



SCA Public Issues Committee Minutes

January 11, 2012 – 7:00 PM Renton City Hall

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Welcome, Roll Call and Introduction of Guests <p>PIC Chair, Mia Gregerson, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. 28 cities were represented (Attachment 1 to these minutes). Guests included Diane Carlson, King County Executive’s Office; Michelle Allison, Metropolitan King County Council; Mark Buscher, King County Wastewater Treatment Division.</p>
MSP	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Approval of Minutes <p>To approve the minutes of the November 2, 2011 meeting of the PIC.</p> <p>Motion passed unanimously.</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Overview of the 2012 PIC <p>Mia, PIC Chair, explained the new format of the PIC agenda and corresponding agenda items. She recited SCA’s Mission, Vision and Values as a refresher for the group. Mia referred to Deanna, SCA Executive Director, to discuss upcoming goals for 2012:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Deanna spoke about the format of the SCA Appointee Orientation to Regional Boards and Committees that occurred on January 4, 2012. She informed the members of the PIC that the format was changed from previous years and that the 2012 PIC Work Plan will be created and presented at the February 8 meeting of the PIC after each SCA Caucus had a chance to discuss work for 2012. Deanna introduced the 2012 SCA Appointments for Regional Boards and Committees booklet and outlined the format of the booklet, which is intended to better inform SCA members of the role of each committee or board, relationship to other committees/boards, and selected policy positions. Deanna noted that the issues that staff expected the committees to address (which will in turn inform the work plan of the PIC for the year) were included in the booklet. b. Mia addressed the importance of transparency and inclusiveness in the process of the PIC. She will work to always be fair, and will abide by Roberts Rules of Order. She passed around a handout on the Round Robin Method, which may be used from time to time. During previous discussions, Mia and Hank Margeson, PIC Vice-chair, propose that a work group is established to review and address revisions in the PIC Operating Policies. Pete Lewis and Amy Ockerlander volunteered to work with Mia and Hank on this work group. Deanna added that as an outcome of the December Caucus meetings, the SCA Board of Directors review the Bylaws and Board Policies for any necessary revisions. The PIC Operating Policies were passed out to members. c. Mia addressed the Request for Proposals for rotating the location of the meetings of the PIC to multiple locations throughout the year. PIC has been meeting at Renton City Hall for at least the past 4 years. A handout that included data from qualifying locations was passed out. Mia asked if the group would like to rotate meeting locations. The majority of members were supportive of rotating PIC meetings to other member city locations but keeping the majority of meetings at Renton City Hall. The Work Group, along with its review of the PIC Operating Policies, will address this issue. The February meeting of the PIC will be located at Renton City Hall.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Presentations/Updates <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Combined Sewer Overflow (CSO) Control Plan – (2012-1) <p>Bill Peloza, SCA Caucus Chair of the Regional Water Quality Committee (RWQC), provided a handout with background information regarding the formation and financing of King County’s Regional Wastewater Treatment System (see Attachment 2 to these minutes) to preface the presentation of the Combined Sewer Overflow (CSO) Control Plan. He explained that CSOs are a legacy of the past beginning in the early 20th century to collect both wastewater and stormwater in the same pipes. During large rain events, overflows can occur that may contain chemicals and disease causing pathogens, which could be harmful to public health and aquatic life. Bill referenced the Wastewater Treatment Division’s Recommended Combined Sewer Overflow Control Plan booklet. Links to the plan and additional details can be found on the Wastewater Treatment Division’s website at http://www.kingcounty.gov/environment/wastewater/CSO/ProgramReview.aspx</p> <p>Bill introduced Mark Buscher, King County Supervisor for Wastewater Treatment Division. Mark provided more detail on the costs of the CSO Control Plan and addressed questions and concerns from members. CSO control is required by Washington state and federal law. Control means reducing the number of untreated overflows from each location to the Washington state standard of once per year on average. Total estimated cost to county ratepayers for the nine recommended projects in this plan is \$711 million. The costs will be borne equally by the regional systems ratepayers.</p>

The first rate impact is proposed for 2016. If improvements are made by 2030, there will be an increase of \$7.61 per month for each ratepayer in 2030 (including inflation). Mark is happy to make individual council visits during council meetings to discuss this issue further. Mark can be contacted at 206-684-1242 or mark.buscher@kingcounty.gov.

2. T2040 Prioritization Process – (2012-2)

Don Gerend, member of the PSRC Transportation Policy Board (TPB), provided an update on the Transportation 2040 (T2040) Prioritization Process. In order for the Puget Sound region to meet federal requirements to receive approximately \$200M federal funds for transportation related projects per year, PSRC is required to make regular updates (every four years) to their Metropolitan Transportation Plans. At the November 2, 2011 meeting of the PIC, members asked that the prioritization process not be moved forward until the TPB and Executive Board had an opportunity to examine and provide feedback on the specific criteria for each of the proposed measures and to include a crosscheck with projected growth as well as current growth trends. TPB members directed staff to make some revisions to the work program, including the reinstatement of the Prioritization Working Group and Use of the Executive Board for oversight, rather than going to General Assembly in 2012.

The TPB will be asked to reinstate the Pricing Taskforce to update T2040's financial strategy for the T2040 at its February meeting. When Transportation 2040 was first adopted in 2010, the plan envisioned \$180 billion to support the projects identified in the plan; however, current law revenues forecast only approximately \$120 billion. The federal government requires current or future revenue to provide financing for projects. Governor Gregoire convened a task force in 2011 to address the financing shortfall.

3. School Siting Task Force – (2012-3)

Bob Sternoff, member of the School Siting Task Force, provided an update on the work of the School Siting Task Force. The School Siting Task Force came about during the review and adoption of the Countywide Planning Policies (CPPs) in 2011. There are 28 members on the School Siting Task Force that will meet over the next few months to develop a recommendation by March 31, 2012 to the King County Executive. A Technical Advisory Group to the School Siting Task Force has met to gather information as directed by the Task Force, information that will be considered when reviewing the 18 school sites and making the recommendation. The Technical Advisory Committee will meet again on January 18 and the School Siting Task Force will meet on January 25.

▪ Reports

Small Cities Subcommittee Report

Barre Seibert, Chair of the Small Cities Subcommittee, reported that the Small Cities Subcommittee had a meeting regarding AWC's Workers Compensation Retro Pool led by Brian Bishop from Sedgwick CMS, the administrator of AWC's retro pool. The main goal of the AWC Retro Pool is to provide an alternative to the State Workers Compensation Program. He encouraged cities to look into this alternative and consider joining if not already a member.

Executive Director's Report

Deanna Dawson, SCA Executive Director, thanked members for the warm welcome she has received in her first two months at SCA.

She announced the 2012 Board of Directors and passed out a list to each member. At the January 27 SCA Board of Directors Retreat, the leadership for 2012 will be determined.

The SCA Leadership meets regularly with the King County Executive Dow Constantine and thanked Diane Carlson for attending the meeting of the PIC. Diane added that she is looking forward to working with SCA.

Deanna announced that there is a Newly Elected Workshop at PSRC on Thursday, January 19, from 1:15 p.m. to 4:45 p.m., after PSRC's Newly Elected Workshop. The SCA Newly Elected Workshop will provide an overview of SCA and compliment the workshops of PSRC and AWC. Ann Macfarlane from Jurassic Parliament will be present for a parliamentary procedure overview.

Deanna passed around the event flyer for the January 18 SCA Networking Dinner featuring King County Executive Dow Constantine and encouraged members to register by the end of the week.

She also passed around a 2-page list of the 2012 Appointees to Regional Boards and Committees. There is a current opening on the Regional Water Quality Committee (RWQC) and encouraged members to submit nomination forms.

	<p>Deanna worked with Mayor Denis Law and Mayor Ken Hearing on a letter to our state’s legislative leadership, which was sent out last week. The letter was also sent to legislators in King County and encouraged members to share feedback with her from their legislators. Deanna provided a copy of the letter to members.</p> <p>A schedule of 2012 PIC meetings circulated the room and Deanna asked if members would let SCA staff know if there are any conflicts with the proposed meetings. The 2012 PIC meetings are scheduled for February 8, March 7, April 11, May 9, June 13, July 11, August 8, September 12, October 10, November 7, and December 12.</p> <p>Deanna has been in communication with the King County Executive’s Office regarding a recent King County policy ordinance that requires King County Board and Committee members to use a county e-mail address. She indicated that she has been in contact with the Executive’s Office about SCA members concerns about this.</p> <p>Members expressed that they would like a study session in the near future to further discuss issues with the Comprehensive Solid Waste Management Interlocal Agreements (ILAs). SCA staff will work on putting this study session together and inform the members of the PIC of its details.</p> <p>Deanna echoed Don Gerend’s comments about the importance of the PIC and SCA in regards to the PSRC 2040 Prioritization process.</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <u>For the Good of the Order</u> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Mayor Dave Hill expressed the importance of cities carefully reviewing the new Solid Waste ILAs. The new ILAs are 30-year agreements, and thus will impact cities for many years to come. He expressed support for a study session on the ILAs, and the new solid waste comprehensive plan updates. 2. Next SCA PIC Meeting is Wednesday, February 8, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. 3. Mia asked members to provide feedback on the new agenda layout. Members expressed support for changing agenda packets to all white paper, which could save money and staff time.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <u>Adjourn</u> <p>The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.</p>

BOH	Board of Health	MSWMAC	Metropolitan Solid Waste Management Advisory Committee
RTC	Regional Transit Committee		
CEH	Committee to End Homelessness in King County	PIC	Public Issues Committee
DVI	Domestic Violence Initiative	PSRC	Puget Sound Regional Council
EDDB	PSRC’s Economic Development District Board	REPC	Radio Executive Policy Committee
EMAC	Emergency Management Advisory Board	RPEC	PSRC Regional Project Evaluation Committee
EMS	King County Emergency Medical Services Task Force	RLSJ	Regional Law Safety and Justice Committee
ETP	Eastside Transportation Partnership	RPC	Regional Policy Committee
GMPB	PSRC’s Growth Management Policy Board	RTC	Regional Transit Committee
GMPC	Growth Management Planning Council	RWQC	Regional Water Quality Committee
FCDAC	Flood Control District Advisory Committee	SCA	Suburban Cities Association
JRC	Joint Recommendations Committee	SCAAC	South Central Action Area Caucus Group
LEOFF 1	Law Enforcement Officers and Fire Fighters Disability Board	SCATBd	South County Area Transportation Board
		SeaShore	Seashore Transportation Forum
LHWMP	Local Hazardous Waste Management Program	SWAC	Solid Waste Advisory Committee
MIDD	Mental Illness and Drug Dependency Oversight Committee	TPB	PSRC’s Transportation Policy Board

2012 Roll Call –Public Issues Committee Meeting January 11, 2012

City	Representative	Alternate	Other	Staff
Algona	Dave Hill	Lynda Osborn		
Auburn	Pete Lewis		Bill Peloza, John Holman	
Beaux Arts	Richard Leider			
Black Diamond	Rebecca Olness	Bill Boston		
Bothell	Andy Rheame	Tom Agnew		
Burien	Brian Bennett	Jerry Robison		
Clyde Hill	Barre Seibert	George Martin		
Covington	Marlla Mhoon	Mark Lanza		
Des Moines	Matt Pina			
Duvall	Amy Ockerlander	Will Ibershof		
Enumclaw	Liz Reynolds			
Federal Way	Linda Kochmar	Jeanne Burbidge		
Hunts Point	Fred McConkey			
Issaquah	Tola Marts	John Traeger		
Kenmore	David Baker	Allan Van Ness		
Kent	Jamie Perry	Suzette Cooke		
Kirkland	Amy Walen	Bob Sternoff		
Lake Forest Park	Sandy Koppenol			
Maple Valley	Layne Barnes	Erin Weaver		
Milton	Debra Perry		Bart Taylor	
Newcastle	Lisa Jensen	Rich Crispo		
Normandy Park	Shawn McEvoy	Susan West		
North Bend	Ross Loudenback	Ken Hearing		
Pacific	Leanne Guier	John Jones		
Redmond	Hank Margeson	Richard Cole	John Stilin	
Renton	Rich Zwicker	Terri Briere		Dave Christensen
Sammamish	Tom Vance	Tom Odell	Don Gerend	
SeaTac	Mia Gregerson	Tony Anderson		
Shoreline	Chris Roberts	Chris Eggen		
Skykomish	Henry Sladek			
Snoqualmie	Matt Larson	Kingston Wall		
Tukwila	Jim Haggerton	Kate Kruller		
Woodinville	Bernie Talmas		Art Pregler	
SCA				Deanna Dawson Monica Whitman Doreen Booth Kristy Burwell

Electeds present are highlighted in gray. Cities represented are **bolded**.

Formation and Financing of King County's Regional Wastewater Treatment System
Suburban Cities Association Policy Issues Committee
January 11, 2012

Background

By the 1950s, more than 25 small wastewater treatment plants had been built in the Seattle area. The treatment plants did not serve all communities; they operated at various levels of efficiency, and untreated sewage entered Lake Washington and Lake Sammamish as well as Elliott Bay, the Duwamish River, the Lake Washington Ship Canal, and Puget Sound. The degradation of water quality in Lake Washington and concern over the future of other bodies of water led to the formation of the regional wastewater system. Under the regional wastewater system established by voters in 1958, the 34 sewer utilities inside King County's wastewater service area no longer build and operate individual treatment plants. Instead, they contract with King County to treat wastewater at its regional plants (West Point Treatment Plant in Seattle, South Treatment Plant in Renton, and Brightwater Treatment Plant north of Woodinville).

King County owns, operates, and maintains the regional wastewater treatment plants and conveyance system. The regional wastewater system serves 1.5 million residents in a 420-square-mile service area and includes three regional treatment plants, two local treatment plants (Vashon and Carnation), more than 350 miles of pipes, 19 regulator stations, 42 pump stations, 4 combined sewer overflow (CSO) treatment facilities, and 38 CSO outfalls.

The local jurisdictions and sewer utilities operate and maintain more than 5,100 miles of pipelines and numerous pump stations that collect wastewater from homes and businesses and send it to King County's regional system for treatment.

Why a regional system?

There are several advantages to a regional wastewater system. First, it's less expensive overall to build and operate a few large facilities rather than several smaller ones. A regional system also enables costs to be spread out over a larger customer base, keeping rates stable while providing high quality service that protects public health and the environment. Finally, the regional system provides flexibility because flows can be directed to other portions of the system during storms or emergencies.

Financing the Regional System

Local agencies, such as the cities of Auburn, Issaquah, and Lake Forest Park and the Coal Creek Utility District, Northeast Sammamish Sewer District, and Northshore Utility District, charge each customer a monthly rate to cover their costs to manage, maintain and upgrade their local sewer collection systems. In addition, they also charge customers the monthly wholesale sewer rate to cover King County's costs to collect and treat wastewater from each of these individual agencies across our 420-square-mile service area. The county's monthly wholesale sewer rates are used to operate, maintain, and upgrade regional facilities located throughout the service area—such as projects to control county-owned combined sewer overflows in Seattle, upgrade a regional pump station in Kirkland, and reduce inflow and infiltration in the local agencies' systems.

Since 1990, King County has levied a capacity or hook-up charge on new connections to the sewer system that new customers pay in addition to their monthly sewer bill. The capacity charge covers the cost of new projects and system expansions to serve population growth. The Wastewater Treatment Division directly bills newly connecting customers for the capacity charge.