discussion and Possible Action

9. [Briefing No. 2025-B0121](#)

A motion developed and proposed by the Regional Water Quality Committee, requesting the wastewater treatment division implement a work plan to improve transparency and accountability in the sewer rate-setting process.

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

This matter was Deferred

Briefing

10. [Briefing No. 2025-B0122](#)

Regional Wastewater Services Plan Update

Darren Greve, Government Relations, Wastewater Treatment Division, briefed the committee and answered questions from the members.

This matter was Presented

11. [Briefing No. 2025-B0005](#)

Discussion of 2025 Regional Water Quality Committee Work Program

This matter was Deferred

Other Business

There was no further business to come before the committee.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 5:06 p.m.

Approved this _____ day of _____

Clerk's Signature