



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; Yolanda Trout-Manuel, Auburn; Benson
Wong, Mercer Island;*

Alternates: Conrad Lee, Bellevue; Zandria Michaud, Kent

*Sewer Districts: Pam Carter, Tom Harman
Alternate: Chuck Clarke*

*City of Seattle: Lisa Herbold, Alex Pedersen
Alternate: Kshama Sawant*

*Staff: Mike Reed, Lead Staff (206-477-0888)
Sharon Daly: Committee Clerk (206-477-0870)*

3:00 PM

Wednesday, September 2, 2020

Virtual Meeting

1. **Call to Order**

The Regional Water Quality Committee was called to order by Chair Kathy Lambert at 3:03 p.m.

2. **Roll Call**

Present: 11 - Ms. Balducci, Ms. Carter, Ms. Guier, Mr. Harman, Ms. Lambert, Mr. Pedersen, Ms. Sweet, Mr. Wong, Mr. Lee, Ms. Michaud and Mr. Clarke
Excused: 3 - Mr. Dunn, Ms. Herbold and Ms. Trout-Manuel

3. **Approval of Minutes**

Mayor Sweet moved approval of the minutes of the July 1, 2020 meeting. Seeing no objections, the minutes were approved.

4. **Chair's Report**

Chair Lambert reported that the Capacity Charge Rate Structure legislation was approved by the County Council and will go into effect in 2021.

5. Metropolitan Water Pollution Abatement Advisory Committee

Pam Carter, Chair, Metropolitan Water Pollution Abatement Advisory Committee (MWPAAC), reported on MWPAAC activities which included a virtual Asset Management information session in lieu of their standard July field trip, and an in-depth briefing on the Clean Water Plan at the August meeting. The next MWPAAC meeting is September 23, 2020.

6. Director's Report-Mark Isaacson, Director, Wastewater Treatment Division

Bruce Kessler, Deputy Director, Wastewater Treatment Division (WTD), reported on the success of the Operator-in-training program in ensuring competent operators are available, receipt by the Wastewater Treatment Division of the 2020 Utility of the Future award, and the estimated revenue impacts from COVID-19 in 2020. Another update on the COVID-19 revenue impacts will be provided in December. Courtney Black, Capital Project Financial Advisor, WTD, answered member questions.

Discussion and Possible Action**7. [Proposed Motion No. 2020-0278](#)**

A MOTION acknowledging receipt of a report on the management of biosolids, including a description and evaluation of alternative options for the use of biosolids prepared in accordance with the 2019-2020 Biennial Budget Ordinance, Ordinance 18835, Section 108, as amended by Ordinance 18930, Section 72, Proviso P3.

Mike Reed, Council staff, provided introductory remarks. Erika Kinno, Policy and Research Project Manager, Wastewater Treatment Division, briefed the committee 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: 9 - Ms. Balducci, Ms. Carter, Ms. Guier, Ms. Lambert, Mr. Pedersen, Ms. Sweet, Mr. Wong, Mr. Lee voting as alternate for Ms. Trout-Manuel, who was excused, and Mr. Clarke voting as alternate for Mr. Harman, who was excused.

No: 0

Excused: 3 - Mr. Dunn, Mr. Harman, Ms. Herbold, and Ms. Trout-Manuel

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. Balducci, Ms. Carter, Ms. Guier, Mr. Pedersen, Ms. Lambert, Ms. Sweet, Mr. Wong, Mr. Lee and Mr. Clarke

Excused: 6 - Mr. Dunn, Ms. Herbold, Mr. Harman, Ms. Trout-Manuel and Ms. Michaud

8. [Proposed Motion No. 2020-0162](#)

A MOTION acknowledging receipt of a report providing information and analysis regarding the design and placement of Section 2 of the Kenmore interceptor and the impacts thereof on sedimentation and fish populations as required by the 2019-2020 Biennial Budget Ordinance, Ordinance 18835, Section 108, Proviso P2.

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Briefing**9. [Briefing No. 2020-B0070](#)**

Nutrient Discharges into Puget Sound-County Strategies for Responding to Anticipated Ecology Regulatory Action

Mike Reed, Council staff, provided introductory comments. Rebecca Singer, Resource Recovery Manager and Nutrients Lead, Wastewater Treatment Division, briefed the committee and answered questions from the members.

This matter was Presented

10. [Briefing No. 2020-B0071](#)

Asset Management Needs and Costs-Preliminary Discussion in Preparation for Rate Process

Bruce Kessler, Deputy Director, Wastewater Treatment Division, briefed the committee and answered questions from the members.

This matter was Presented

Other Business

There was no further business to come before the committee.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

Approved this _____ day of _____

Clerk's Signature