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SUBJECT: King County Regional Committees Update, June 2025

Regional Water Quality Committee (RWQC)

At its June 4 meeting, the RWQC:

- **Received an update on voluntary per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) testing in King County's wastewater and landfill.** King County reported higher levels of PFAS in landfill leachate, which may also have contributed to higher levels of PFAS in South Treatment Plant's influent. King County also compared wastewater influent, effluent, and biosolids to the Bay Area Clean Water Agency levels. King County's data will inform the Department of Ecology's ongoing data collection, now required by state law for biosolids.
- **Was informed that King County Executive Braddock developed a response to the multiple rate letters received, including one from the City of Bellevue.** RWQC members also discussed the desire for greater clarity around the long-term capital and financial forecasting methodology to better understand the implications of rate increases or project delays.
- **Discussed options for the Wastewater Treatment Division's Vision for Clean Water.** RWQC members share concerns about overall water quality when wastewater was siloed and the key policy choices expressed in some of the Vision options, like resource recovery or community partnership, felt subservient to WTD's mission of treating wastewater to protect water quality and public health.

The next RWQC meeting is scheduled for July 2. Councilmember Conrad Lee serves on the RWQC on behalf of the Sound Cities Association.

Growth Management Planning Council (GMPC)

The GMPC did not meet in June. The next GMPC meeting is scheduled for September 17. Councilmember Jared Nieuwenhuis serves on the GMPC on behalf of Bellevue.

Affordable Housing Committee (AHC)

At its June 5 meeting, the AHC:

- **Recommended AHC Charter Updates to the GMPC.** The updated charter centers the AHC's work on the Housing Countywide Planning Policies (CPPs) and implementing the accountability framework in the CPPs. This reflects the AHC's work plan for the past

two years and continues the work. The GMPC will review the recommended charter amendments at the September meeting and may take action at the November meeting.

- **Heard a debrief on the Plan Review Program.** AHC staff shared feedback from the Housing Interjurisdictional Team (HIJT), a staff level group that provides guidance to the AHC. HIJT feedback included concerns with the time and staff capacity required to submit review materials to the county, and many members expressed thanks to county staff for their collaboration with city staff. Feedback from committee members included discussion of increased county staff capacity to administer the program in the future, the need for technical assistance for smaller jurisdictions, and concerns with regulatory fatigue if additional requirements are adopted.

The next AHC meeting is scheduled for September 4. Mayor Lynne Robinson serves on the AHC on behalf of the Sound Cities Association.