



## SCA Public Issues Committee: PIC Hot Sheet 4/8/2026

Please review the details in this document for a quick overview of the PIC discussions and actions this month. More details are provided in the associated memorandums for each item. **The purpose of this document is to serve as a quick tool for PIC members to help them communicate with their elected and staff colleagues in your city.** Use this document – especially the **\*\*Questions for your Colleagues** – to try and engage your peers so you can bring a more comprehensive view into the PIC. On some questions, you may also want to ask city staff for their perspective or knowledge.

Associated PIC packet materials can be found on the [SCA website](#).

### Pre-PIC Social Hour

#### 6:00 PM, Renton City Hall Council Chambers

A social hour will be held immediately before the meeting, at 6:00 PM. All PIC reps and alternates are invited to attend! A light meal will be provided.

### Item 6: Regional Boards & Committees Mid-Year Appointments

#### ACTION

At the April meeting, PIC will review the PIC Nominating Committee recommendations to fill vacant seats on regional boards and committees. PIC will vote to recommend appointments to the SCA Board of Directors for final approval.

### Item 7: 2027 Proposed Sewer Rate Response Letter

#### DISCUSSION/POTENTIAL ACTION

The King County Wastewater Treatment Division (WTD) is currently recommending a 12.75% monthly sewer rate increase, which raises the current monthly rate of \$62.66 to \$70.65. The sewer rate is forecasted to continue rising by double-digit percentages through 2032, resulting in the monthly sewer rate doubling by 2032 and more than tripling by 2042. SCA members have expressed concerns around how multiple years of double-digit rate increases, particularly when compounded with other utility rate increases, impacts affordability for ratepayers. The SCA Regional Water Quality Committee (RWQC) Caucus has suggested SCA submit a sewer rate response letter.

#### **\*\*Questions for your Colleagues:**

- Do you support SCA sending a letter in response to the 2027 sewer rate proposal?
- What are your main concerns regarding the proposed sewer rate increase?

- What suggestions do you have to ensure the sewer rate response letter captures these concerns?

## Item 8: State Legislative Update & Panel Discussion

### DISCUSSION

At the April meeting, PIC will host a panel of staff from SCA member cities and engage in a discussion regarding outcomes from the 2026 legislative session. Starting with the SCA 2026 State Legislative Agenda, SCA Senior Policy Analyst Aj Foltz will moderate the panel discussion and members will have an opportunity to ask questions.

#### **\*\*Questions for your Colleagues:**

*Please coordinate with your city council and come prepared with questions for the panelists that reflect your city's perspective.*

## Item XX: Updates/Informational Items

### DISCUSSION

#### **Item 9.a: Regional Boards & Committees Upcoming Issues**

This standing PIC item provides an overview of key issues scheduled for discussion on regional boards and committees to inform the Public Issues Committee and support proactive engagement and policy alignment.

The SCA policy staff have identified the following issues for consideration by PIC as potential items for discussion:

- **Growth Management Planning Council (GMPC)**
  - The first meeting of the GMPC will take place on Thursday, April 30. The SCA Caucus has emphasized its priorities in Interjurisdictional Team meetings and in the Draft GMPC Work Plan. Following discussion at the April meeting, the GMPC will vote on approval of the work plan. The GMPC's priorities for 2026 include:
    - Review of Countywide Center applications
    - Strategic Climate Action Plan updates
    - Advising on the King County Housing Monitoring process
    - Collaborating with the SCA Affordable Housing Committee (AHC) Caucus
- **Sound Transit Enterprise Initiative**
  - Staff are tracking Sound Transit's Enterprise Initiative and possible impacts to SCA members across the region, with an expected vote by the end of May.



- PIC members may be interested in recommending that the SCA Board release a statement calling on Sound Transit to prioritize a regional system.

**Item 9.b: Levies & Ballot Measures**

This standing item details upcoming King County and special district levies and ballot measures. **PIC members are encouraged to share upcoming or recently approved city and special districts levies and ballot measures with SCA staff.**

**Item 9.c: PIC 2026 Work Plan**

This new standing item provides a look ahead at upcoming topics for PIC meetings. The PIC work plan is a living document, subject to change as issues arise or are identified for discussion. The items listed on the work plan are not finalized unless formally listed on an upcoming PIC agenda.