

Clean Water Plan

Making the Right Investments at the Right Time

Regional Water Quality Committee

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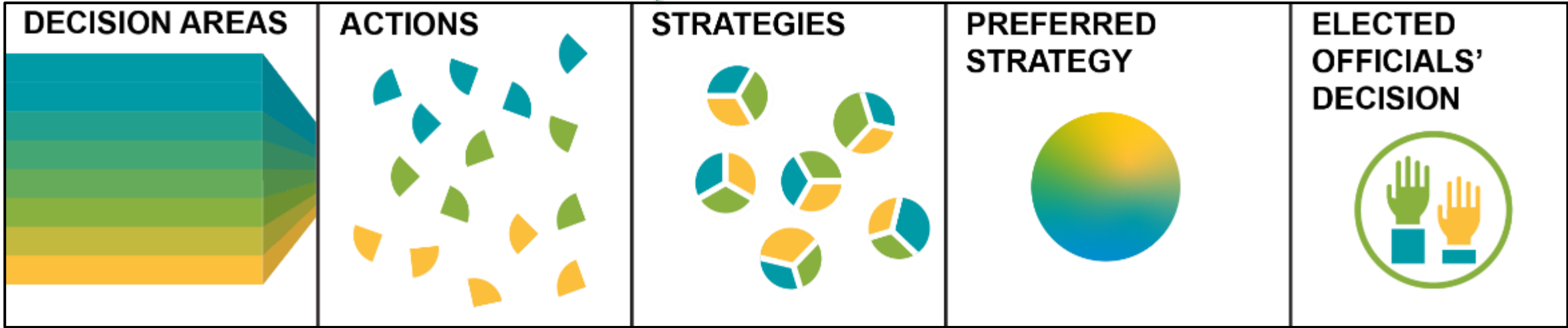
King County

Department of Natural Resources and Parks
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October Briefing Topics

- **Planning process check-in and schedule update**
- **Strategies Status and Other Engagement**
- **Discussion of King County Auditor Management Letter**

We are here



Clean Water Plan Planning Process Overview

Specific programs or sets of projects that address one of the Decision Areas the Plan needs to consider. **Policy considerations are identified.**

Distinct alternative investment Strategies to see big-picture financial, water quality, and social outcomes **informing policy discussion and choices.**

Executive Preferred Strategy is a complete water quality and wastewater system investment approach for the next 40 years. It may draw primarily from one Strategy, or it may blend elements from multiple Strategies. **Expected to include new, updated, affirmed supporting policies.**

Deliberation of Executive Preferred Strategy and **policies.**

Developing Update to Schedule and Work Plan

Timeline	Plan Development Activities	Regional Engagement Activities
Q4 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strategy development/refinement • Initiate Strategy evaluation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inform and collect input from interested parties* on Strategy development
Q1 2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Incorporate input from engagement and complete Strategy evaluation • Publish Strategies Document 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ongoing communications to status interested parties on planning process • Prepare for robust engagement with interested parties
Q2 2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Publish Programmatic DEIS • During/after engagement, review input collected on Strategies 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Engagement with interested parties on to gather input on complete Strategies, including outcomes for use in development of Preferred Strategy/Alternative.
Q3 2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assemble Executive Preferred Strategy/Alternative 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ongoing communications to status interested parties on planning process
Q4 2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Executive Preferred Strategy/Alternative with legislation and supporting documents 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Briefings and discussions on Executive Preferred Strategy/Alternative to inform on Preferred Strategy/Alternative.

*Includes Community Based Organizations, External Advisory Group, Tailored Engagement (Tribes, MWPAAC, RWQC, Elected Officials), and Focused engagement audiences

Focus of Work in Q4 2021

- **Complete Strategy development of the five work-in-progress**
 - **Two Strategies focus on conventional approaches (Strategies A and B).**
 - **Two Strategies explore new and innovative approaches that have proven successful elsewhere (Strategies C and D).**
 - **One Strategy emphasizes increased resilience and reliability of the existing system (Strategy E).**

Focus of Work in Q4 2021

- Engagement the region in discussion of work-in-progress Strategies is focused on:
 - Any comments or feedback on the work-in-progress Strategies that are being developed for evaluation?
 - Does the breadth of the Strategies cover the range of investment approaches we should explore as a region?
 - The results of the Strategies evaluation will inform decisions and policy making on investments in the regional wastewater system and water quality. From a regional perspective, what are the most important aspects for the Strategies to evaluate in order to have results to inform decision making?

Some recent and upcoming meetings and briefings:

- **Elected Officials Workshops**

- September 21 – Workshop #4
- October 22 – Workshop #5

- **MWPAAC**

- August 30 – Subject Matter Expert Workshop #1
- September 22 – Monthly Briefing
- October 21 – Subject Matter Expert Workshop #2
- October 27 – Monthly Briefing
- November 10 – Subject Matter Expert Workshop #3
- TBD - November 10 – Subject Matter Expert Workshop #4

- **Community Based Organizations Briefings**

- September 21
- October 27
- November 16

- **External Advisory Group**

- Date(s) TBD – Strategy Sessions

- **Focused Engagement Public Session**

- Date TBD – Strategy Development Webinar

Discussion of King County Auditor Management Letter

- **Focus on stakeholder involvement including:**
 - **Fully vetting Actions and Strategies.**
 - **Seeking input prior to evaluation and development of a Preferred Strategy.**
- **Evaluation of alternatives within the current regulatory framework and possible future regulatory changes, including General Permit for Nutrients.**
- **Recognize that Preferred Strategy will likely include elements of several Strategies.**

Thank you!

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