



SCA Public Issues Committee: PIC Hot Sheet 6/10/2026

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](#).

Item 7: 2027 Solid Waste Rate Response Letter

POTENTIAL ACTION

The King County Solid Waste Division (SWD) is currently recommending an 8.5% solid waste rate 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 expressed concerns around ratepayer affordability in light of sharp rate increases across multiple utilities, culminating in the recommendation of a sewer rate response letter at the May PIC meeting. The SCA Solid Waste Advisory Committee (SWAC) Caucus has suggested SCA submit a solid waste rate response letter to continue discussions on utility rate affordability.

****Questions for your Colleagues:**

- Do you support SCA sending a letter in response to the 2027 solid waste rate proposal?
- What are your main concerns regarding the proposed solid waste rate increase?
- What suggestions do you have to ensure the solid waste rate response letter captures these concerns?

Item 8: December 2025 Flood Response – SCA Survey

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 17 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.

****Questions for your Colleagues:**

- What aspects of the response efforts to the December storms (at the city, county, and state levels) went well? What are areas for improvement?
- Are there ideas for specific projects or collaborations between cities and King County that could improve the response to a similar event in the future?

Item 9: 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:

- **Regional Policy Committee**
 - The MIDD III Implementation Plan is required to be transmitted to the King County Executive before 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 8.5% rate increases 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.

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.