



SCA Public Issues Committee

Wednesday, December 11, 2024

7:00 to 9:00 PM

Online Meeting

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1. **Welcome and Roll Call** – Chris Roberts, Shoreline, Chair 5 minutes
2. **Public Comment** – Chris Roberts, Shoreline, Chair 5 minutes
3. [Approval of Minutes – November 13, 2024 Meeting](#) 5 minutes
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4. **Chair’s Report** – Chris Roberts, Shoreline, Chair 5 minutes
5. **Interim Executive Director’s Report** – Interim Executive Director Carl Cole 5 minutes
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Carl Cole, Interim Executive Director

11. For the Good of the Order

12. Adjourn

Upcoming Events

- a. SCA Caucus Meeting/Board Elections - South/South Valley – Thursday, December 12, 2024 – 1:00 PM – Virtual
- b. SCA Caucus Meeting/Board Elections - North/Snoqualmie Valley – Friday, December 13, 2024 – 1:00 PM – Virtual
- c. SCA Board of Directors Meeting – Wednesday, December 18, 2024 – 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM – Virtual
- d. SCA Offices Closed for Winter Holiday – Week of December 23 – 27, 2024
- e. SCA Public Issues Committee Meeting – Wednesday, January 8, 2025 – 7:00 – 9:00 PM
- f. SCA Board of Directors Meeting – Wednesday, January 15, 2025 – 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Sound Cities Association

Mission

To provide leadership through advocacy, education, mutual support and networking to cities in King County as they act locally and partner regionally to create livable vital communities.

Vision

Capitalizing on the diversity of our cities to lead policy change to make the Puget Sound region the best in the world.

Values

SCA aspires to create an environment that fosters mutual support, respect, trust, fairness and integrity for the greater good of the association and its membership.

SCA operates in a consistent, inclusive, and transparent manner that respects the diversity of our members and encourages open discussion and risk-taking. SCA acknowledges the systemic racism and inequalities in our society and continues its commitment to the work needed to address them.

Commonly Used Acronyms

ADS Advisory Council	Advisory Council on Aging and Disability Services
AHC	Affordable Housing Committee
AFIS Advisory Committee	Automated Fingerprint Identification System Advisory Committee
AWC	Association of Washington Cities
BOH	Board of Health
CSO	Combined Sewer Overflows
CYAB	Children and Youth Advisory Board
DCHS	King County Department of Community and Human Services
DVI Task Force	Domestic Violence Initiative Regional Task Force
EDDB	Central Puget Sound Economic Development District Board
EMAC	Emergency Management Advisory Committee
EMS Advisory Task Force	Emergency Medical Services Levy Advisory Task Force
ETP	Eastside Transportation Partnership
GMPB	PSRC Growth Management Policy Board
GMPC	King County Growth Management Planning Council
GSP	Greater Seattle Partners
IJT	Interjurisdictional Team – staff support to the GMPC
JRC	Joint Recommendations Committee for Community Development Block Grants
K4C	King County-Cities Climate Collaboration
KCD	King Conservation District
KCDAC	King Conservation District Advisory Committee
KCFCD	King County Flood Control District
KCFCDAC	King County Flood Control District Advisory Committee
KCPEC	King County Project Evaluation Committee
KCRHA	King County Regional Homelessness Authority
LEOFF1 Disability Board	Law Enforcement Officers and Fire Fighters Plan 1 Disability Board
LHWMP	Local Hazardous Waste Management Program
LHWMP MCC	Local Hazardous Waste Management Program Management Coordination Committee
MIDD	Mental Illness and Drug Dependency Oversight Committee
MKCC	Metropolitan King County Council
MRSC	Municipal Research Services Center
MSWMAC	Metropolitan Solid Waste Management Advisory Committee
MWPAAC	Metropolitan Water Pollution Abatement Advisory Committee
PIC	Public Issues Committee
PSAP	Public Safety Answering Points
PSCAA	Puget Sound Clean Air Agency
PSCAAAC	Puget Sound Clean Air Agency Advisory Council
PSERN	Puget Sound Emergency Radio Network
PSRC	Puget Sound Regional Council
RLSJC	Regional Law Safety and Justice Committee
RPC	Regional Policy Committee
RPEC	PSRC Regional Project Evaluation Committee

RTC	Regional Transit Committee
RWQC	Regional Water Quality Committee
SCA	Sound Cities Association
SCAACG	South Central Action Area Caucus Group
SCATBd	South County Area Transportation Board
SeaShore	Seashore Transportation Forum
SKHHP	South King Housing and Homelessness Partners
SWAC	Solid Waste Advisory Committee
TPB	PSRC Transportation Policy Board
WTD	King County Wastewater Treatment Division



SCA Public Issues Committee

DRAFT MINUTES

November 13, 2024 – 7:00 PM

Virtual

1. Welcome and Roll Call

Public Issues Committee (PIC) Chair Chris Roberts, Shoreline, called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM. 24 cities were represented ([Attachment A](#)). Guests present included: Katie Halse, Bellevue staff; Gary Simonson, PSRC; Tania Mondaca, King County Council staff; Meagan Jackson, PHSKC; Jessica Jeavons, PHSKC; Dr. Faisal Khan, PHSKC; Eva Wong, PHSKC

Chair Roberts noted that any discussion in the chat for those joining online would be maintained for public records purposes and included in the PIC minutes ([Attachment B](#)).

2. Public Comment

PIC Chair Roberts asked if there was anyone in attendance who would like to provide public comment. Seeing none, Chair Roberts closed the public comment portion of the meeting.

3. Approval of the October 9, 2024 PIC Meeting Minutes

Chair Roberts asked for any questions or amendments to the minutes of the October 9, 2024 PIC meeting.

Mayor Sean P. Kelly, Maple Valley moved, seconded by Mayor Nigel Herbig, Kenmore, to approve the October 9, 2024 PIC minutes. There was no discussion. The motion passed unanimously.

4. Chair's Report

Chair Roberts welcomed any PIC members who are joining the meeting from the National League of Cities conference in Tampa.

Chair Roberts provided an update on the SCA Legislative Committee and 2025 SCA Legislative Agenda development noting a draft agenda will be discussed at the December PIC meeting. Chair Roberts also reminded members to send in their respective cities' legislative agendas and priorities as they become available.

Chair Roberts noted that the vote for 2025 PIC Chair and Vice Chair will be held at the December PIC meeting. At the December meeting, PIC will also be voting on appointments to Regional Boards and Committees, as recommended by the PIC Nominating Committee.

5. Interim Executive Director's Report

Interim Executive Director Carl Cole updated PIC on the hire of SCA's newest Policy Analyst, Laura Belmont, Ph.D. Laura's first day will be in December, and they will be introduced at the 2024 SCA Annual Meeting on December 4.

Cole reported on the draft 2025 SCA Budget. The Finance Committee has recommended the draft budget to the Board of Directors. Following the recommendation of the Board, the draft budget will go to the full membership for approval at the 2024 Annual Meeting on December 4.

Cole provided an update on the recruitment for the position of permanent Executive Director.

Cole also provided brief updates on FIFA World Cup planning and potential locations for 2026 games, noting some public safety concerns (e.g. hiring officers for additional security) This discussion will continue at future meetings.

6. Regional Safety Action Plan

Puget Sound Regional Council (PSRC) Senior Planner, Gary Simonson, provided members with an update on the Regional Safety Action Plan (RSAP). Simonson discussed strategies identified in the RSAP for addressing crashes in different emphasis areas. Simonson emphasized that these strategies, and respective examples, can be implemented by cities based on respective safety issues.

7. Public Health Seattle-King County Strategic Plan

Public Health Seattle-King County (PHSKC) Executive Director Dr. Faisal Khan provided members with an update on the 2024-2029 Strategic Plan. Dr. Khan provided an overview of the work that PHSKC engages in to promote public health in the region. This includes, but is not limited to, infectious diseases, food safety, climate change threats, public health clinics, and overdose prevention. The Strategic Plan incorporates the racism is a public health crisis declaration made by the county and utilizes national public health frameworks. Dr. Khan provided an overview of PHSKC's mission, vision, and values, along with the priorities of the new Strategic Plan.

8. Onsite Sewage/Septic Code Revisions

Public Health Seattle-King County staff Jessica Jeavons and Meagan Jackson provided members with a briefing on proposed onsite sewage system (OSS) code changes. PHSKC is required to make revisions in order to comply with changes to WAC 246-272A that were adopted in January 2024. Since this statewide code revision, PHSKC has been working to incorporate the state's changes into King County local codes. The OSS Program is also using this opportunity to propose improvements to King County codes. If the proposed codes are approved by the Board of Health in early 2025, they will take effect in April 2025.

9. Levies and Ballot Measures

PIC Chair Roberts asked members to share any future or potential levies and ballot measures for 2024 and future years. Cities were encouraged to continue sharing their respective levies and ballot issues with SCA staff.

10. For the Good of the Order

Chair Roberts noted upcoming SCA events, and reminded members about the SCA Caucus Meetings on December 12 and December 13.

There were no other items for the good of the order.

11. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 8:37 PM.

**Public Issues Committee Meeting
November 13, 2024**

City	Representative	Alternate
Algona	Troy Linnell	David White
Auburn	Nancy Backus	Tracy Taylor
Beaux Arts Village	Aletha Howes	
Bellevue	Jared Nieuwenhuis	Dave Hamilton
Black Diamond	Tamie Deady	Kristiana de Leon
Bothell	Carston Curd	Rami Al-Kabra
Burien	Kevin Schilling	
Carnation	Jim Ribail	
Clyde Hill	Steve Friedman	
Covington	Joseph Cimaomo, Jr.	Kristina Soltys
Des Moines	Harry Steinmetz	Yoshiko Grace Matsui
Duvall	Amy McHenry	Rick Shaffer
Enumclaw	Chance LaFleur	Corrie Koopman-Frazier
Federal Way	Susan Honda	Lydia Assefa-Dawson
Hunts Point	Joseph Sabey	
Issaquah	Tola Marts	Victoria Hunt
Kenmore	Nigel Herbig	Melanie O'Cain
Kent	Bill Boyce	
Kirkland	Kelli Curtis	John Tymczyszyn
Lake Forest Park	Lorri Bodi	Tracy Furutani
Maple Valley	Sean Kelly	Dana Parnello
Medina	Michael Luis	
Mercer Island	Dave Rosenbaum	Ted Weinberg
Milton	Shanna Styron Sherrell	Tim Ceder
Newcastle	Paul Charbonneau	Ariana Sherlock
Normandy Park	Eric Zimmerman	Sue-Ann Hohimer
North Bend	Errol Tremolada	Suzan Torguson
Pacific	Kerry Garberding	Vic Kave
Redmond	Melissa Stuart	Osman Salahuddin
Renton	Ruth Pérez	Valerie O'Halloran
Sammamish	Amy Lam	Sid Gupta
SeaTac	Jake Simpson	Iris Guzmán
Shoreline	Chris Roberts	John Ramsdell
Skykomish	Henry Sladek	none
Snoqualmie	Cara Christensen	Louis Washington
Tukwila	Tosh Sharp	Jovita McConnell
Woodinville	David Edwards	James Randolph
Yarrow Point	Katy Kinney Harris	

Cities present at the meeting are **bolded**. Voting representatives present are highlighted.

SCA PIC November 13, 2024

Attachment B: Chat Log

19:11:43 From Jared Nieuwenhuis, Bellevue to Hosts and panelists:

Well done, Carl! Great update.

19:25:31 From Jim Ribail, Carnation to Hosts and panelists:

Is the emphasis areas ranked for incidents greatest to least?

19:37:38 From Jim Ribail, Carnation to Hosts and panelists:

HAWK signals at our crosswalks have helped visibility at night.

20:32:00 From Meagan Jackson to Hosts and panelists:

www.kingcounty.gov/oss/code

Item 6:

2025 PIC Chair and Vice Chair Election

ACTION

Staff Contact

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SCA PIC Nominating Committee Members

Mayor Troy Linnell, Algona, Chair; Councilmember Amy McHenry, Duvall; Ruth Pérez, Renton; Councilmember Paul Charbonneau, Newcastle

Action

Election of the 2025 SCA Public Issues Committee Chair and Vice Chair.

Background

Per the PIC Operating Policies:

Committee Leadership shall be a Chair and Vice-chair elected by the committee. The nominating committee of the PIC shall solicit names for the Chair and Vice-chair of the PIC and make a recommendation to the PIC by December 15th of each year. The Chair may serve a one year term with a two term maximum.

The PIC Chair serves a one-year term, and may serve up to two consecutive years. The Vice PIC Chair serves a one-year term, and may serve up to two consecutive years. The current PIC Chair, Mayor Chris Roberts, Shoreline, and current Vice Chair, Councilmember Joseph Cimaomo, Jr., Covington, are each in their first terms and each has indicated their interest in continuing in their positions.

The PIC Nominating Committee met on November 26, 2024 and reviewed nominees for 2025 PIC Chair and Vice Chair. The Nominating Committee recommends the election of Mayor Chris Roberts, Shoreline, as PIC Chair, and the election of Councilmember Joseph Cimaomo, Jr., Covington, as PIC Vice Chair.

Next Steps

The full PIC will vote to elect a 2025 PIC Chair and Vice Chair at the December 11, 2024 PIC meeting.



December 11, 2024
SCA PIC Meeting

Item 7:

Regional Board and Committee Appointments

ACTION

Staff Contact

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SCA PIC Nominating Committee Members

Mayor Troy Linnell, Algona, Chair; Councilmember Amy McHenry, Duvall; Ruth Pérez, Renton; Councilmember Paul Charbonneau, Newcastle

Action

The PIC Nominating Committee met on November 22, 2024 and November 26, 2024 to develop a list of recommended 2024 SCA Board and Committee Appointments for consideration by the PIC ([Attachment A](#)). The PIC is anticipated to take action at the December 11, 2024 PIC meeting to recommend appointments to the SCA Board of Directors, who will consider PIC's recommendations at their meeting on December 18, 2024.

Background

A nominating committee of the Public Issues Committee (PIC) consisting of one representative of each SCA Regional Caucus (South, North, South Valley, and Snoqualmie Valley) is appointed annually by the Chair of the PIC, and makes recommendations to the PIC on appointments. The PIC in turn makes recommendations on regional board and committee appointments to the SCA Board of Directors.

Per SCA Bylaws, appointees to major regional committees shall be selected from among elected officials otherwise qualified to serve in such positions, in accordance with the terms of the enabling documents creating such boards and committees. Appointees shall represent the positions of all SCA member cities. Equitable geographic distribution shall be considered in recommending appointments to the Board of Directors.

No member shall serve more than six (6) consecutive years on a regional board or committee appointed by SCA. This limitation shall not apply to alternates to regional boards and committees. Once a member has served six (6) consecutive years on a regional board or committee, they shall be ineligible to serve on said committee for a minimum of one (1) year. Pursuant to a bylaw amendment adopted on December 2, 2015, "In extraordinary circumstances, the Board may make exceptions to the six-year term limit upon the recommendation of the PIC nominating committee and the PIC when a supermajority (2/3) of Board members present and voting at a meeting finds that doing so would be in the best interests of SCA and its member cities."

The PIC Nominating Committee met on November 22, 2024 and November 26, 2024 to develop a list of recommended appointments for consideration by the PIC. [Attachment A](#) provides those recommendations. Included in the Nominating Committee's recommendations is a finding of extraordinary circumstances to make an exception to the six-year term limit for the following appointments:

- Marli Larimer, Kent as member to the Advisory Council on Aging and Disability Services
- Nancy Backus, Auburn as member to the Greater Seattle Partners
- Dana Ralph, Kent as member to the PSRC Transportation Policy Board
- Angela Birney, Redmond as member to the Regional Policy Committee

The following committee positions remained unfilled following the Nominating Committee's meeting on November 26. A call for nominations will go out in 2025 to fill these vacancies.

- Domestic Violence Initiative Task Force (2 Alternates)
- Joint Recommendations Committee (1 Member / 2 Alternates)

Next Steps

Following action by the PIC, recommendations will be forwarded to the SCA Board for final approval at their next meeting on December 18, 2024.

2025 SCA Regional Boards and Committees – PIC Nominating Committee Recommendations

Key

Unexpired Term

Reappointment of Incumbent

Alternate to Member

Member to Alternate

New Appointment

***Finding of Extraordinary Circumstances to
make an exception to the six-year term limit*

Advisory Council on Aging and Disability Services (ADS Advisory Council)

Seat	Name	City	Caucus
Member	**Marli Larimer	Kent	S
Member	Janice Zahn	Bellevue	N

Affordable Housing

Seat	Name	City	Caucus
Member	Ryan McIrvine	Renton	S
Member	Lynne Robinson	Bellevue	N
Member	Nigel Herbig	Kenmore	N
Member	Amy Falcone	Kirkland	N
Alternate	Annette Ademasu	Shoreline	N
Alternate	Dana Parnello	Maple Valley	S
Alternate	Lindsey Walsh	Issaquah	N
Alternate	Christina Rustik	North Bend	SnoV

Board of Health (BOH)

Seat	Name	City	Caucus
Member	Cheryl Rakes	Auburn	S
Member	Amy Lam	Sammamish	N
Alternate	Amy Falcone	Kirkland	N
Alternate	Barb de Michele	Issaquah	N

Central Puget Sound Economic Development District Board (EDDB)

Seat	Name	City	Caucus
Member	Lydia Assefa-Dawson	Federal Way	S
Member	Dana Ralph	Kent	S
Alternate	James Alberson	Renton	S
Alternate	Tracy Taylor	Auburn	S

Children and Youth Advisory Board (CYAB)

Seat	Name	City	Caucus
Member	Yolanda Trout-Manuel	Auburn	S
Member	Ariana Sherlock	Newcastle	N

Domestic Violence Initiative Regional Task Force (DVI)

Seat	Name	City	Caucus
Member	Satwinder Kaur	Kent	S
Member	Susan Honda	Federal Way	S
Member	Yolanda Trout-Manuel	Auburn	S
Member	Troy Linnell	Algona	SV
Alternate	Neal Black	Kirkland	N
Alternate	Hannah Hedrick	Tukwila	S
Alternate			
Alternate			

Emergency Management Advisory Committee (EMAC)

Seat	Name	City	Caucus
Member	Leih Mulvihill	Black Diamond	SV
Member	JC Harris	Des Moines	S
Member	Karen Howe	Sammamish	N
Alternate	Zach Hall	Issaquah	N
Alternate	Jeralee Anderson	Redmond	N
Alternate	Hannah Hendrick	Tukwila	S

Greater Seattle Partners (GSP)

Seat	Name	City	Caucus
Member	**Nancy Backus	Auburn	S

Growth Management Planning Council (GMPC)

Seat	Name	City	Caucus
Member	Satwinder Kaur	Kent	S
Member	Salim Nice	Mercer Island	N
Member	Kelli Curtis	Kirkland	N
Member	Ryan McIrvine	Renton	S
Member	Kent Treen	Sammamish	N
Member	Melissa Stuart	Redmond	N
Alternate	Amy McHenry	Duvall	SnoV
Alternate	Lydia Assefa-Dawson	Federal Way	S
Alternate	Jim Ribail	Carnation	SnoV
Alternate	Kate Baldwin	Auburn	S

2025 SCA Regional Boards and Committees –
PIC Nominating Committee Recommendations

HealthierHere Governing Board

Seat	Name	City	Caucus
Member	Semra Riddle	Lake Forest Park	N
Alternate	Penny Sweet	Kirkland	N

Joint Recommendations Committee (JRC)

Seat	Name	City	Caucus
Member	Amy McHenry	Duvall	SNO
Member	Elizabeth Porter	Covington	S
Member	Karen Howe	Sammamish	N
Member			
Alternate			
Alternate			

King Conservation District Advisory Committee (KCD)

Seat	Name	City	Caucus
Member	Brenda Fincher	Kent	S
Member	Amy Falcone	Kirkland	N
Member	Annette Ademasu	Shoreline	N
Alternate	Tracy Furutani	LFP	N
Alternate	Carston Curd	Bothell	N
Alternate	Sid Gupta	Sammamish	N

King County Flood Control District Advisory Committee (KCFCDAC)

Seat	Name	City	Caucus
Member	Karen Howe	Sammamish	N
Member	Carol Benson	Black Diamond	SV
Member	JC Harris	Des Moines	S
Member	Melanie O’Cain	Kenmore	N
Alternate	Henry Sladek	Skykomish	SNO
Alternate	Troy Linnell	Algona	SV
Alternate	Amy McHenry	Duvall	SnoV
Alternate	Annette Ademasu	Shoreline	N

King County Law Enforcement Officers’ and Fire Fighters’ Plan 1 (LEOFF1) Disability Retirement Board

Seat	Name	City	Caucus
Member	Craig Reynolds	Mercer Island	N

King County Regional Homelessness Authority (KCRHA) Governing Committee

Seat	Name	City	Caucus
Member	Ed Prince	Renton	S
Member	Angela Birney	Redmond	N
Member	Nancy Backus	Auburn	S

Local Hazardous Waste Management Program (LHWMP) Management Coordination Committee (MCC)

Seat	Name	City	Caucus
Member	John Boyd	Kent	S
Alternate	Kim-Khanh Van	Renton	S

Mental Illness and Drug Dependency (MIDD) Oversight Committee King County

Seat	Name	City	Caucus
Member	Brenda Fincher	Kent	S
Alternate	Paul Charbonneau	Newcastle	N

Puget Sound Clean Air Agency (PSCAA) Advisory Council

Seat	Name	City	Caucus
Member	Satwinder Kaur	Kent	S

PSRC Executive Board

Seat	Name	City	Caucus
Member	Thomas McLeod	Tukwila	S
Member	Jeff Wagner	Covington	S
Member	Mary Lou Pauly	Issaquah	N
Alternate	Traci Buxton	Des Moines	S
Alternate	Mason Thompson	Bothell	N
Alternate	Chris Roberts	Shoreline	N

PSRC Growth Management Policy Board (GMPB)

Seat	Name	City	Caucus
Member	Pam Stuart	Sammamish	N
Member	Ed Prince	Renton	S
Member	Melissa Stuart	Redmond	N
Alternate	Lindsey Walsh	Issaquah	N
Alternate	Amy McHenry	Duvall	SnoV
Alternate	Satwinder Kaur	Kent	S

2025 SCA Regional Boards and Committees – PIC Nominating Committee Recommendations

PSRC Operations Committee

Seat	Name	City	Caucus
Member	Chris Roberts	Shoreline	N
Alternate	Dana Ralph	Kent	S

PSRC Transportation Policy Board (TPB)

Seat	Name	City	Caucus
Member	**Dana Ralph	Kent	S
Member	Mary Lou Pauly	Issaquah	N
Member	Peter Kwon	SeaTac	S
Alternate	Susan Honda	Federal Way	S
Alternate	Jay Arnold	Kirkland	N
Alternate	Matt Mahoney	Des Moines	S

Regional Law, Safety and Justice Committee (RLSJC)

Seat	Name	City	Caucus
Member	Neal Black	Kirkland	N
Member	Zandria Michaud	Kent	S
Member	Rob Wotton	Snoqualmie	SnoV
Member	Troy Linnell	Algona	SV
Member	Steve Sinwell	Clyde Hill	N
Member	Eric Zimmerman	Normandy Park	S
Member	Carmen Rivera	Renton	S
Member	Suzan Torguson	North Bend	SnoV

Regional Policy Committee (RPC)

Seat	Name	City	Caucus
Member	Nancy Backus	Auburn	S
Member	**Angela Birney	Redmond	N
Member	Armondo Pavone	Renton	S
Member	Jay Arnold	Kirkland	N
Alternate	Debra Srebnik	Kenmore	N
Alternate	Dana Ralph	Kent	S

Regional Transit Committee (RTC)

Seat	Name	City	Caucus
Member	Ryan McIrvine	Renton	S
Member	Katherine Ross	Snoqualmie	SNO
Member	Janice Zahn	Bellevue	N
Member	Susan Honda	Federal Way	S
Member	Toni Troutner	Kent	S
Member	Joseph Cimaomo, Jr.	Covington	S
Member	Barb de Michele	Issaquah	N
Member	Karen Howe	Sammamish	N
Alternate	Paul Charbonneau	Newcastle	N
Alternate	Neal Black	Kirkland	N
Alternate	Tarlochan Mann	Pacific	SV
Alternate	JC Harris	Des Moines	S

Regional Water Quality Committee (RWQC)

Seat	Name	City	Caucus
Member	Conrad Lee	Bellevue	N
Member	Laura Mork	Shoreline	N
Member	Jessica Rossman	Medina	N
Member	Sarah Moore	Burien	S
Alternate	Yolanda Trout-Manuel	Auburn	S
Alternate	Penny Sweet	Kirkland	N

Solid Waste Advisory Committee (SWAC)

Seat	Name	City	Caucus
Member	Amy Lam	Sammamish	N
Member	Laura Mork	Shoreline	N

Key

Unexpired Term

Reappointment of Incumbent

Alternate to Member

Member to Alternate

New Appointment

**Finding of Extraordinary Circumstances to make an exception to the six-year term limit

Item 8:

King County Long-Term Waste Disposal Options

DISCUSSION

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SCA SWAC Committee Members

Deputy Mayor Laura Mork, Shoreline; Councilmember Amy Lam, Sammamish

Discussion

At the December PIC meeting, the King County Solid Waste Division (SWD) will brief members on the Long-Term Disposal (LTD) Study.

SWD has enlisted TetraTech to evaluate five LTD options and for implementation in 2040-2060. Throughout the study, TetraTech has briefed the Metropolitan Solid Waste Advisory Committee (MSWAC), Solid Waste Advisory Committee (SWAC), and an LTD subgroup of city and agency staff. In November, TetraTech gathered feedback from MSWAC, SWAC, and the LTD subgroup on the draft report, which is set for finalization by January 2025.

Multiple levels of advisory, community, and city engagement will occur over the coming years to discuss TetraTech’s recommendations, with a final decision on the LTD option by the King County Executive in 2027.

Background

Washington State law mandates each county to create a coordinated plan for regional waste management. King County's Comprehensive Solid Waste Management Plan (Comp Plan), adopted in November 2019, sets goals and strategies for the next 6 years while considering a 20-year outlook. The King County Solid Waste Division (SWD) reviews this plan every 3 to 5 years.

In 2019 the regional solid waste system serving 37 cities and unincorporated areas updated its Comp Plan, which included:

- A review and update to solid waste management goals, policies and actions
- Specific guidance for analyzing long-term disposal options including evaluation criteria
- Three long term disposal (LTD) options: (1) waste export, (2) waste to energy/mass burn, and (3) maximization of the landfill
- Selected maximization of the landfill as the primary option for long term waste disposal

Two consultant studies were used to inform the LTD discussion during the 2019 Comp Plan. After the Comp Plan was adopted, another study comparing waste to energy and waste export

was also completed. These studies were shared with the new Comp Plan consultant group, TetraTech, as a starting point for evaluating LTD options for the current Comp Plan update.

LTD Study

As part of the next Comp Plan update, TetraTech has conducted an LTD Study assessing five LTD options. This Study is meant to guide SWD and ILA partners in decision-making and planning for 2040-2060. The evaluated LTD options include:

1. **Refuse Derived Fuel (RDF):** mixed solid waste (MSW) processing using shredders, screens, magnets, and eddy current separators to produce a combustible feedstock that could replace fossil fuels in industrial settings
2. **Gasification:** Thermal conversion process that transforms MSW into a synthetic gas (syngas) that can be used as a fuel, or made into industrial chemicals such as ammonia and methanol, fertilizer, etc.
3. **Pyrolysis:** Thermal conversion process under high pressure conditions that transforms MSW into usable products – typically oils, solid carbon/char and other chemicals.
4. **Mass Burn:** Combustion of MSW to create heat that can be made into superheated steam for industrial processing, generating electricity and/or district heating. *Note:* mass burn has a waste export by rail element.
5. **Waste Export by Rail (WEBR):** Transporting MSW by train to a regional landfill outside the County for burial and landfill gas collection.

The criteria established for reviewing LTD methods/options includes 6 categories:

- Economic Impact – how expensive is the method to implement?
- Environmental impact – how does this method impact climate, water, air, health, etc.?
- Social impact – how does the method impact livability in local neighborhoods?
- Capacity – how does the method handle different waste tonnages and types?
- Operating history – what is the method’s historical record in performance, safety, compliance?
- Logistics – how easily does the method fit into King County systems?

Based on economic, operating history, capacity and environmental criteria, SWD and TetraTech removed RDF, gasification, and pyrolysis from further consideration in the LTD decision process. The last two LTD options for consideration are mass burn and WEBR. Key findings on mass burn and WEBR are detailed below.

Mass Burn

- Established technology with a proven track record of 40 years for quantities and types of waste projected for King County.
- Mass Burn costs are much higher than WEBR for the study period. Capital: \$1.2 billion; Operational: \$54 million + \$23 million ash disposal; Cost per Ton of \$231 (2040\$)
- Life Cycle Analysis (LCA) shows benefits in non-renewable energy demand, acidification potential, smog formation potential, and water consumption (with caveats). However, LCA shows detriment in global warming and cancer potential.

- Energy from Mass Burn is generally prohibited from being used within the State due to the Clean Energy Transformation Act.
- Difficult to site and permit. Several recent closures of Mass Burn facilities on the West Coast. Process generates emissions needing management and intensive permits. Difficult siting and high public opposition due to pollution concerns.
- Financially disincentivizes lowering tonnage throughput (not very compatible with Re+).
- Reduces waste 75% by weight, however, ash residuals would need to be transported by rail (WEBR).

Waste Export by Rail

- Proven disposal option in Washington State for over 30 years.
- Capital: \$3.3 million; Operational: \$72 million; Cost per Ton of \$108 (2040\$)
- Can utilize existing infrastructure, so no need to site and build a new facility.
- Railroads prefer contracts of 5-10 years. Future pricing projections are difficult and exposes County to risk.
- LCA shows benefits in water consumption and is neutral in cancer potential.
- Can more easily accommodate changing tonnage amounts (more compatible with Re+).
- King County tonnage and expected rail use growth should not significantly impact rail capacity.

Engagement

Monthly Metropolitan Solid Waste Advisory Committee (MSWAC) and Solid Waste Advisory Committee (SWAC) meetings have served as primary forums for discussing all LTD options. An LTD sub-group from MSWAC was established to investigate LTD information, answer city questions, and discuss recommendations for MSWAC. This sub-group has met four times, including a review of the LTD analysis with TetraTech, and feedback provided on the draft study. SWD also held two open houses for cities, staff and interested parties.

Next Steps

TetraTech will finalize the report in January 2025 and commence the SEPA process. Dates for the scoping and EIS comment periods are pending. TetraTech plans to brief cities in early to mid-2025 and will keep MSWAC, SWAC, and the LTD sub-group updated. Advisory committees will decide on the final option by early 2027, with the King County Executive's decision to follow.

Item 9:

2025 SCA Legislative Agenda

DISCUSSION

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Councilmember Wendy Weiker, Mercer Island; Mayor Jan Molinaro, Enumclaw; Mayor Armando Pavone, Renton; Mayor Traci Buxton, Des Moines

Discussion

The SCA Legislative Committee met several times in October and November to develop the 2025 SCA Legislative Agenda. The Legislative Committee removed the climate change priority and revised the remaining six priorities from the [2024 SCA Legislative Agenda](#) based on the 2024 session outcomes and collective interests of cities.

At the December meeting, PIC will review the SCA 2025 Legislative Agenda and discuss SCA policy staff engagement during the legislative session. The agenda will be acted upon at the January 8 PIC meeting and finalized by the Board on January 15. SCA cities are still encouraged to share their respective legislative agendas with SCA policy staff as they become available.

2025 Legislative Agenda

This section is intended to guide PIC’s discussion on the 2025 Legislative Agenda. The Legislative Committee highlighted certain issues that need PIC’s input; however, all suggestions and feedback are welcome.

Legislative Guiding Principles

Which version of the legislative agenda does PIC prefer? Version A ([Attachment A](#)), without the legislative guiding principles, or version B ([Attachment B](#)), which includes the guiding principles?

Preamble Paragraph

The new preamble paragraph in the 2025 agenda addresses jurisdictions’ concerns about King County’s budget shortfalls. It aims to introduce SCA’s legislative priorities by highlighting the

revenue sharing disparity from the state to SCA cities. Please provide feedback on the language and sentiment of this paragraph.

Legislative Priority Language

Please provide feedback on the language for each legislative priority. The Legislative Committee requests specific input for the *Support Sustainable Funding for Core Local Services* priority:

- 2025 Draft Language: Add a local option to tie property tax increases to inflation and population growth while maintaining the 1% cap on annual property tax increases.
- Alternate Proposed Language: Add a local option to tie property tax increases to inflation and population growth, **while allowing property tax increases of greater than 1% for cities to provide and maintain core local services.**

Formatting and Presentation

Please provide feedback on the overall formatting of the legislative agenda, keeping in mind accessibility and readability.

Legislative Session Engagement

The SCA Legislative Committee and SCA policy staff request input from PIC regarding staff engagement with PIC and the SCA network during the 2025 legislative session.

Discussion questions:

1. How should SCA staff bring information to PIC?
 - a. Does PIC want to be the nexus of legislative information and responsible for passing information to your cities?
 - b. Other options include targeted outreach to cities who have expressed interest in specific issues, or a weekly newsletter update to the SCA network.
2. Are there issues of notable importance to PIC members and SCA's member cities related to the 2025 legislative agenda?
 - a. Policy staff can highlight these issues throughout the duration of the legislative session in future PIC meetings.

Next Steps

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Support Sustainable Funding for Core Local Services

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Promote Housing Affordability

Provide resources such as local option REET to assist cities with implementation of affordable housing legislation. Reduce state regulations that prevent the production of affordable housing units at the local level.

Invest in Transportation Infrastructure & Mobility

Support sustainable state transportation revenue that provides funding for local preservation, maintenance, and operations. Prevent diversion of funds and increase investment in the Public Works Assistance Account. Support local funding options to preserve and maintain public transportation systems.

Confront Labor Challenges

Increase support for workforce pipelines in order to address the gap between available jobs and the realities of labor shortages. Focus on recruitment and retention of individuals in critical fields.

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*Improve the social safety net

*Make no unfunded mandates to cities

*Preserve local decision-making authority



December 11, 2024
SCA PIC Meeting

Item 10:
2024 City Outlook & Upcoming SCA Issues
DISCUSSION

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Discussion

At the December PIC meeting, we will have a roundtable discussion for members to share priorities for their cities and provide input on regional issues that will be important for SCA to be engaged with in the coming year. Topics identified by members will help inform future PIC discussions, workshops, and educational events. PIC members will be asked to share goals that they hope to achieve, exciting projects, and issues they are looking forward to engaging with in 2025.

PIC members are also encouraged to share whether they will be returning as the PIC representative in January and, if not, if a replacement has been determined.

Next Steps

SCA staff and Board would appreciate feedback from all our member cities on priorities for 2024. If you or your city has feedback, please contact Interim SCA Executive Director Carl Cole at carl@soundcities.org or 206-499-4238