



City of
Bellevue

City Manager's
Office

DATE: June 10, 2025

SUBJECT: King County Regional Committees and Greater Seattle Partners Update, May 2025

Regional Water Quality Committee (RWQC)

At its May 7 meeting, the RWQC:

- **Discussed the Executive's proposed 2026 sewer rate and capacity charge.** The King County Wastewater Treatment Division (WTD) provided additional details about the Mouth of the Duwamish combined sewer overflow (CSO) project, including that the treatment and storage facility currently under consideration was deemed the least cost alternative during analysis.
- **Approved a letter to the King County Council regarding the 2026 sewer rate, long-term financial forecast, and Regional Wastewater Services Plan (RWSP) update.** The letter states that "RWQC recognizes that rate increases are necessary to maintain and improve the system, but increases must be balanced with affordability for ratepayers." The letter includes the following requests:
 - A new approach for the 2027 rate development, to include conversations with the Metropolitan Water Pollution Abatement Advisory Committee (MWPAAC), RWQC, and the King County Council earlier.
 - The development and implementation of a proactive regulatory strategy.
 - Third-party review of the capital program, including "mega" capital projects like the Mouth of the Duwamish CSO project.
 - Early visibility and transparency on large project planning.
 - Rate predictability for multiple years.
 - Strengthen the long-term forecasting model to increase reliability, predictability, and sustainability of the second decade of the forecast.
 - Support of the Regional Utilities Affordability Summit.
 - Continue focus on the RWSP update and adhere to timelines for major milestones.

The next RWQC meeting is scheduled for June 4. 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 May. The next GMPC meeting is scheduled for June 25. Councilmember Jared Nieuwenhuis serves on the GMPC on behalf of Bellevue.

Affordable Housing Committee (AHC)

At its May 1 meeting, the AHC:

- **Discussed draft updates to the committee's charter.** The draft charter amendments reflect the committee's current focus on implementing the Housing CPPs and include administrative changes to streamline approval of new committee members. The committee will be asked to take action on the charter amendments at the June meeting before GMPC-approval in the fall.
- **Heard a summary of housing related bills from the 2025 state legislative session.** The committee discussed how the new housing revenue, housing element review, and state data reporting requirements may complement the committee's work. A summary of housing-related bills and budget were included in the [May 13 Council packet](#).

The next AHC meeting is scheduled for June 5. Mayor Lynne Robinson serves on the AHC on behalf of the Sound Cities Association.

Joint Board of Directors, Executive Council Meeting

The next Board of Directors meeting is scheduled for June 10. Mayor Lynne Robinson represents Bellevue on the GSP Board of Directors, and Councilmember Conrad Lee represents Bellevue on the Executive Council.