



## **SCA Public Issues Committee Minutes**

**September 12, 2012 – 7:00 P.M.  
Renton City Hall Council Chambers  
1055 S. Grady Way - Renton, WA 98057**

### **Welcome and Roll Call**

Mia Gregerson, Chair, called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. Twenty-five cities had representation. See Attachment A to these minutes. Guests included Councilmember Don Davidson, Bellevue; Doug Osterman, WRIA 9 Coordinator; Maria Wood, Board of Health; Diane Carlson, King County Executive's Office; Michael Huddleston, King County Council; Beth Mountsier, King County; Rob Gala, City of Seattle.

Chair Gregerson addressed the need for another PIC Workshop regarding Public Safety Answering Points (PSAP) to continue with the Radio Executive Policy Committee (REPC) portion of the presentation. It was agreed by PIC members that we should have a follow up study session on PSAP and REPC in October, and push the planned session on the Puget Sound Partnership out to November.

### **Approval of the August 8, 2012 Minutes**

David Baker, Kenmore, moved, seconded by Kingston Wall, Snoqualmie, to approve the August 8, 2012 meeting minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

### **Chair's Report**

Mia Gregerson, PIC Chair, reported that King County released its first Equity and Social Justice Annual Report. This report documents inequities across King County that displays opportunities and quality of life for the residents in the county. Follow this link to the Equity and Social Justice Annual Report, <http://www.kingcounty.gov/exec/equity.aspx>. Chair Gregerson offered for this to potentially be a future PIC Workshop topic.

### **Executive Director's Report**

Deanna Dawson, SCA Executive Director, reported that she will not be present at the October 10 meeting of the PIC. She commented on the discussion regarding the Solid Waste Interlocal Agreement (ILA) and the King Conservation District's proposed budget at the Regional Policy Committee (RPC) meeting earlier in the day. ED Dawson reiterated that the SCA has a position to support the current WRIA funding, support for the jurisdictional grant program, and a desire for a formal KCD advisory committee to ensure greater transparency. ED Dawson will provide update of the Solid Waste ILA in the specified agenda item.

### **Public Policy Position Regarding Mitigation in Solid Waste Interlocal Agreement (ILA)**

ED Dawson thanked Mayor Dave Hill for bringing this matter to the PIC, and giving helpful background on the history of this issue. Hill provided a handout on a traffic study for the Algona Transfer Station. See Attachment B to these minutes. Barre Seibert inquired whether creating a reserve, to mitigate impacts, is a new construct? Michael Huddleston, Municipal Relations Director

for the Metropolitan King County Council, stated that in the past, if an impact was identified during station design and construction, the cost was worked into the capital improvement program (i.e.: paving, landscaping, etc.) in accordance with state law. Otherwise, the cost of mitigation was expensed year to year to address operational issues such as litter pickup, illegal dumping or weekend traffic control. This is the second time a mitigation reserve has been proposed as part of the solid waste rate; and the first time a reserve has been proposed with a dedicated funding formula. (NOTE: On September 24, 2012 the Metropolitan King County Council adopted the 2013-2014 solid waste rate, which includes funding for local mitigation of transfer station impacts).

Pete Lewis, Auburn, moved, seconded by Ross Loudenback, North Bend, to bring back as early as the October 10, 2012 meeting of the PIC, the following language for potential policy position recommendation to the SCA Board of Directors:

*Suburban Cities Association recognizes that Solid Waste Disposal is a regional issue and that cities that host facilities are impacted. Suburban Cities Association supports the Solid Waste Division mitigating the long term impacts of Transfer Stations and other regional facilities on host cities and recognizes that the maintenance of infrastructure and other impact mitigation are a cost of operating the Solid Waste System. King County Solid Waste should work with host cities to identify impacts and to determine how to address these impacts.*

The motion passed unanimously.

There was further discussion on the presentation that members of the Regional Policy Committee (RPC) had received earlier in the day on the solid waste rate. ED Dawson stated that the current rate proposal before the King County Council includes 18 cents per ton for mitigation. PIC members expressed support for this. Mayor Hill noted that there has been a lot of movement in the past six months. Any questions or feedback on this agenda item can be directed to SCA Executive Director Deanna Dawson, who can be reached at (206) 433-7170, or [Deanna@suburbancities.org](mailto:Deanna@suburbancities.org).

### **Board of Health Medicine Take Back in King County**

David Baker, SCA-Board of Health (BoH) Caucus member, gave an update on the current efforts to establish a countywide program to safely dispose of unused prescription medications. In July 2010, the SCA Board of Directors approved a policy position supporting proper disposal of pharmaceuticals. David Baker reported that there are over 1 billion prescriptions written in King County. A medicine take back program in King County would cost 1 cent per prescription. Members expressed concerns that narcotics need to also be taken to be disposed of properly. Andy Rheume inquired on the level of prescription medication found in local drinking water. David Baker stated that our local drinking water has a very low trace of prescription medications. Maria Wood, Board of Health, added that there are many other areas with treatment systems that are not able to filter prescription medications as successfully. Members were supportive of reiterating SCA's current policy position and providing emphasis on the need for a medicine take back program in King County.

Chris Eggen, Shoreline, moved, seconded by Tom Vance, Sammamish, to bring back as early as the October 10, 2012 meeting of the PIC, the following language for potential policy position recommendation to the SCA Board of Directors:

*SCA supports a King County product stewardship program that provides a safe and effective means of disposal of pharmaceutical products.*

The motion passed unanimously.

ED Dawson added that the draft resolution for pharmaceutical disposal program will be circulated. See Attachment C to these minutes.

### **Watershed Investment District**

Doug Osterman, WRIA 9 Coordinator, gave a presentation on the need for stable funding for the WRIAs. Osterman distributed a handout on the background and context of watershed management. See Attachment D to these minutes. He explained that there are many ways to structure the funding mechanisms for the WRIAs. Doug cautioned cities that there a series of new mandates that are going to be required; despite the fact that, funding for WRIAs has decrease by 84% since 2000.

PIC members reiterated their support for the recently adopted SCA position on the King Conservation District funding, and expressed strong frustration with the KCD, and the fact that the KCD did not appear to be responsive to the position adopted by SCA. Mayor Lewis, Auburn shared some history regarding the formation of the WRIA's which were intended to be planning organizations rather than funding organizations. A Watershed Investment District (WID) would change the intent of the WRIA's. Mayor Lewis cautioned that funding the WRIA's through the Flood Control District, as proposed by the KCD, could have widespread negative impacts on the Flood Control District's ability to complete projects already identified by the district. Osterman added that the WRIA's were set up with a 'pay to play' model (leverage funding) with a clear purpose to cooperatively plan and implement salmon recovery actions.

Councilmember Chris Eggen, Shoreline, cited decreased funding from Salmon Recovery Funding Board (SRFB) and that current grant funding is far less that the amount needed to implement WRIA 8's Salmon Recovery Plan. Eggen is supportive of a WID and encouraged members to begin conversations with the State Legislature. Councilmember Andy Rheaume, Bothell, is also supportive of keeping funding within individual watersheds. Rheaume commented that the WRIA's are willfully underfunded and that the public is supportive of doing the right thing for the environment on at a local level. Rheaume also noted that a proper long-term proposal could reduce stormwater cost for cities.

Vice Chair Hank Margeson, Redmond, supported eliminating the KCD in order to decrease overhead cost and implement salmon recovery. Margeson also cautioned against diverting funding from the Flood Control District. Councilmember Marla Mhoon, Covington, affirmed that there is a nexus between Salmon recovery and Flood Control Projects, if properly engineered; there is mutual benefit.

PIC members expressed an interest in coming up with a way to provide stable and sufficient funding for WRIAs; however, members also stated their concerns regarding creating additional layers of bureaucracy, and/or creating additional junior taxing districts. It was agreed that a future discussion on this issue was warranted. PIC members expressed support for incorporating this discussion into

the November study session on the Puget Sound Partnership. Any questions or feedback on this agenda item can be directed to SCA Senior Policy Analyst Monica Whitman at (206) 433-7169 or [Monica@suburbancities.org](mailto:Monica@suburbancities.org).

### **Informational Items**

Chair Gregerson noted that there are additional informational items provided within the PIC material packet. She called attention to the 2013 Call for Nominations for Appointments to Regional Boards and Committees and asked that SCA members apply. ED Dawson added that an e-mail announcement on the 2013 Call for Nominations will be sent out this week. Vice Chair Margeson commented that the PIC Nominating Committee would like to see new volunteers on the committees and boards where SCA has appointing authority. He encouraged members to attend the committee meetings that are of interest to get a sense of how the committee operates, issues that are discussed, and if this committee is a good fit.

### **Upcoming Events**

Chair Gregerson reminded members that prior to the October 10, 2012 meeting of the PIC, there will be a Workshop to address the Radio Executive Policy Committee (REPC) portion of the PSAP Consolidation presentation. The workshop will start at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers on the seventh floor of Renton City Hall.

There is an upcoming SCA Networking Dinner on Wednesday, September 19, 2012 at 5:30 p.m. at the TPC Snoqualmie Ridge Golf Club, 36005 SE Ridge Street, Snoqualmie WA 98065. SCA is pleased to have University of Washington President Michael Young as the speaker for this event, and PSE as a sponsor.

The next Public Issues Committee meeting will be Wednesday, October 10, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers on the seventh floor of Renton City Hall.

Vice Chair Margeson inquired on the date of the November PIC meeting. The SCA Annual Meeting & Networking Dinner is scheduled for November 14, due to the fact that Thanksgiving is November 22. This means that the PIC meeting will be on November 7.

### **For the Good of the Order**

Councilmember Jeanne Burbidge, Federal Way, inquired on the changes on how Puget Sound Regional Council (PSRC) is organized and if it will impact the seats where SCA has appointing authority. SCA Policy Analyst Doreen Booth responded that, at this time, it is unclear if the structure of the committees will be impacted. ED Dawson added that this is a topic that will be discussed by the PSRC Operations Committee.

Diane Carlson from the King County Executive's Office, provided copies of the Equity & Social Justice Annual Report.

### **Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:18 p.m.

**Attachment A to the September 12, 2012 PIC Minutes**

**2012 Roll Call – Public Issues Committee Meeting  
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<b>City</b>	<b>Representative</b>	<b>Alternate</b>	<b>Other</b>	<b>Staff</b>
<b>Algona</b>	Dave Hill	Lynda Osborn		
<b>Auburn</b>	Pete Lewis	Nancy Backus		
Beaux Arts	Richard Leider			
<b>Black Diamond</b>	Rebecca Olness			
<b>Bothell</b>	Andy Rheaume	Tom Agnew		
Burien	Jerry Robison	Bob Edgar	Joan McGilton	
<b>Clyde Hill</b>	Barre Seibert	George Martin		
<b>Covington</b>	Marlla Mhoon	Margaret Harto		
Des Moines	Matt Pina	Melissa Musser		
<b>Duvall</b>	Amy Ockerlander	Will Ibershof		
Enumclaw	Liz Reynolds			
<b>Federal Way</b>	Linda Kochmar	Jeanne Burbidge		
Hunts Point	Fred McConkey			
<b>Issaquah</b>	Tola Marts	Paul Winterstein		
<b>Kenmore</b>	David Baker	Allan Van Ness		
Kent	Jamie Perry	Suzette Cooke		
<b>Kirkland</b>	Amy Walen	Bob Sternoff		
<b>Lake Forest Park</b>	Sandy Koppenol	Tom French		
<b>Maple Valley</b>	Layne Barnes	Erin Weaver		
Milton	Jim Manley	Debra Perry		
<b>Newcastle</b>	Lisa Jensen	Rich Crispo		
Normandy Park	Shawn McEvoy	Susan West	Doug Osterman	
<b>North Bend</b>	Ross Loudenback	Ken Hearing		
<b>Pacific</b>	Leanne Guier	John Jones		
<b>Redmond</b>	Hank Margeson	John Stilin		
<b>Renton</b>	Rich Zwicker	Terri Briere		
<b>Sammamish</b>	Tom Vance	Tom Odell	Don Gerend	
<b>SeaTac</b>	Mia Gregerson	Tony Anderson		
<b>Shoreline</b>	Chris Roberts	Chris Eggen		
<b>Skykomish</b>	Henry Sladek			
<b>Snoqualmie</b>	Matt Larson	Kingston Wall		
<b>Tukwila</b>	Jim Haggerton	Kate Kruller		
<b>Woodinville</b>	Bernie Talmas			
SCA				Deanna Dawson Monica Whitman Doreen Booth Kristy Burwell

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

## Attachment C to the September 12, 2012 PIC Minutes

### Model Pharmaceutical Disposal Resolution (v. 10-10-11)

**WHEREAS** drug overdose deaths, abuse of prescription pain killers, and abuse of pharmaceuticals by young people is a growing problem, and unwanted pharmaceuticals left in the home contribute to opportunities for drug abuse, drug diversion, and accidental poisonings; and

**WHEREAS** most pharmaceuticals, when discarded, designate as dangerous waste under the Washington State Dangerous Waste regulations (Chapter 173-303 WAC); or hazardous waste under the federal Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) (42 USC 6901), or both; and

**WHEREAS** pharmaceuticals disposed of by flushing into sewers are not completely treated or removed by sewage treatment facilities, or onsite sewage systems, allowing pharmaceuticals to be released into the environment; and

**WHEREAS** pharmaceuticals disposed of in the garbage are not secure from diversion, or may eventually end up in landfill leachate which may be sent to sewage treatment facilities, eventually allowing pharmaceuticals to be released into the environment; and

**WHEREAS** the Drug Enforcement Administration, the White House Office of National Drug Control Policy, the Food & Drug Administration, and the Environmental Protection Agency recommend the use of pharmaceutical take-back programs where available as a safer disposal method than throwing pharmaceuticals in trash.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the \_\_\_\_\_ Council/Commission/ Board encourages the establishment and use of pharmaceutical take-back programs, that destroy collected drugs at appropriately permitted facilities, as the most safe, secure, convenient and environmentally sound method for the disposal of unused, unwanted, or expired pharmaceuticals from households.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** pharmaceuticals should not be disposed of in any sewage treatment facility, as these systems are not designed to treat or remove these complex chemicals, which can be released into the environment; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** pharmaceuticals should not be disposed of in municipal solid waste at curbside, to minimize diversion, or at any transfer station or landfill, because they may end up in landfill leachate, which is often conveyed to sewage treatment facilities, eventually allowing pharmaceuticals to be released into the environment; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** at such time as an adequate, convenient, and secure pharmaceutical take-back system is available to residents, local actions will be explored to prohibit the disposal of waste pharmaceuticals to sewage and solid waste systems.