



SCA Public Issues Committee
June 10, 2026 - 7:00 PM
Online Meeting

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AGENDA

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| 1) Welcome and Roll Call – Lydia Assefa-Dawson, Federal Way, PIC Chair | 5 Minutes |
| 2) Public Comment | 5 Minutes |
| 3) Approval of Minutes – May 13, 2026 Meeting
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| 4) Chair’s Report – Lydia Assefa-Dawson, Federal Way, PIC Chair | 5 Minutes |
| 5) Executive Director’s Report – Robert Feldstein, Executive Director | 5 Minutes |
| 6) Regional Boards & Committees Appointments
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Robert Feldstein, Executive Director | 15 Minutes |
| 7) 2027 Solid Waste Rate Response Letter
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Laura Belmont, Policy Analyst | 40 Minutes |
| 8) December 2025 Flood Response – SCA Survey
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Dax Tate, Policy Analyst | 25 Minutes |
| 9) Updates/Informational Items | 15 Minutes |
| a. Regional Boards & Committees Upcoming Issues | |
| b. Levies & Ballot Measures | |
| c. 2026 PIC Work Plan | |

10) For the good of the order

11) Adjourn

Upcoming Events

- a. SCA Board of Directors Meeting – June 17, 2026 – 10 AM – 12 PM – Renton City Hall
- b. Public Health Briefing – June 24, 2026 – 10 – 10:30 AM – Virtual
- c. SCA PIC Meeting – July 8, 2026 – 7 – 9 PM – IN PERSON ONLY at the Kirkland Justice Center.
- d. Independence Day (Observed) – SCA Offices Closed – Friday, July 3, 2026
- e. Summer Social – July 22, 2026 – 5:30 – 8:00 PM – Lake Wilderness Lodge, Maple Valley

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

SCA will lead policy change to make the Puget Sound region the best in the world for our diverse communities.

Values

SCA is committed to creating 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 inequities in our society and continues its commitment to the work needed to address them.

Guiding Principles

- Assume that others are acting with good intent
- No surprises!
- Have each other's backs
- Think about who is not at the table
- Be candid, but kind
- Once a decision is made, work together to make it work
- Show up to meetings prepared
- Be fully present and engaged during meetings
- Extend grace to others – cut them some slack
- Remain open-minded
- Respect differing views

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
BPAC	PSRC Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee
CIP	Capital Improvement Plan
CJTC	Washington State Criminal Justice Training Commission
CPPs	Countywide Planning Policies
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
GMA	Growth Management Act
GMPB	PSRC Growth Management Policy Board
GMPC	King County Growth Management Planning Council
GSP	Greater Seattle Partners
HIJT	Affordable Housing Interjurisdictional Team
IJT	Interjurisdictional Team – staff support to the GMPC
ICA	Interlocal Cooperation Agreement
ILA	Interlocal Agreement
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
KCEC	King County Project Evaluation Committee
KCRHA	King County Regional Homelessness Authority
LEOFF1 Disability Board	Law Enforcement Officers and Fire Fighters Plan 1 Disability Board
MCC	Hazardous Waste Management Program Management Coordination Committee
MIDD	Mental Illness and Drug Dependency
MKCC	Metropolitan King County Council
MRSC	Municipal Research Services Center
MSWMAC	Metropolitan Solid Waste Management Advisory Committee
MWPAAC	Metropolitan Water Pollution Abatement Advisory Committee
OPMA	Open Public Meetings Act
PHSKC	Public Health – Seattle & King County
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
PRA	Public Records Act
RCW	Revised Code of Washington
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

May 13, 2026 – 7:00 PM

Online Meeting

1. Welcome and Roll Call

Federal Way Councilmember, Lydia Assefa-Dawson, Public Issues Committee (PIC) Chair, called the meeting to order at 7:09 PM. 28 cities were represented. ([Attachment A](#)).

Guests included: Tracy Taylor, Auburn (PIC Alternate); Alex Andrade, Burien (PIC Alternate); Adam Olen, Duvall (PIC Alternate); Les Sessoms, Federal Way (PIC Alternate); Paul Adair, Issaquah (PIC Alternate); Katie Halse, Bellevue Staff; Andreana Campbell, Kirkland Staff; Amy Tsai, Redmond Staff; Jared Hill, Woodinville Staff; Cassie Byerly, King County Executive Staff; Tania Mondaca, King County Council Staff; Olivia Robinson, King County Wastewater Treatment Division Staff; Patience Malaba, Housing Development Consortium (HDC); Brady Nordstrom, HDC; Walter Dawson; Joseph Ruttenberg.

Chair Assefa-Dawson 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

Federal Way Councilmember, Lydia Assefa-Dawson, SCA PIC Chair, asked if there was anyone in attendance who would like to provide public comment and encouraged any individuals with comment to contact sca@soundcities.org .

Hearing none, Chair Assefa-Dawson closed this portion of the meeting.

3. Approval of Minutes – April 8, 2026 Meeting

Federal Way Councilmember, Lydia Assefa-Dawson, SCA PIC Chair, asked for any questions or amendments to the minutes of the April 8, 2026 SCA PIC meeting.

Mayor Pro Tem Elizabeth Porter, Covington, moved, seconded by Councilmember Bill Boyce, Kent, to approve the minutes of the April 8, 2026 SCA PIC Meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

4. Chair's Report

Federal Way Councilmember, Lydia Assefa-Dawson, SCA PIC Chair, stated that the agenda was filled with three issues of high regional interest and noted that SCA staff would be providing time checks. She also reminded members of SCA's Guiding Principles.

5. Executive Director's Report

SCA Executive Director Robert Feldstein shared that he has met with staff of multiple cities to discuss ongoing items related to the King County Regional Homelessness Authority. He also stated that SCA will be distributing a survey to members shortly on Regional Transit Safety as well as starting up a monthly staff advisory group on the topic. Feldstein encouraged members to reach out to SCA Policy Analyst Dax Tate if they were interested in joining the group.

Feldstein also provided updates on the King County Transportation District (KCTD). He stated that another meeting is scheduled for Friday. Feldstein shared that an amendment to Supervisor Fain's amendment is expected. He stated that while the numbers being discussed are not what SCA members had hoped for, this represents a victory for SCA as nobody in the County was originally discussing a pass-through. He encouraged members to continue being engaged to support those who supported SCA.

6. Potential Affordable Housing Regional Initiative

Housing Development Consortium (HDC) Executive Director Patience Malaba and Associate Director of Government Relations and Policy Brady Nordstrom presented to members regarding the Potential Affordable Housing Regional Initiative. Presentation materials are attached and available on the SCA website [here](#).

HDC Executive Director Patience Malaba introduced the early work that has been done on a potential affordable housing regional initiative, stating no items presented are formal proposals. She overviewed that the HDC worked with King County Councilmember Claudia Balducci on a budget proviso for an updated King County Housing Needs Assessment; the data from this assessment suggests that progress has been made but that King County still needs 172,000 new homes in the next 20 years, with the greatest need in the 0-50% AMI range.

HDC Associate Director of Government Relations and Policy Brady Nordstrom reviewed current data. He stated that the region currently spends around \$1.5 billion on housing, but an annual funding gap of \$3.9 billion remains. He stated that an affordable housing levy has risen as a potential tool to address housing needs. The legislature passed a levy authority for cities, counties, and towns in 2020 that is not currently used by King County. It requires a simple majority approval by ballot measure, declaration of state of emergency, and a financing plan.

Nordstrom then presented possible concepts for levy funding allocation. Malaba overviewed that the King County Executive released an executive order in March that launches a workgroup analyzing a region-wide funding approach for a first-ever county-wide housing levy. She stated that HDC is working with the Executive to create a workplan to support the workgroup.

Chair Assefa-Dawson opened the floor for questions and discussion. There were no action items to report.

7. 2027 Proposed Sewer Rate Response Letter

SCA staff provided members with presentation regarding the 2027 Proposed Sewer Rate Response Letter. Materials are attached and available on the SCA website [here](#).

SCA Policy Analyst Laura Belmont provided an update on the 2027 Proposed Sewer Rate letter, including a review of the April PIC discussion. Belmont covered key components of the draft letter, an overview of the structure of the motion and amendment process, and a reminder that members who submitted amendments to the PIC packet must still submit amendments in the meeting. They then introduced the redlined draft letter.

Chair Assefa Dawson opened the floor for discussion. The Committee first discussed proposed amendments as included in the meeting materials and took the following actions:

Amendments 1–9 are attached to and incorporated into these minutes by reference. ([Attachment C](#))

Redmond Council President Melissa Stuart, SCA PIC Vice Chair, moved, seconded by Councilmember Jared Nieuwenhuis, Bellevue, to amend the letter as shown in Amendment 1 . The motion passed unanimously.

Vice Chair Stuart moved, seconded by Mayor Vic Kave, Pacific, to amend the letter as shown in Amendment 2. The motion passed unanimously.

Councilmember Laura Mork, Shoreline, moved, seconded by Mayor Sarah Moore, Burien, to amend the letter as shown in Amendment 3. The motion passed unanimously.

Councilmember Kate Kruller, Tukwila, moved, seconded by Council President Tola Marts, Issaquah, to amend amendment 4 by revising the second sentence. The motion passed unanimously.

Council President Bill Boyce, Kent, moved, seconded by Councilmember Jared Nieuwenhuis, Bellevue, to amend the letter as shown in Amendment 4, as amended. The motion passed via a roll call vote, with 4 opposed and 6 abstaining. The cities of Algona, Auburn, Black Diamond, Carnation, Covington, Federal Way, Issaquah, Kent, Kirkland, Maple Valley, Medina, Milton, Normandy Park, Pacific, Sammamish, Skykomish, and Tukwila voted in favor. The cities of Burien, Redmond, Renton, and Shoreline voted in opposition. Bellevue, Duvall, Kenmore, Lake Forest Park, North Bend, and Woodinville abstained.

Councilmember Shilpa Prem, Kirkland, moved, seconded by Federal Way Councilmember Lydia Assefa-Dawson, SCA PIC Chair, to amend the letter as shown in Amendment 5. The motion passed unanimously.

Amendments 6 and 7 were not considered.

Councilmember Jared Nieuwenhuis, Bellevue, moved, seconded by Councilmember Jason Roberts, Milton, to amend the letter as shown in Amendment 8. The motion passed unanimously.

Belmont stated that WTD had indicated that Amendment 9, as included in the PIC Packet, may require further legal consideration. Following discussion, the Committee took the following action:

Deputy Mayor Tracy Furutani, Lake Forest Park, moved, seconded by Moore, to amend the letter as shown in Amendment 9 pending legal review. The motion failed by a roll call vote, with 15 opposed, and 2 abstaining. The cities of Algona, Auburn, Burien, Federal Way, Issaquah, Kent, Lake Forest Park, and Shoreline voted in favor. The cities of Bellevue, Black Diamond, Carnation, Covington, Duvall, Kenmore, Kirkland, Maple Valley, Normandy Park, North Bend, Pacific, Redmond, Sammamish, Tukwila, and Woodinville voted in opposition. Medina and Milton abstained.

Chair Assefa-Dawson called for additional amendments on the floor.

By request of a member, SCA staff shared a copy of the draft letter reflecting the approved amendments reflected before the final vote.

A typographical error regarding the projected year in which rates would double was identified and corrected by staff in the version before the Committee.

Councilmember Kate Kruller, Tukwila, moved, seconded by Councilmember Shilpa Prem, Kirkland, to amend the letter by changing “alarmed by the affordability” to “alarmed by the inaffordability.”

Council President Tola Marts, Issaquah, moved, seconded by Councilmember Mark Joselyn, North Bend, to amend the proposed language to “lack of affordability.” The motion passed unanimously.

The motion by Kruller, as amended, passed unanimously.

Councilmember Laura Mork, Shoreline, moved, seconded by Councilmember Kate Kruller, Tukwila, to recommend approval of the draft 2027 Proposed Sewer Rate Response Letter, as amended, to the SCA Board of Directors. The motion passed unanimously via a roll call vote, with 27 in favor, none opposed, and none abstaining. The cities of Algona, Auburn, Bellevue, Black Diamond, Burien, Carnation, Covington, Duvall, Federal Way, Issaquah, Kenmore, Kent, Kirkland, Lake Forest Park, Maple Valley, Medina, Milton, Normandy Park, North Bend, Pacific, Redmond, Renton, Sammamish, Shoreline, Skykomish, Tukwila, and Woodinville voted in favor.

8. Sound Transit Enterprise Initiative

SCA staff provided members with presentation regarding the Sound Transit Enterprise Initiative. Materials are attached and available on the SCA website [here](#).

SCA Policy Analyst Dax Tate overviewed that Sound Transit is expected to vote on a proposed approach to their Enterprise Initiative program, meant to address a forecasted \$34.5 billion deficit to deliver the Sound Transit 3 package. Tate then overviewed the latest proposal at the time of the meeting, which prioritizes the West Seattle, Tacoma, and Everett extensions while delaying or deferring other projects. He also reviewed the upcoming timeline related to this issue. He stated another executive meeting was to be held and that a final vote by Sound Transit is anticipated at their May 28 Board Meeting, after which point the Enterprise workplan will be ongoing.

Tate overviewed the draft SCA statement in the PIC packet, stating that the goal was to avoid pitting cities against one another and express appreciation for staff. Tate stated that the SCA staff recommendation regarding the statement is to recommend it as-is, recommend it with minimal adjustments, or vote not to recommend it in favor of city or subregional engagement.

SCA Executive Director Robert Feldstein stated that members should ask themselves whether the statement reflects a communal viewpoint.

Mayor Nancy Backus, Auburn, moved, seconded by Councilmember Kate Kruller, Tukwila, to amend the statement to remove “are willing to be flexible and” from the last sentence of the statement. The motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Vic Kave, Pacific moved, seconded by Councilmember Jason Roberts, Milton, to recommend approval of the draft statement regarding the Sound Transit Enterprise Initiative, as amended, to the SCA Board of Directors. The motion passed 24-0-1, with Maple Valley abstaining.

9. Updates/Informational Items

The Committee was directed to review items included in the meeting materials. There was no discussion.

10. For the Good of the Order

Councilmember Bill Boyce, Kent, thanked Federal Way Councilmember Lydia Assefa-Dawson, SCA PIC Chair, for her work running the meeting. SCA Executive Director Robert Feldstein and Councilmember Kate Kruller, Tukwila, echoed these sentiments.

11. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 9:15 PM.

**Attachment A: Public Issues Committee
Meeting May 13, 2026**

City	Representative	Alternate
Algona	David White	Troy Linnell
Auburn	Nancy Backus	Tracy Taylor
Beaux Arts Village	Aletha Howes	
Bellevue	Jared Nieuwenhuis	Naren Briar
Black Diamond	Tamie Deady	
Burien	Sarah Moore	Alex Andrade
Carnation	Jim Ribail	Sam Harrison
Clyde Hill	Dean Hachamovitch	
Covington	Elizabeth Porter	Kristina Soltys
Des Moines	Yoshiko Grace Matsui	Harry Steinmetz
Duvall	Ronn Mercer	Adam Olen
Enumclaw	Chance LaFleur	Jan Martinelli
Federal Way	Lydia Assefa-Dawson	Les Sessoms
Hunts Point	Joe Sabey	
Issaquah	Tola Marts	Paul Adair
Kenmore	Eric Adman	Nathan Loutsis
Kent	Bill Boyce	Toni Troutner
Kirkland	Shilpa Prem	Kelli Curtis
Lake Forest Park	Tracy Furutani	Larry Goldman
Maple Valley	Syd Dawson	Dana Parnello
Medina	Heija Nunn	
Mercer Island	Wendy Weiker	Julie Hsieh
Milton	Jason Roberts	Bruce White
Newcastle	Paul Charbonneau	Andy Jacobs
Normandy Park	Eric Zimmerman	Sue-Ann Hohimer
North Bend	Errol Tremolada	Mark Joselyn
Pacific	Vic Kave	
Redmond	Melissa Stuart	Vikek Prakriya
Renton	Ruth Pérez	Armondo Pavone
Sammamish	Debbie Treen	Josh Amato
SeaTac	Peter Kwon	Mohamed Egal
Shoreline	Laura Mork	
Skykomish	Henry Sladek	
Snoqualmie	Louis Washington	Dan Murphy
Tukwila	Kate Kruller	Dennis Martinez
Woodinville	David Edwards	James Randolph
Yarrow Point	Katy Kinney Harris	

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

Attachment B: Zoom Chat Log

19:11:41 From Tola Marts, Issaquah to Hosts and panelists:

But my very capable alternate Paul Adair is listening on the public link!

19:39:28 From Robert Feldstein, SCA to Hosts and panelists:

One clarification - the MIDD tax was renewed last year. The implementation plan of the already-passed MIDD-tax is coming this year.

19:46:46 From Patience Malaba, HDC to Hosts and panelists:

Helpful thanks. Best Starts is what's up for renewal in 2027

19:50:52 From Aj Foltz, SCA (she/her) to Hosts and panelists:

Please note that we will move forward to the next agenda item at 7:55pm. Thank you!

19:56:59 From Jim Ribail, Carnation to Hosts and panelists:

I'm looking at this through a voters lens. I really think there needs to be a more tangible plan around this issue. Not just how money will be spent if it's approved. I think there is a trust issue with voters right now. They are looking for more of a hard plan, rather than just how money might be spent.

19:57:45 From Heija Nunn, Medina to Hosts and panelists:

This could chill voter willingness to approve area specific endeavors.

19:58:05 From Patience Malaba, HDC to Hosts and panelists:

patience@housingconsortium.org

20:43:09 From Jason Roberts, Milton to Hosts and panelists:

<https://soundcitiesassociation->

[my.sharepoint.com/:w:/g/personal/laura_soundcities_org/IQAswj8I95aTQYIY8mdguu6jAWx6Dzvxlcr_ilUPGFL8K8M?e=Cw1DzZ&wdLOR=c0C563143-7C92-4856-B307-B8FAD0596449](https://soundcitiesassociation-my.sharepoint.com/:w:/g/personal/laura_soundcities_org/IQAswj8I95aTQYIY8mdguu6jAWx6Dzvxlcr_ilUPGFL8K8M?e=Cw1DzZ&wdLOR=c0C563143-7C92-4856-B307-B8FAD0596449)

21:11:15 From Debbie Treen, Sammamish to Hosts and panelists:

Doesn't this need 2/3 vote

21:14:34 From Shilpa Prem, Kirkland to Hosts and panelists:

awesome job to everyone!

21:14:44 From Debbie Treen, Sammamish to Hosts and panelists:

Great meeting!

21:14:48 From Shilpa Prem, Kirkland to Hosts and panelists:

fantastic work!!

21:14:50 From Jason Roberts, Milton to Hosts and panelists:

Great work~!

21:15:02 From Jared Nieuwenhuis, Bellevue to Hosts and panelists:

Good night everyone!

Attachment C: 2027 Proposed Sewer Rate Response Letter Amendments

Amendment #1

First paragraph, remove last sentence

~~We request that WTD continue its Sewer Rate and Capital Work Plan including third party review and multi-year rate options, incorporate a longer range financial outlook, provide transparent reporting on system health and policy alignment, and clearly articulate the steps taken to identify and achieve cost savings.~~

Amendment #2

Second paragraph, combine multiple sentences

Currently, monthly sewer rates are projected to double by 2033 and triple over the course of the forecasting period. ~~These increases only account for the regional portion of the sewer rate, as~~ Because cities and sewer districts levy their own rate increases to fund their local systems, further adding to ratepayer burden. ~~In light of this, we encourage WTD to more holistically incorporate an understanding of the significant impact of rates on people living in the County. Sharp wholesale rate increases mean cities need to more acutely track their own ability to increase rates to address local system needs.~~ We request that rate examinations not be siloed; local, such that increases as well as increases to other utilities' rates, especially by the County, are need to be annually factored into future sewer rate discussions proposals.

Amendment #3

Second paragraph, adds a sentence in the middle of the second paragraph

In light of this, we encourage WTD to more holistically incorporate an understanding of the significant impact of rates on people living in the County. Along these lines, due to shared affordability concerns, the SCA Public Issues Committee will also be discussing the solid waste rate at a future meeting.

Amendment #4

Break the original second paragraph to allow for the addition of a few sentences on the need for the County to engage with cities on rate-setting.

Further, ~~sharp~~ wholesale rate increases mean cities need to more acutely track their own ability to increase rates to address local system needs. We request that rate examinations not be siloed, such that increases to other utilities' rates, especially by the County, are factored into future sewer rate proposals. King County must also establish a more structured and ongoing engagement process with cities throughout the rate-setting cycle. Cities are on the front lines where ratepayers are impacted. Early, consistent collaboration is necessary to fully understand local constraints and avoid

unintended affordability consequences. Without this level of engagement, it will be increasingly difficult to support this latest proposal or any future rate proposals of this magnitude.

Amendment #5

Add a new paragraph before the paragraph starting with “We are committed...” calling for an affordability summit. Add a corresponding bullet point to the end of the list of requests.

There is an urgent need for a second affordability summit in 2026 to reassess initiatives that increase costs without clear benefits. With decisions looming that could add billions in expenses, like nutrient removal plans for Puget Sound, we must consider households struggling with essentials like food and healthcare. The key finding of the first summit is that a significant majority of the rate increases are caused by regulatory requirements. Pausing or rolling back these requirements should be the purpose of the second summit.

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- Continue collaboration on the planning of the second affordability summit.

Amendment #6

Remove third bullet point from the list of requests

- ~~Continue to consider and present information on the needs of the system and whether rates have kept up with those needs.~~

Amendment #7

Sponsor: Redmond

Remove second sentence from last bullet point

- Collaborate with regulators to develop a data-informed regulatory approach to achieve meaningful environmental outcomes. ~~Alternative pathways for regulatory capital projects should also provide relief from the stacking of expensive projects.~~

Amendment #8

Sponsor: Bellevue

Add a new bullet point to the end of list of requests

- Advocate for increased state and federal investment, including grants or low-interest funding, to support local sewer agencies and reduce the reliance on ratepayers and comply with federal regulatory mandates.

Amendment #9

Add a new bullet point to the end of list of requests

- Collaborate with regulators and legislators to make sewer charges more equitable by switching from a uniform charge for each property type to a rate based on property values.



June 10, 2026
SCA PIC Meeting

Item 6:
Regional Board and Committee Appointments
ACTION

Staff Contact

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SCA PIC Nominating Committee Members

Council President Ruth Pérez, Renton, Chair; Mayor Troy Linnell, Algona; Mayor Pro Tem Ronn Mercer, Duvall; Council President Melissa Stuart, Redmond

Action

The PIC Nominating Committee met on May 26, 2026 to recommend 2026 SCA Board and Committee Appointments for consideration by the PIC. The PIC is anticipated to take action at the June 10, 2026 PIC meeting to recommend appointments to the SCA Board of Directors, who will consider PIC's recommendations at their meeting on June 17, 2026.

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 for 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 May 26, 2026 to review applications for vacancies on the following committees:

- Aging & Disability Services Advisory Council
- Board of Health
- Joint Recommendations Committee
- King County Flood Control District Advisory Committee (KCFCDAC)
- Local Hazardous Waste Program MCC
- PSRC Transportation Policy Board
- Solid Waste Advisory Committee

The PIC Nominating Committee recommendations are included in [Attachment A](#) .

Next Steps

Following action by the PIC, recommendations will be forwarded to the SCA Board for final approval at their next meeting on June 17, 2026.

2026 SCA Regional Boards and Committees

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

Seat	Name	City	Caucus
Member	John Boyd	Kent	S
Member	(vacant)		

Affordable Housing

Seat	Name	City	Caucus
Member	Nigel Herbig	Kenmore	N
Member	Amy Falcone	Kirkland	N
Member	Dana Parnello	Maple Valley	S
Member	Lindsey Walsh	Issaquah	N
Alternate	Annette Ademasu	Shoreline	N
Alternate	Hugo Garcia	Burien	S
Alternate	Claire Sumadiwirya	Bellevue	N
Alternate	Christina Rustik	North Bend	SnoV

Board of Health (BOH)

Seat	Name	City	Caucus
Member	Amy Falcone	Kirkland	N
Member	Hugo Garcia	Burien	S
Member	Victoria Schroff	Maple Valley	S
Alternate	Pierre Blosse	Des Moines	S
Alternate	Satwinder Kaur	Kent	S
Alternate	Cheryl Paquette	Carnation	SnoV

Central Puget Sound Economic Development District Board (EDDB)

Seat	Name	City	Caucus
Member	Lydia Assefa-Dawson	Federal Way	S
Member	James Alberson	Renton	S
Alternate	Michelle Evans	Woodinville	N
Alternate	Tracy Taylor	Auburn	S

Children and Youth Advisory Board (CYAB)

Seat	Name	City	Caucus
Member	Ariana Sherlock	Newcastle	N
Member	Hanan Amer	Auburn	S

Domestic Violence Initiative Regional Task Force (DVI)

Seat	Name	City	Caucus
Member	Satwinder Kaur	Kent	S
Member	Susan Honda	Federal Way	S
Member	Troy Linnell	Algona	SV
Member	John Tymczyszyn	Kirkland	N
Alternate	Alex Andrade	Burien	S
Alternate	Paula Goode	Lake Forest Park	N
Alternate	Josh Amato	Sammamish	N
Alternate	Lisa Stirgus	Auburn	S

Greater Seattle Partners

Seat	Name	City	Caucus
Member	Ryan McIrvin	Renton	S

Emergency Management Advisory Committee (EMAC)

Seat	Name	City	Caucus
Member	JC Harris	Des Moines	S
Member	Cat Cotton	Snoqualmie	SnoV
Member	Kate Kruller	Tukwila	S
Alternate	Valerie Snider	Shoreline	N
Alternate	Josh Amato	Sammamish	N
Alternate	John Herbert	Maple Valley	S

Growth Management Planning Council (GMPC)

Seat	Name	City	Caucus
Member	Kelli Curtis	Kirkland	N
Member	Ryan McIrvin	Renton	S
Member	Melissa Stuart	Redmond	N
Member	Amy McHenry	Duvall	SnoV
Member	Jim Ribail	Carnation	SnoV
Member	Kate Baldwin	Auburn	S
Alternate	Annette Ademasu	Shoreline	N
Alternate	Mark Joselyn	North Bend	SnoV
Alternate	Lisa Wissner-Slivka	Clyde Hill	N
Alternate	Marli Larimer	Kent	S

HealthierHere Governing Board

Seat	Name	City	Caucus
Member	Sharn Shoker	Kent	S
Alternate	Trina Ternes	Milton	SV

2026 SCA Regional Boards and Committees

Joint Recommendations Committee (JRC)

Seat	Name	City	Caucus
Member	Amy McHenry	Duvall	SNO
Member	Jessica Merizan	Carnation	SnoV
Member	Jane Ho	Tukwila	S
Member	James Mayhew	Snoqualmie	SnoV
Alternate	Sun Burford	Newcastle	N
Alternate	(vacant)		

King Conservation District Advisory Committee (KCDAC)

Seat	Name	City	Caucus
Member	Annette Ademasu	Shoreline	N
Member	Tracy Furutani	Lake Forest Park	N
Member	Jessica Merizan	Carnation	SnoV
Alternate	Rocco DeVito	Burien	S
Alternate	Kevin Nichols	Issaquah	N
Alternate	Deborah Treen	Sammamish	N

King County Flood Control District Advisory Committee (KCFCDAC)

Seat	Name	City	Caucus
Member	JC Harris	Des Moines	S
Member	Henry Sladek	Skykomish	SnoV
Member	Troy Linnell	Algona	SV
Member	Amy McHenry	Duvall	SnoV
Alternate	Kelly Jiang	Issaquah	N
Alternate	Vic Kave	Pacific	SV
Alternate	Darcey Peterson	Black Diamond	SV
Alternate	(vacant)		

KC Law Enforcement Officers' and Fire Fighters' Plan 1 (LEOFF1) Disability Retirement Board

Seat	Name	City	Caucus
Member	Vic Kave	Pacific	SV

King County Regional Homelessness Authority (KCRHA) Governing Committee

Seat	Name	City	Caucus
Member	Ed Prince	Renton	S
Member	Nancy Backus	Auburn	S
Member	Kelly Jiang	Issaquah	N
Alternate	Betsy Robertson	Shoreline	N

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

Seat	Name	City	Caucus
Member	John Boyd	Kent	S
Alternate	Sam Harrison	Carnation	SnoV

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

Seat	Name	City	Caucus
Member	Paul Charbonneau	Newcastle	N
Alternate	Jane Ho	Tukwila	S

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	Amy Lam	Sammamish	N
Alternate	Chris Roberts	Shoreline	N
Alternate	Katy Harris	Yarrow Point	N
Alternate	Mark Joselyn	North Bend	SnoV

PSRC Growth Management Policy Board (GMPB)

Seat	Name	City	Caucus
Member	Pamela Stuart	Sammamish	N
Member	Ed Prince	Renton	S
Member	Amy McHenry	Duvall	SnoV
Alternate	Mark Mullet	Issaquah	N
Alternate	Satwinder Kaur	Kent	S
Alternate	Cheryl Paquette	Carnation	SnoV

PSRC Operations Committee

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

2026 SCA Regional Boards and Committees

PSRC Transportation Policy Board (TPB)

Seat	Name	City	Caucus
Member	Dana Ralph	Kent	S
Member	Peter Kwon	SeaTac	S
Member	Jay Arnold	Kirkland	N
Alternate	Susan Honda	Federal Way	S
Alternate	Ruth Pérez	Renton	S
Alternate	Erica Boyd	Issaquah	N

Alternate	James Mayhew	Snoqualmie	SnoV
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Regional Water Quality Committee (RWQC)

Seat	Name	City	Caucus
Member	Laura Mork	Shoreline	N
Member	Jessica Rossman	Medina	N
Member	Sarah Moore	Burien	S
Member	Dave Hamilton	Bellevue	N
Alternate	Melissa Stuart	Redmond	N
Alternate	Hanan Amer	Auburn	S

Regional Law, Safety and Justice Committee (RLSJC)

Seat	Name	City	Caucus
Member	Neal Black	Kirkland	N
Member	Zandria Michaud	Kent	S
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
Member	Lydia Assefa-Dawson	Federal Way	S

Solid Waste Advisory Committee (SWAC)

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

Key

New Appointment

Alternate to Member

Re-Appointment

Regional Policy Committee (RPC)

Seat	Name	City	Caucus
Member	Nancy Backus	Auburn	S
Member	Armondo Pavone	Renton	S
Member	Jay Arnold	Kirkland	N
Member	Lynne Robinson	Bellevue	N
Alternate	Dana Ralph	Kent	S
Alternate	Jim Ribail	Carnation	SnoV

Regional Transit Committee (RTC)

Seat	Name	City	Caucus
Member	Ryan McIrvine	Renton	S
Member	Susan Honda	Federal Way	S
Member	Neal Black	Kirkland	N
Member	Toni Troutner	Kent	S
Member	Jim Ribail	Carnation	SnoV
Member	Tracy Taylor	Auburn	S
Member	JC Harris	Des Moines	S
Member	Pamela Stuart	Sammamish	N
Alternate	Larry Goldman	Lake Forest Park	N
Alternate	Vishal Bhargava	Bellevue	N
Alternate	Julie Hsiesh	Mercer Island	N

Item 7:

2027 Proposed Solid Waste Rate Response Letter

DISCUSSION/POTENTIAL ACTION

SCA Staff Contact

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SCA Solid Waste Advisory Committee Members

Councilmember Amy Lam, Sammamish; Councilmember Laura Mork, Shoreline

Discussion/Potential Action

The King County Solid Waste Division (SWD) has been preparing the 2027 solid waste rate proposal, which has been presented to the Solid Waste Advisory Committee (SWAC) and the Metropolitan Solid Waste Advisory Committee (MSWAC). For 2027, SWD has proposed an 8.5% increase across fee types, which is anticipated to have an average monthly curbside impact of \$0.73. Currently, SWD projects 8.5% increases each year from 2028-2032, which would result in approximately a 63% increase in rates over the period. SCA members have consistently expressed concern about the compounding impact of sharp increases across utilities on ratepayer affordability, which ultimately spurred the creation of a Regional Utilities Rate Summit and the recommendation of a sewer rate response letter.

At the June PIC meeting, **members will review the first draft of a letter to the King County Council and vote on whether this is an issue on which PIC wants to consider adopting a position.** This represents the first touch on the draft letter, which will return to PIC in July for final approval if PIC votes in favor of taking a position this month. A timeline is included in this memorandum outlining the process.

Background Information

The Solid Waste Division (SWD) has proposed a rate increase of 8.5% across fee types for 2027. SWD calculates the rates by calculating their revenue requirement, allocating that to customer classes, and estimating future tonnage. They then set rates such that the allocation matches the rate of future tonnage. SWD has cited inflation, regulation, tonnage, labor costs, capital expenditure needs, and operating expenditures as the primary rate drivers.

During the 2026 rate setting process, the 2027 rate was separated into its own proposal to allow for additional engagement among partners and for SWD to review its capital investment program and strategy. To control rate growth, SWD reprioritized and re-assessed capital needs to delay costs where possible, limited operational adds, explored operational options to control

costs, and is opening new revenue streams. Projects that were prioritized included those necessary to provide services at current levels, such as finishing the South County Recycling and Transfer Station, and projects required to remain in compliance with regulations and keeping customers and staff safe, such as leachate line repairs. Projects that did not fall into one of those two categories were delayed for future implementation. Through these efforts, SWD was able to recommend a rate of 8.5% for 2027, lower than previous projections of over 10%.

SWD states that their rate proposal supports commitments made in the 2019 Comprehensive Solid Waste Management Plan, particularly in the areas of crucial system infrastructure, climate and the environment, accessibility and equity, and customer service and regulatory requirements. SWD will also provide service disruption rates, which are a reduced commercial fee schedule for unanticipated closures of two or more transfer stations lasting longer than 24 hours; service disruption rates are still being developed. A table with proposed rates, 2026 adopted rates, and prior 2027 modeling is shown below:

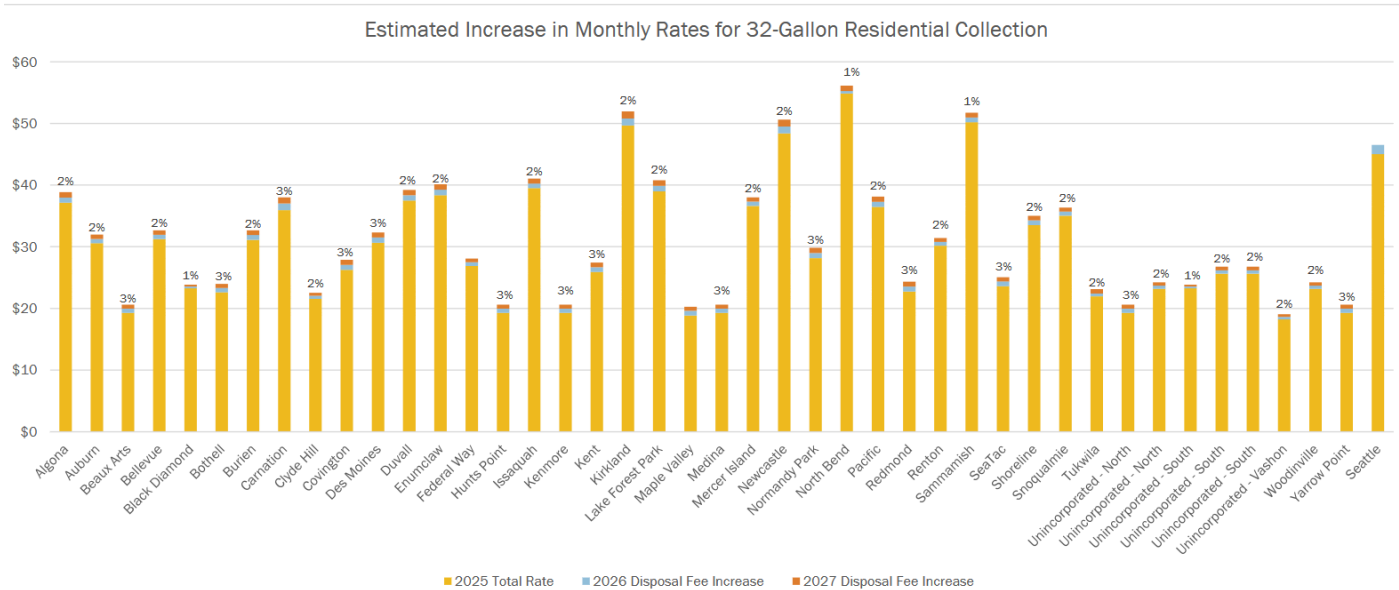
Proposed Rates, 2026 Adopted Rates, and Prior 2027 Modeling

Fee Type	UOM Type	2026 Rate Adopted	2027 Prior Model	% Increase	2027 Agency Proposed
Commercial (Tipping Fee)	Per Ton	\$ 179.18	\$ 194.00	8.27%	\$ 194.41
Self-Haul	Per Ton	\$ 229.08	\$ 258.00	12.62%	\$ 248.55
Regional Direct	Per Ton	\$ 194.89	\$ 219.30	12.52%	\$ 211.46
Yard Waste	Per Ton	\$ 129.38	\$ 145.55	12.50%	\$ 140.38
Special Waste	Per Ton	\$ 275.14	\$ 310.00	12.67%	\$ 298.53
Self Haul Minimum ¹	Transaction	\$ 36.62	\$ 41.28	12.73%	\$ 39.76
Appliances	Transaction	\$ 30.00	\$ 30.00	0.00%	\$ 33.00
Mattresses	Transaction	\$ 30.00	\$ 30.00	0.00%	\$ 33.00
Cleanup Lift	Transaction	\$ 20.00	\$ 20.00	0.00%	\$ 22.00
Fixed Annual Charge		\$ 26,838,510	\$ 30,864,287	15.00%	\$ 29,119,783

Table as provided in Solid Waste Advisory Committee meeting materials for May 2026.

SWD’s current planning assumptions reflect 8.5% annual rate increases each year from 2028-2032. For 2027, this 8.5% increase is estimated to, on average, result in a \$0.73 increase per month for a residential customer with a 32-gallon garbage can. The exact monthly bill increase varies by city or geographical area, as shown in the graph below.

Estimated Increase in Monthly Rates by City or Geographical Area



Graph as provided in Solid Waste Advisory Committee meeting materials for May 2026.

The variation observed by city or geographic area is because King County SWD does not directly provide service to cities; cities instead contract with hauling companies. Contracts between cities and haulers are set for longer periods of time, and where a city is within the lifecycle of its contract with a hauler, as well as the overall terms negotiated in the contract, impact the rates charged to ratepayers. Further, different ratepayers may receive different services based on what the jurisdiction has contracted for.

Advisory Committees

The Solid Waste Advisory Committee (SWAC) and the Metropolitan Solid Waste Advisory Committee (MSWAC) each advise the County Executive and County Council on solid waste management issues and decisions affecting county residents and the services they receive. SWAC is comprised of members across King County that represent people who receive solid waste services, labor unions’ representatives, local elected officials, manufacturers, public interest groups, the recycling industry, and the waste management industry. MSWAC is comprised of elected officials and city staff, with each city appointing its own members. Membership rosters can be found [here](#) and [here](#) for SWAC and MSWAC, respectively.

Solid Waste Rate Proposal Timeline

SWD began presenting rate scenarios to members of SWAC and MSWAC in February. Rate conversations have been ongoing in the two bodies; both MSWAC and SWAC are currently refining their response letters. The King County Executive is expected to transmit his 2027 Rate Proposal later this month, which will then be considered by the King County Council. The rate must be adopted by September 30. The full timeline for the process is below.

Detailed Solid Waste Rate Proposal Timeline

Timing	Process Milestone
February	Early rate outlook (MSWAC/SWAC)
By 2/27/26	Rate model and forecast development complete
By 3/31/26	Rate decision making complete
By 3/31/26	Preliminary rate briefings complete
By 4/30/26	Final rate agency proposal complete
By 5/13/26	Draft support letter shared at SWAC/MSWAC meetings (5/8 and 5/13)
By 6/12/26	Final support letter approved at SWAC/MSWAC meetings (6/10 and 6/12)
By 6/15/26	Executive proposed legislation transmitted; Council deliberations begin
By 8/31/26	Fixed Annual Cost allocation transmittal complete
By 9/30/26	Council rate adoption

Rate timeline adapted from Solid Waste Advisory Committee meeting materials for March 2026.

SCA SWAC Caucus Discussions and Rate Summit

The SCA SWAC Caucus raised significant concerns throughout the 2026 solid waste rate setting process about rapidly rising rates and affordability, particularly as sharp rate increases were forecasted across multiple utilities. This culminated in the SCA SWAC Caucus declaring support for and participating in the Regional Utility Rate Summit in November 2025. At the Summit, local elected officials heard from major regional utilities and discussed the combined impact of rate increases and the drivers of rising rates. SCA members have continued to express concern around the growing rate affordability crisis and included utility rate affordability as a priority area on SCA's County Priorities document.

While concerns about solid waste rates have been softened following SWD's steps to reprioritize projects for the 2027 rate process, the SCA SWAC Caucus has remained vigilant regarding ratepayer affordability concerns. The Caucus has recommended that SCA consider sending a rate response letter to continue the discussion regarding the issue of utility rate affordability.

SCA Rate Response Letter Review & Approval Timeline

June

Wednesday 6/10

June PIC meeting

First Touch

Staff present information and draft letter.

PIC votes on whether it is an issue on which they want to consider adopting a position. A majority of members present must vote in favor to bring the issue back to the next meeting for possible adoption.

In discussion, amendments to the draft (if applicable) would be noted.

**This is when the amendment process starts; amendments offered by members at the meeting or afterwards will be included in the July PIC packet.*

Wednesday 6/17

June Board meeting

SCA Board of Directors discusses the item and reviews the first draft of the letter.

Between June & July PIC meetings

PIC members can seek feedback from their city council, their mayor, and/or city staff.

Proposed amendments can be sent to SCA staff:

Policy Analyst Laura Belmont: laura@soundcities.org

SCA Staff will send regular updates on proposed amendments to PIC members and staff during this time, so conversations remain up to date.

Friday 6/26

Amendment collection process closes

If PIC members wish to propose additional amendments after June 26, members must propose the amendment at the July PIC meeting.

July

Wednesday 7/8

July PIC meeting

Second Touch

The draft letter comes back to PIC for a vote. Proposed amendments are reviewed in succession.

Additional amendments can be made at this time, either by:

- Introducing individual motions for amendments, or
- Live-updating the document and moving to recommend it to the Board as shown on screen.

PIC votes to recommend the final letter to the Board for approval.

Wednesday 7/15

July Board meeting

The Board of Directors reviews the letter as drafted and amended by PIC and makes the final decision to adopt the letter.

Dear Chair Perry and Councilmembers,

On behalf of the Sound Cities Association (SCA), we are writing regarding Proposed Ordinance [X] 2027 Proposed Solid Waste Fees. Given current rate proposals and forecasts of multiple years of sharply rising rates across multiple utilities, SCA is concerned about how the proposed solid waste rates contribute to this unsustainable trend.

The proposed rate increase is 8.5%, which is estimated to be an increase of \$0.73 per month for a residential customer with a 32-gallon garbage can. Rates are projected to increase by 8.5% annually through 2032, with the increases compounding each year. Though solid waste rates are not projected to rise as dramatically as other utility rates, these increases contribute to the cumulative burden borne by ratepayers and add to our region's overall affordability crisis.

We thank the Solid Waste Division (SWD) for their work to control costs throughout this rate-setting process and to establish a stable projected rate path. These efforts are critical in ensuring that infrastructure needs are met while mitigating ratepayer burden. For example, previous rate projections were over 10% for 2027 and SWD ultimately recommended a rate below that at 8.5%.

We support the call by the Solid Waste Advisory Committee (SWAC) and Metropolitan Solid Waste Advisory Committee (MSWAC) for continued cost-saving efforts and a return to multi-year rates. Specifically, we support:

- The continuation of cost-saving efforts that balance rate increases with ratepayers' ability to pay;
- A return to a multi-year rate to provide stability and predictability for ratepayers;
- A comprehensive rate approach that factors in local increases and increases to other utilities' rates, especially those operated by the County, to understand overall ratepayer impacts; and
- Convening a second Regional Utility Rate Summit to holistically address the aforementioned concerns.

We are committed to maintaining a safe and effective system to protect public and environmental health. While we recognize that an adequate revenue stream is needed to achieve these goals, we must collaboratively identify measures to mitigate future utility rate increases, especially as investments for long-term disposal anticipated in the next solid waste comprehensive plan will be significant.

Thank you for your responsiveness during the last rate setting cycle and for your collaboration throughout this year's process. We look forward to continuing to collaborate on follow-up work following last year's Regional Utility Rate Summit and on ratepayer affordability given the growing affordability crisis.

Sincerely,
[SCA Board of Directors]

Cc: Girmay Zahilay, King County Executive
Mo McBroom, Interim Director, Department of Natural Resources and Parks
Rebecca Singer, Director, Solid Waste Division
Ali Blum, Government Relations, Solid Waste Division
Solid Waste Advisory Committee Members

Item 8:

December 2025 Flood Response – SCA Survey

DISCUSSION

SCA Staff Contact

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Discussion

SCA is working with the King County Office of Emergency Management (KCOEM) to collect information from cities about the response to the winter storm and floods of December 2025. As part of these efforts, SCA ran a survey this spring to capture what aspects of the response went well, and what areas need work to improve response to future events. SCA will share takeaways from the survey with KCOEM in a Zone Liaison meeting on June 17th to inform regional after-action work.

At the June PIC meeting, SCA Policy Analyst Dax Tate will provide an overview of the survey results and facilitate a discussion ahead of future engagement with the county.

Background

A winter storm in December 2025 brought heavy rain, wind, and flooding to much of King County and Western Washington. Sustained high river levels damaged and, in some cases, breached levees, particularly in South King County.

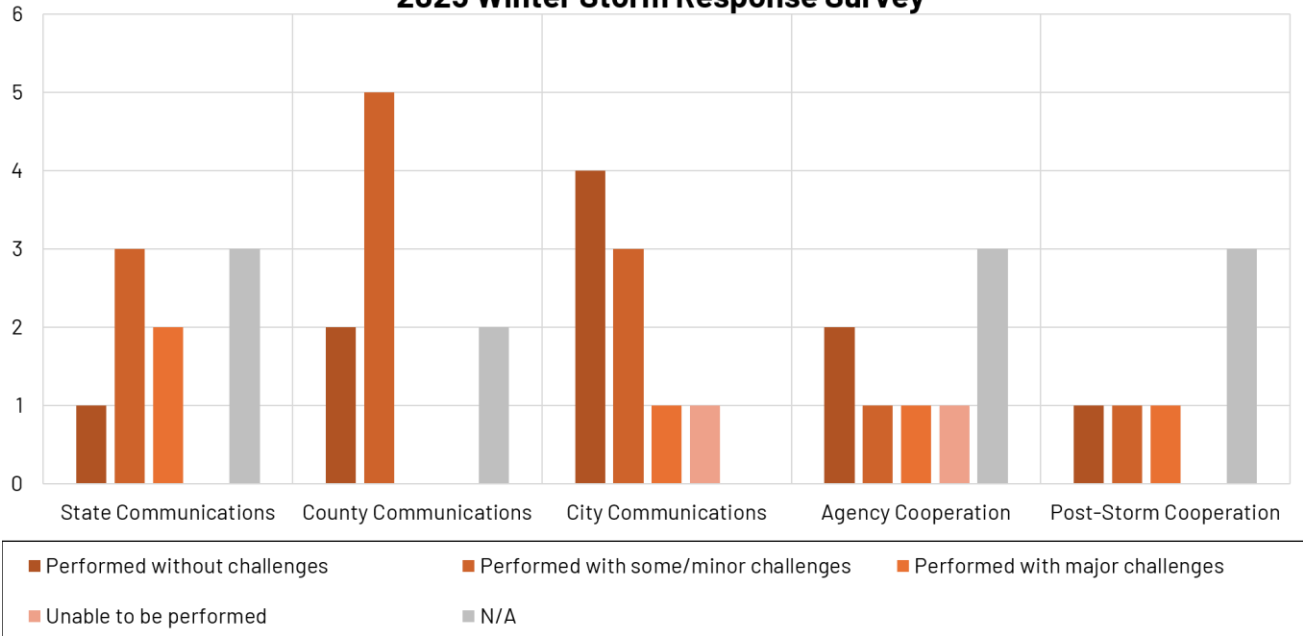
While the long-term response to these events is ongoing, cities requested that SCA work to capture feedback about what went well and what could be improved in the immediate and short-term response, to inform future work with the county and state.

Survey

In order to avoid duplicating efforts, SCA coordinated with the King County Office of Emergency Management (KCOEM), who has conducted a detailed survey of local emergency management staff. It was decided that SCA would conduct a survey of city leaders, including elected officials and city administrators, to capture a wider lens of the response.

SCA received responses from mayors, councilmembers, and city administrators representing eight cities.

2025 Winter Storm Response Survey



Next Steps

SCA will be attending the June 17 Zone Liaison meeting with KCOEM to share major takeaways from the survey, and welcomes additional input from our members to share with the county.

Item 9.a:
Regional Boards & Committees Upcoming Issues

This memorandum 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:

- **Regional Policy Committee**
 - The MIDD III Implementation Plan is required to be transmitted to the King County Executive by July 1. SCA staff will schedule PIC time for a briefing and potential action to establish an SCA position on the plan.
- **King County Regional Homelessness Authority (KCRHA) Governing Board**
 - Following the forensic audit of KCRHA’s budget and financial management systems, the Governing Board has approved a Finance Subcommittee and is closely monitoring the Authority moving forward.
- **Solid Waste Advisory Committee (SWAC): Solid Waste Rates**
 - The King County Solid Waste Division has proposed an 8.5% rate increase across fee types, with an average estimated monthly curbside impact of \$0.73.
 - Given recent utility rate conversations and a recommendation from the SCA SWAC Caucus, members may be interested in recommending that the SCA Board send a solid waste rate response letter.

If you have any questions, please reach out to the SCA staff assigned to the committee; SCA staff assignments can be found on the [SCA website](#) .

Committee	SCA Caucus	Next Meeting	Upcoming Issues
Regional Policy Committee (RPC)	<p>Caucus Chair: Mayor Nancy Backus, Auburn Caucus Vice Chair: Councilmember Jay Arnold, Kirkland</p> <p>Councilmember Lynne Robinson, Bellevue; Mayor Armondo Pavone, Renton; Mayor Dana Ralph, Kent; Mayor Jim Ribail, Carnation</p>	June 10	ESHB 2015 sales tax eligibility and implementation

Solid Waste Advisory Committee (SWAC)	Councilmember Amy Lam, Sammamish; Councilmember Laura Mork, Shoreline	June 12	2027 Solid Waste Rate discussions and response letter, comprehensive solid waste management plan, long-term disposal discussions, South County Recycling and Transfer Station, Re+ update, update to Circular Economy Goals
Local Hazardous Waste Program Management Coordination Committee (MCC)	Councilmember John Boyd, Kent	June 16	Discussions on rate planning assumptions and engagement plan. Community Program Action Plan briefing.
King County Regional Transit Committee (RTC)	<p>Caucus Chair: Council President Pro Tem Ryan McIrvine, Renton Caucus Vice Chair: Deputy Mayor Neal Black, Kirkland</p> <p>Council President Susan Honda, Federal Way; Councilmember Toni Troutner, Kent; Councilmember Tracy Taylor, Auburn; Councilmember JC Harris, Des Moines; Councilmember Pamela Stuart, Sammamish; Mayor Jim Ribail, Carnation; Councilmember Larry Goldman, Lake Forest Park; Councilmember Vishal Bhargava, Bellevue; Councilmember Julie Hsieh, Mercer Island; Mayor Jim Mayhew, Snoqualmie.</p>	June 17	Presentation from Metro on upcoming reporting
Board of Health (BOH)	Councilmember Amy Falcone, Kirkland; Councilmember Victoria Schroff, Maple Valley; Deputy Mayor Hugo Garcia, Burien; Council President Satwinder Kaur, Kent; Councilmember Cheryl Paquette, Carnation	June 18	Briefings on innovations in sexual health, BOH membership and recruitment, Community Health Improvement Plan, maternal and child health and mortality, homelessness and health workgroup update.
Puget Sound Regional Council Growth Management Planning Board (GMPB)	<p>Caucus Chair: Councilmember Ed Prince, Renton</p> <p>Mayor Amy McHenry, Duvall; Councilmember Pam Stuart, Sammamish; Mayor Mark Mullet, Issaquah; Councilmember Cheryl Paquette, Carnation; Council President Satwinder Kaur, Kent</p>	June 18	TBD

Growth Management Planning Council (GMPC)	Kelli Curtis, Kirkland; Ryan McIrvine, Renton; Melissa Stuart, Redmond; Amy McHenry, Duvall; Jim Ribail, Carnation; Kate Baldwin, Auburn; Annette Ademasu, Shoreline; Mark Joselyn, North Bend; Lisa Wissner-Slivka, Clyde Hill; Marli Larimer, Kent	June 24	Briefing: King County Designation of Countywide and Regional Centers Affordable Housing Committee Update
Puget Sound Regional Council Executive Board	Mayor Thomas McLeod, Tukwila; Mayor Jeff Wagner, Covington; Councilmember Amy Lam, Sammamish; Councilmember Chris Roberts, Shoreline; Mayor Katy Harris, Yarrow Point; Councilmember Mark Joselyn, North Bend	June 25	TBD
KCRHA Governing Board	Mayor Nancy Backus, Auburn; Councilmember Ed Prince, Renton; Councilmember Kelly Jiang, Issaquah; Mayor Betsy Robinson, Shoreline	June 26	TBD
King County Flood Control District Advisory Committee (KCFCDAC)	Chair: Mayor Vic Kave, Pacific Vice Chair: Councilmember JC Harris, Des Moines Mayor Henry Sladek, Skykomish; Mayor Troy Linnell, Algona; Mayor Amy McHenry, Duvall; Deputy Council President Kelly Jiang, Issaquah; Councilmember Darcey Peterson, Black Diamond	June 26	Discussion of operating budget
Regional Water Quality Committee (RWQC)	Chair: Councilmember Laura Mork, Shoreline Vice Chair: Mayor Jessica Rossman, Medina Mayor Sarah Moore, Burien; Deputy Mayor Dave Hamilton, Bellevue; Councilmember Hanan Amer, Auburn; Council President Melissa Stuart, Redmond	July 1	Regional Wastewater Services Plan update and vision discussions, regional stormwater solutions briefing.
Mental Illness and Drug Dependency Advisory Committee (MIDD AC)	Deputy Mayor Paul Charbonneau, Newcastle; Councilmember Jane Ho, Tukwila	July 23	Briefing on HR1 and how it may impact MIDD
King County Regional Law, Safety, & Justice Committee (RLSJC)	Caucus Chair: Deputy Mayor Neal Black, Kirkland Councilmember Zandria Michaud, Kent; Mayor Troy Linnell, Algona; Councilmember Steve Sinwell, Clyde Hill; Mayor Eric Zimmerman, Normandy Park; Councilmember Carmen Rivera, Renton; Councilmember Suzan Torguson, North Bend; Councilmember Lydia Assefa-Dawson, Federal Way	August 27	Behavioral health presentations

Item 9.b:
Levies and Ballot Measures

The upcoming King County and special district levies and ballot measures are below. PIC members are encouraged to share upcoming or recently approved city and special districts levies and ballot measures with SCA staff.

Upcoming Ballot Measures – King County				
Year	Month	Measure	Proposal	Status Update
2027	TBD	Best Starts for Kids levy renewal	TBD	Scheduled renewal for BSK levy

Tracking Potential Taxes & Levies			
Year	Measure	Proposal	Status Update
2026	King County Transportation District councilmanic sales tax	0.1% sales tax; 100% dedicated to roads SCA position was to request a 25% city pass-through and city involvement in decision-making.	Vote anticipated at KCTD meeting on June 12 @ 1pm. KCTD has largely settled on 12.5% for cities, debating specific mechanisms such as a cap and floor, direct pass-through vs. funding program, and allowable uses for funds. SCA is advocating for current \$10k floor and 15% cap as benefitting SCA member cities.
2027	Housing Levy	Proposal TBD	On March 31, Executive Zahilay issued Executive Order with commitment to “Explore a new dedicated revenue source for housing.”
2027 or 2028	King County Transportation District voter-approved sales tax	0.2% sales tax focused on Metro	Early stages of informal discussion

Newly available by the State	House Bill 2442: Authorizes a new city/county local sales and use tax to fund services for children and families	0.01% sales and use for things such as: workforce development, childcare, after-school programs, client transportation, rental assistance, and more	TBD Counties and cities have non-compounding authority; counties that take the increment must offer a credit to any cities that take the increment. There is no implementation date or requirement for cities to adopt before the county
Newly available by the State	House Bill 2442: Authorizes a new county property tax levy for public health clinic expenses	\$.05/\$1,000 AV authority for the operation, maintenance, and capital expense of public health clinics	TBD Anticipated King County will choose to take it

Upcoming Ballot Measures – SCA Cities			
Election	City	Measure	Proposal
2026/2027	Yarrow Point	Public Safety Levy	TBD

Upcoming Ballot Measures - Special Districts			
Election	Special District	Measure	Proposal
TBD	Covington	Parks District	TBD – Fact-finding stage

Other Renewals – King County		
Year	Renewal	Status Update

Item 9.c:
2026 PIC Work Plan

This document 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. **Items listed below are not finalized unless formally listed on an upcoming PIC agenda.**

Month	Agenda Items	Potential Topics
June	<p>ACTION: Regional Boards & Committees Mid-Year Appointments</p> <p>POTENTIAL ACTION: 2027 Solid Waste Rate Response Letter</p> <p>DISCUSSION: December 2025 Flood Response – SCA Survey</p>	<p><i>Countywide Levies/Levy Follow-Up</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MIDD III Implementation Plan • King County Transportation District Tax - 0.2% voter-approved tax for King County Metro <p><i>Utilities/Utility Affordability</i></p>
July	<p>POTENTIAL ACTION: 2027 Solid Waste Rate Response Letter</p> <p>DISCUSSION: Potential Affordable Housing Levy</p> <p>DISCUSSION: MIDD III Implementation Plan</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regional Utility Affordability Rate Summit follow-up • Solid Waste Long Term Disposal Plan <p><i>Environment</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Organics Rulemaking • Regional Wastewater Services Plan
August		<p><i>Public Safety</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Indigent Defense • Transit Safety • Gun Violence Prevention
September	<p>DISCUSSION: State & County Legislative Agendas</p> <p>DISCUSSION: 2027 Appointments Briefing</p>	<p><i>Emergency Management</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Flood Response
October	<p>ACTION: State & County Legislative Agendas</p>	<p><i>Regional Committees</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PSRC Representation
November		<p><i>Identified by PIC Members</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Land use regulations • Affordable housing

December	ACTION: 2027 Committee Appointments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Behavioral health • Protections for immigrant communities • Economic development • Human services • Local areas/regional assets (e.g., SeaTac airport expansion; North Bend trucking facilities) • Surveillance and privacy, related to Flock and Ring cameras • AI and technology • Criminal Justice Sales Tax • Flood response & emergency management • Regional utility rates
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Past 2026 Meetings

Month	Agenda Items
January	**No January PIC Meeting**
February	ACTION: 2026 PIC Schedule DISCUSSION: PIC Orientation & New Member Welcome DISCUSSION: Looking Back & Looking Forward
March	ACTION: Regional Board & Committee Appointments EMERGENCY ACTION: Transportation Benefit District Sales Tax
April <i>In-Person Meeting</i>	ACTION: Regional Boards & Committees Mid-Year Appointments DISCUSSION/POTENTIAL ACTION: 2027 Proposed Sewer Rate Response Letter DISCUSSION: State Legislative Update & Panel Discussion
May	DISCUSSION: Potential Affordable Housing Regional Initiative ACTION: 2027 Proposed Sewer Rate Response Letter POTENTIAL ACTION: Sound Transit Enterprise Initiative