



SCA Board of Directors AGENDA

July 15, 2026
Bellevue City Hall
10 AM – Noon

- 1) **Call to Order** – President Pavone
- 2) **Approval of Agenda** 2 Minutes
- 3) **Public Comment**
- 4) **Consent Agenda** 3 Minutes
 - a. Minutes of the June 17, 2026 SCA Board of Directors Meeting [Attachment 1](#)
 - b. Financial Reports of May 2026 [Attachment 2-3](#)

Recommended Action: Approval the consent agenda, including the minutes of the June 17, 2026 SCA Board of Directors Meeting; and the financial reports of March 2026 and May 2026
- 5) **President’s Report** – President Pavone 5 Minutes
- 6) **Executive Director’s Report** – Executive Director Robert Feldstein 10 Minutes
- 7) **King County Executive Meeting Group Report** - Executive Director Robert Feldstein 10 Minutes
- 8) **2027 SCA Member City Dues Assessment Rate** 10 Minutes [Attachment 4](#)

Recommended Action: Recommendation of approval of the Draft 2027 SCA Member City Dues to the full Membership at the Annual Meeting on December 2, 2026; and direction to staff to circulate the recommended rate and dues to member cities.
- 9) **Treasurer’s Report** – SCA Treasurer Thomas McLeod 10 Minutes [Attachment 5](#)
 - a. Investment Maturity
 - Recommended Action: Approval for SCA to reinvest the full amount of CD maturing in July 2026 into a new three-year CD with Time Value Investments, as recommended by the SCA Finance Committee.***
 - b. Sponsorship Update [Attachment 6](#)
 - c. Other Updates

- 10) PIC Chair's Report** – PIC Chair Lydia Assefa-Dawson 30 Minutes
June 10, 2026 Public Issues Committee [Meeting Materials](#)
a. 2027 Solid Waste Response Letter [Attachment 7](#)

Recommended Action: Approval of draft letter to the King County Council as recommended by the SCA Public Issues Committees (PIC)

- b. Affordable Housing Levy, Part 2
c. MIDD Implementation Plan

- 11) City Manager's Report** – CM/CA Representative Scott MacColl 5 Minutes

- 12) Discussion Items/Updates** 30 Minutes

- a. Boundary Review Board
Potential Action regarding appointments to new committee
b. 2027 Board Elections and Board Leadership [Attachment 8](#)
c. Equity & Inclusion Cabinet
d. Data Centers and Battery Storage Centers Information Share
e. Other Updates

- 13) For the good of the order** 5 Minutes

- 14) Adjourn**

Upcoming Events

1. SCA Summer Social –July 22, 2026 – 5:30 – 8:00 PM – Lake Wilderness Lodge, Maple Valley
2. SCA PIC Meeting – NO AUGUST MEETING
3. SCA Board of Directors Meeting – NO AUGUST MEETING
4. SCA PIC Meeting – September 9, 2026 – 7 – 9:00 PM – Virtual
5. SCA Board of Directors Meeting – September 16, 2026 – 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM – Bellevue City Hall
6. Kent Public Works Building Tour & Discussion – September 18, 2026 – 12 – 2 PM – Details TBD
7. Labor Day – SCA Offices Closed – Monday, September 7, 2026
8. SCA Networking Event – Evening of October 28, 2026 – Joint Event with AWC – Details TBD
9. SCA Annual Meeting – Evening of December 2, 2026 – Museum of Flight

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



SCA Board of Directors

DRAFT Minutes

June 17, 2026

Renton City Hall

1) Call to Order

SCA President Armondo Pavone called the meeting to order at **10:00 AM**. Present were members Armondo Pavone, Dana Ralph, Thomas McLeod, Troy Linnell, Angela Birney, Scott MacColl, Lynne Robinson, Amy McHenry, Annette Ademasu, Tom French, Tola Marts, and Lydia Assefa-Dawson; and staff Robert Feldstein, Leah Willoughby, Laura Belmont, Dax Tate and Amanda Hebert. Absent was member Sean Kelly.

2) Approval of the Agenda

President Pavone called for any amendments to the agenda. Executive Director Robert Feldstein suggested to modify the agenda Item 9.1, an additional appointment.

Birney moved, seconded by Linnell, to approve the meeting agenda as modified by Executive Director Robert Feldstein to add item 9.1. The motion passed unanimously.

3) Public Comment

President Pavone asked if there were any written public comments submitted. Hearing none, this portion of the agenda was closed.

4) Consent Agenda

President Pavone asked for any questions or concerns regarding the items on the Consent Agenda. There were none.

Marts moved, seconded by Birney, to approve the consent agenda consisting of the minutes of the May 20, 2026 SCA Board of Directors Meeting; and the financial reports of March 2026 and April 2026. The motion passed unanimously.

5) President's Report

President Pavone discussed the upcoming possible partnerships and opportunities between the City of Renton and Belgium, who he spoke with them during the World Cup. He also discussed further on the World Cup.

6) Executive Director's Report

Executive Director Robert Feldstein gave an overview of the King County Transportation District, including summarized actions, city involvement, and timeline. Feldstein reported that all cities have paid 2026 SCA Member City Dues; and noted potential future committee appointment opportunities.

7) King County Executive Meeting Group Report

Executive Director Robert Feldstein reported on the items that were discussed during the previous monthly meeting.

8) Treasurer's Report

SCA Treasurer SCA Treasurer McLeod reported on the May 26, 2026 SCA Finance Committee. He reported on the Sponsorship update. We received payment for one Regional Associate Membership Dues invoice since the Board meeting packet materials went out. The total invoiced for sponsorships is \$70,500 and total received is \$33,500.

9) PIC Chair's Report

PIC Chair Lydia Assefa-Dawson reported on the June 10, 2026 PIC Meeting. She thanked Executive Director Robert Feldstein for setting up the room with Federal Way. Robert gave an overview of Regional Boards and committees items and gave an overview of applicants and applications.

a. 2026 SCA Regional Boards & Committees

SCA Staff briefed members on recommendations from the PIC for appointments to 2026 SCA Regional Boards and Committees. Following discussion, the Board took the following action.

Assefa-Dawson moved, seconded by Robinson, to appoint the following Individuals to 2026 SCA Regional Boards and Committees as recommended by PIC.

- **Hugo Garcia, Burien, as member to Board of Health**
- **Pierre Blossie, Des Moines, as alternate to Board of Health**
- **Sam Harrison, Carnation, as alternate to Local Hazardous Waste Management Program (LHWMP) Management Coordination Committee (MCC)**
- **Erica Boyd, Issaquah, as alternate to PSRC Transportation Policy Board (TPB)**
- **Amy Lam, Sammamish, as member to Solid Waste Advisory Committee (SWAC)**
- **Laura Mork, Shoreline, as member to Solid Waste Advisory Committee (SWAC)**
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1. The motion passed unanimously.

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b. 2027 Solid Waste Response Letter

SCA Policy Analyst Laura Belmont gave an overview of the PICs discussion regarding the Solid Waste Response Letter. At the June PIC meeting, PIC voted in favor of taking up this issue for discussion and a possible letter. Staff asked for feedback from the Board. The feedback will be compiled for review by PIC at their July meeting, and brought back for possible action at the July Board meeting.

c. December 2025 Flood Response – SCA Survey

SCA Policy Analyst Dax Tate provided an overview of SCA's survey of elected officials and city managers/city administrators regarding the December 2025 winter storm and subsequent flooding. Topics covered included the context for the survey, respondents and reported impacts, communications takeaways, cooperation and coordination takeaways, and time for feedback and discussion.

Executive Director Robert Feldstein asked for better processes to help get the information we need to present.

9.1) Additional Regional Boards and Committees Appointment

Executive Director Robert Feldstein gave an overview of application to fill a vacancy on 2026 boards and committees and asked the Board to consider Tracy Taylor of Auburn as Member to the Advisory Council on Aging and Disability Services.

Following discussion, the Board took the following action:

Birney moved, seconded by Robinson, to appoint Tracy Taylor, Auburn, as Member to the Advisory Council on Aging and Disability Services for a term beginning on July 2, 2026 and ending December 31, 2026. The motion passed unanimously.

10) City Manager's Report

City Manager Representative Scott MacColl reported on the June 2026 City Managers and Administrators meeting. Topics included a World Cup Update, including 4Culture programs and opportunities, Automated license plate readers systems and flock cameras, a reminder of A Day with ICMA, and partner updates.

11) SCA Legislative Committee

As SCA Senior Policy Analyst AJ Foltz was not present, SCA Policy Analyst Laura Belmont provided an overview of committee role, timeline, and appointment process. Members were asked to volunteer to serve on the committee. Following discussion, the Board took the following action:

Birney moved, seconded by Linnell to appoint the following individuals to the 2026 – 2027 SCA Legislative Committee:

- ***Lydia Assefa-Dawson***
- ***Lynne Robinson***
- ***Dana Ralph***
- ***Any McHenry***
- ***Angela Birney***
- ***Armondo Pavone***
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The motion passed unanimously.

12) Discussion Items/Updates

a. KCHRA

This item was discussed earlier in the agenda during the Executive Director's Report.

b. PIC Public Comment Policy

SCA Executive Director Robert Feldstein asked for direction from the Board regarding potential public comment policy for the Public Issues Committee (PIC). SCA Chief Operating Officer Leah Willoughby reported on previous use of the PIC public comment, and previous action on public comment for Board meetings. Staff were directed to take the issue to the PIC. This item will return for discussion at a future meeting.

c. Potential Dates for Sponsor Luncheon

SCA Chief Operating Officer Leah Willoughby provided dates for potential dates for possible upcoming Sponsor Luncheon and requested feedback on the dates she provided.

d. Other Updates

SCA Executive Director Robert Feldstein presented the idea of creating small discussion groups to discuss individual topics. This item will continue to be discussed.

Birney and Ralph provided statements for an Op Ed on SeaTac airport. The statement was about the importance of expanding, but there is a lawsuit from other cities to stop the expansion.

SCA Policy Analyst Dax Tate CYAB mentioned proposed expenditure limits to prevent overspending. Seeking guidance to have members abstain from members.

13) For the Good of the Order

The were no items for the good of the order.

14) The meeting was adjourned at 12:01PM.

Balance Sheet SOUND CITIES ASSOCIATION	
As of Apr 30, 2026	
1110 HomeStreet Bank	480,311.10
1120 HomeStreet Bank - Money Market	1,030,427.13
1130 PayPal Bank	0.00
Total Bank Accounts	\$1,510,738.23
Accounts Receivable	
1200 Accounts Receivable	30,500.00
Total Accounts Receivable	\$30,500.00
1140 Investments - Time Value	349,302.78
1145 Accrued Interest Receivable	1,097.64
1499 Undeposited Funds	\$0.00
1550 Prepaid Expenses	2,853.58
Other Current Asset	\$0.00
Total Other Current Assets	\$353,254.00
Total Current Assets	\$1,894,492.23
Total 1400 Fixed Assets	\$0.00
Total Fixed Assets	\$0.00
Other Long-term Assets	\$0.00
Total Other Assets	\$0.00
Total Assets	\$1,894,492.23
Total Accounts Payable	\$367.40
2200 HomeStreet Credit Card	3,237.47
Total Credit Cards	\$3,237.47
2300 Accrued Payroll	18,146.01
2110 Federal Withholding	\$0.00
2111 Direct Deposit Liabilities	\$0.00
2405 FUTA	53.54
2410 SUI	2,594.47
Total 2415 FIT, SS, Medicare - 941	\$8,107.00
2420 L&I	865.98
2425 WA Paid Family & Medical Leave	218.92
2426 WA Cares	441.22
2439 Temporary Retirement Holdings Payable	65,033.76
2450 Medical/Dental/Vision/Life Ins	\$0.00
2460 Accrued Vacation Pay	17,535.07
2470 w/held Supplemental Life	\$0.00
2480 Voluntary Ancillary Other	\$0.00
2499 Payroll Corrections	173.01
Total 2400 Payroll Liabilities	\$109,177.94
2510 Accrued Liabilities - Contractor Payments	\$0.00
Total 2500 Accrued Liabilities	\$0.00
2600 Deferred Revenue	\$0.00
Total Other Current Liabilities	\$127,323.95
Total Current Liabilities	\$130,928.82
Total Liabilities	\$130,928.82
3110 Equipment Purchase Reserve	15,000.00
3120 Operations Reserves	541,792.00
3130 Contractual Obligations Reserve	34,062.00
3140 Legal Reserves Fund	\$0.00
Total 3100 Board Designated Reserves	\$590,854.00
3200 Board Designated Contra	-590,854.00
3999 Opening Bal Equity	\$0.00
3300 Fund Balance (Prior Years)	1,037,735.21
Net Revenue	725,828.20
Total Equity	\$1,763,563.41
Total Liabilities and Equity	\$1,894,492.23

Profit & Loss Report by Month | SOUND CITIES
January-May, 2026

	May 2026	YTD Total	Budget	Remaining	% Remaining
1010 Member Dues		988,900.00	988,900	0	0%
1020 Membership/Sponsorships	6,500.00	70,000.00	90,000	20,000	22%
1030 Registration/Dinners Income		5,550.00	22,500	16,950	75%
1040 Interest Income	4,202.12	12,619.56	15,600	2,980	19%
1150 CC Points Redeemed Credit		375.00	500	125	25%
Total Income	10,702.12	1,077,444.56	1,117,500	40,055	4%
Gross Profit	10,702.12	1,077,444.56	1,117,500	40,055	4%

			Budget	Remaining	% Remaining
Total 5100 Salaries	57,159.43	264,325.32	692,892	428,567	62%
5210 Taxes-FUTA	28.95	112.58	270	157	58%
5220 Taxes-SUTA	695.16	4,455.36	6,834	2,379	35%
5230 Taxes - FICA, Medicare - 941	4,446.54	20,576.88	51,398	30,821	60%
5240 Taxes - L & I	128.58	661.56	1,746	1,084	62%
5250 Taxes-FMLA	0.00	0.00	4,578	4,578	100%
Total 5200 Payroll Taxes	5,299.23	25,806.38	64,826	39,020	60%
5311 Temp. Retirement Contribution Holdings	3,189.48	14,777.26			
Total 5310 Pension/Retirement Contributions	3,189.48	14,777.26	38,600	23,823	62%
5320 Medical/Dental/Vision/Life Ins	7,329.79	29,899.66	98,227	68,327	70%
5330 Professional Development		119.64	9,000	8,880	99%
5345 ED Car Allowance	500.00	2,500.00			
5346 Staff Travel Expenses	236.86	1,423.80			
Total 5340 Travel Reimbursement	736.86	4,012.40	11,000	6,988	63.52%
5350 PFML – Employer Paid Employee Share	465.32	2,153.30	0	-2,153	
Total 5300 Staff Benefits	11,721.45	50,962.26	156,827	105,865	67.50%
Total 5000 Staff	74,180.11	341,093.96	914,545	573,451	62.70%
6100 Rent	5,707.16	17,121.48	34,255.00	17,133.52	50.02%
6200 Office Insurance		0.00	900.00	900.00	100.00%
6310 Copier/Printer Lease & Maint	551.40	1,525.00	3,700.00	2,175.00	58.78%
6320 Outside Printing & Publication		581.09	2,400.00	1,818.91	75.79%
Total 6300 Printing and Publication	551.40	2,106.09	\$ 6,100.00	\$ 3,993.91	65.47%
6420 Website Design/Hosting	567.00	2,835.00	6,800.00	3,965.00	58.31%
6430 IT Equipment		2,063.65	6,000.00	3,936.35	65.61%
6440 Software/Subscriptions	191.65	3,452.48	8,500.00	5,047.52	59.38%
6450 Incidental IT Consulting		0.00	2,500.00	2,500.00	100.00%
Total 6400 IT	758.65	8,351.13	\$ 23,800.00	\$ 15,448.87	64.91%
6500 Cell Phone Service	319.55	1,354.53	4,000.00	2,645.47	66.14%
6600 CC, Banking & Other Fees		356.70	500.00	143.30	28.66%
6700 Accounting Fees		0.00	16,800.00	16,800.00	100.00%
6800 Legal Fees	135.00	2,493.04	10,000.00	7,506.96	75.07%
6900 Office Supplies / Misc.	27.72	396.37	3,000.00	2,603.63	86.79%
Total 6000 Office / Overhead	7,499.48	32,179.34	\$ 99,355.00	\$ 67,175.66	67.61%
7100 Food/Beverage/Rentals		7,981.00	40,000.00	32,019.00	80.05%
7200 Event Pmts Processing Fee		205.78	1,200.00	994.22	82.85%
Total 7000 Event Expenses	0.00	8,186.78	\$ 41,200.00	\$ 33,013.22	80.13%
8110 D&O Insurance		0.00	2,200.00	2,200.00	100.00%
8120 Cyber Security Insurance		0.00	700.00	700.00	100.00%
Total 8100 Liability Insurance	0.00	0.00	\$ 2,900.00	\$ 2,900.00	100.00%
8200 Awards / Recognition		785.24	2,500.00	1,714.76	68.59%
8300 Retreats/Mtgs/Conf/Dues/Events	834.57	5,805.40	12,000.00	6,194.60	51.62%
8400 Consultants/Special Projects		8,647.28	20,000.00	11,352.72	56.76%
Total 8000 Board / Org Development	834.57	15,237.92	\$ 37,400.00	\$ 22,162.08	59.26%
9000 Contingency Fund		0.00	25,000.00	25,000.00	100.00%
Bad Debt Write Off		25,111.61			
Reconciliation Discrepancies		(0.03)			
Total Expenses	82,514.16	421,809.58	\$ 1,117,500.00	\$ 695,690.42	62.25%
Net Operating Income	(71,812.04)	655,634.98			
Investment returns	(714.14)	(2,602.47)			
Processing Fees Recouped		269.51			
Total Other Income	(714.14)	(2,332.96)			
Net Other Income	(714.14)	(2,332.96)			
Net Income	(72,526.18)	653,302.02			

July 15, 2026 SCA Board of Directors Meeting
Attachment 4: DRAFT 2027 Member City Dues

In July of each year, SCA provides our member cities with draft dues for the upcoming year, for purpose of allowing cities to include in their budget planning. The full SCA membership will formally adopt dues at the SCA Annual Meeting, tentatively planned for December 2, 2026.

Proposed Rates

Draft dues are calculated using the proposed per capita rate multiplied by each city's [2026 OFM population](#) , with a population cap of 100,000, in accordance with current SCA Board policies.

The proposed rate is adjusted based on the Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W), Seattle-Tacoma-Bellevue, WA, June-to-June. The adjustment is capped at 5%, in accordance with existing Board policies. **The CPI-W 12-month percent change for June-to-June 2026 is 3.8%, as released on the US Bureau of Labor Statistics website [here](#).**

DRAFT 2027 Member City Dues

- Calculated dues based on rate of \$0.831712 per resident
- Rate adjusted by CPI-W June - June; (3.8% for 2026); Previous rate was \$0.801264 per resident per resident
- Proposed dues are based on the proposed rate x 2026 OFM population (capped at 100,000 residents)
- Current population total of all SCA cities is 1,319,280; population total used below is calculated with cap

Municipality	Previous Population	2026 Dues	Current Population	Proposed 2026 Dues	Change from 2025
Algona	3,335	\$2,672.22	3,335	\$ 2,773.76	\$ 101.54
Auburn (part)	80,260	\$64,309.45	80,290	\$ 66,778.16	\$ 2,468.71
Beaux Arts Village	310	\$248.39	310	\$ 257.83	\$ 9.44
Bellevue	100,000 (158,000)	\$80,126.40	100,000 (158,300)	\$ 83,171.20	\$ 3,044.80
Black Diamond	7,435	\$5,957.40	7,550	\$ 6,279.43	\$ 322.03
Burien	53,320	\$42,723.40	53,470	\$ 44,471.64	\$ 1,748.24
Carnation	2,320	\$1,858.93	2,415	\$ 2,008.58	\$ 149.65
Clyde Hill	3,095	\$2,479.91	3,100	\$ 2,578.31	\$ 98.40
Covington	22,160	\$17,756.01	22,200	\$ 18,464.01	\$ 708.00
Des Moines	33,540	\$26,874.39	33,690	\$ 28,020.38	\$ 1,145.98
Duvall	8,810	\$7,059.14	8,910	\$ 7,410.55	\$ 351.42
Enumclaw (part)	13,400	\$10,736.94	13,440	\$ 11,178.21	\$ 441.27
Federal Way	100,000 (102,900)	\$80,126.40	100,000 (103,000)	\$ 83,171.20	\$ 3,044.80
Hunts Point	455	\$364.58	455	\$ 378.43	\$ 13.85
Issaquah	41,560	\$33,300.53	41,590	\$ 34,590.90	\$ 1,290.37
Kenmore	24,520	\$19,646.99	24,600	\$ 20,460.12	\$ 813.12

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Kent	100,000 (140,100)	\$80,126.40	100,000 (140,400)	\$ 83,171.20	\$ 3,044.80
Kirkland	97,850	\$78,403.68	98,860	\$ 82,223.05	\$ 3,819.37
Lake Forest Park	13,700	\$10,977.32	13,700	\$ 11,394.45	\$ 417.14
Maple Valley	29,340	\$23,509.09	29,340	\$ 24,402.43	\$ 893.34
Medina	2,915	\$2,335.68	2,915	\$ 2,424.44	\$ 88.76
Mercer Island	25,850	\$20,712.67	25,870	\$ 21,516.39	\$ 803.72
Milton (part)	1,640	\$1,314.07	1,770	\$ 1,472.13	\$ 158.06
Newcastle	13,880	\$11,121.54	13,940	\$ 11,594.07	\$ 472.52
Normandy Park	6,855	\$5,492.66	6,860	\$ 5,705.54	\$ 212.88
North Bend	8,590	\$6,882.86	8,700	\$ 7,235.89	\$ 353.04
Pacific (part)	7,240	\$5,801.15	7,245	\$ 6,025.75	\$ 224.60
Redmond	82,380	\$66,008.13	83,320	\$ 69,298.24	\$ 3,290.12
Renton	100,000 (109,700)	\$80,126.40	100,000 (109,800)	\$ 83,171.20	\$ 3,044.80
Sammamish	68,480	\$54,870.56	68,500	\$ 56,972.27	\$ 2,101.71
SeaTac	32,990	\$26,433.70	33,210	\$ 27,621.16	\$ 1,187.46
Shoreline	63,740	\$51,072.57	64,710	\$ 53,820.08	\$ 2,747.52
Skykomish	165	\$132.21	165	\$ 137.23	\$ 5.02
Snoqualmie	14,550	\$11,658.39	14,550	\$ 12,101.41	\$ 443.02
Tukwila	22,960	\$18,397.02	23,290	\$ 19,370.57	\$ 973.55
Woodinville	14,060	\$11,265.77	14,350	\$ 11,935.07	\$ 669.30
Yarrow Point	1,130	\$905.43	1,130	\$ 939.83	\$ 34.41
Total	1,202,835	\$963,788.39	1,207,780	\$1,004,525.12	\$ 40,736.74

Updated 7/14/2026 LW

RECCOMENDATION OF THE FINANACE COMMITTEE

At their June 30, 2026 meeting, the SCA Finance Committee recommended to the SCA Board of Directors approval for SCA to reinvest the full amount of the CD maturing in July 2026 into a new three-year CD with Time Value Investments; and to authorize the COO, in consultation with the Treasurer and Executive Director and informed by the advice of the investment representative, to proceed with the approved reinvestment action despite market fluctuations.

BACKGROUND

Current Portfolio (TVI Investments):

- \$109,000 Gesa Credit Union CD 5.25% matures 7/31/2026
- \$113,000 Oregon CMNTY Credit Union CD 4.55% matures 7/26/2027
- \$114,000 Valley Natl Bk 4.0% matures on 7/24/2026
- As of 6/15/2026 there is \$12,771.69 available in cash from interest payments over the past year.

Maturity Options

- Reinvest **full amount of maturing CD** into new 1, 2, or 3-year CD. (full \$109,000)
- Reinvest **full amount of maturing CD and earned interest on the account** into new 1, 2, or 3-year CD. Earned interest on this account is currently \$12,771.69. This would be rounded to the nearest \$1,000. (full \$109,000 + \$12,000)

Alternatively:

- Withdraw some or all.
- Funds not withdrawn or reinvested are held in a Money Market account.

Previous Investment Maturity Action:

In 2023, 2024, and 2025, the Board directed staff to reinvest full amount of matured CD, and interest earned, into a new 3-year CD, maintaining a 3-year maturity ladder.

Current Rates

Harrison Stenburg, TVI, provided an estimate of best rates based on information as of June 15. They are subject to market change before the maturity date. He will follow up immediately

before the July Board meeting with any changes, to allow up-to-date information before formal action is taken.

- 1 year CD: 4.05%
- 2 year CD: 4.20%
- 3 year CD: 4.25%
- 4 year CD: 4.30%
- 5 year CD: 4.30%

The TVI Money Market account (where any funds not reinvested are automatically held) is currently earning around 1.00% APY.

Current Balances & Financial Standing

TVI investment account balance, as of June 15	\$348,285
Bank Accounts balance as of June 15	\$1,398,982
TOTAL	\$1,747,267

Remaining Expected 2026 Expenses	\$695,690
Board Designated Reserves	\$590,854
Other Liabilities	\$127,324
TOTAL	\$1,413,868

Remaining Undesignated Funds Balance	\$333,400
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The early withdrawal penalty on a 3-year CD is modest (the amount of six months' worth of interest), making it a relatively low-risk option, even in the very unlikely event that we fully spend both our budgeted expenses and all reserves. Maintaining the CD ladder remains a conservative strategy that provides stronger returns than the organization's Money Market account (3.25% as of June 15) while preserving year-to-year flexibility.

Recommendations

Based on information available on June 15, the recommendation from Stenberg and SCA staff is reinvestment to a new 3 year CD to continue the annual maturity ladder of the portfolio.

Timeline

- **Board Meets July 15**
- **CD Matures July 31**

- **Board Meets** September 16

There is a possibility that CD rates could change between July 15, when the Board would take action to direct reinvestment, and the maturity date of July 31. The Finance Committee included in their recommendation that the Board authorize the COO, in consultation with the Treasurer and Executive Director and informed by the advice of the investment representative, to proceed with the approved reinvestment action in the case of market fluctuations.

2026 Sponsorship Payment Tracking

Sponsorship Level	Sponsor/Entity	Invoiced Month	Amount Invoiced	Paid Month	Amount Paid
Partner	Amazon	April 2026	\$ 6,000.00	July 2026	\$ 6,000.00
Regional Associate Member	AWC	February 2026	\$ 500.00	March 2026	\$ 500.00
Partner	Boeing	June 2026	\$ 6,000.00		
Event - Annual Meeting	Boeing	June 2026	\$ 2,500.00		
Regional Associate Member	EMC Research	February 2026	\$ 500.00		
Partner	Ezee Fiber*	May 2026	\$ 6,000.00	July 2026	\$ 6,000.00
Regional Associate Member	Foster Garvey	May 2026	\$ 500.00	June 2026	\$ 500.00
Regional Associate Member	Gordon Thomas Honeywell	February 2026	\$ 500.00	March 2026	\$ 500.00
Partner	Jenoptik*	March 2026	\$ 6,000.00	April 2026	\$ 6,000.00
Regional Associate Member	Kaiser Permanente*	July 2026	\$ 500.00		
Regional Associate Member	KC Dept of Assessments	February 2026	\$ 500.00	February 2026	\$ 500.00
Regional Associate Member	King County Elections	February 2026	\$ 500.00	April 2026	\$ 500.00
Regional Associate Member	King County Housing Authority*	June 2026	\$ 500.00		
Regional Associate Member	King County Library Systems	February 2026	\$ 500.00	March 2026	\$ 500.00
Regional Associate Member	Langton Public Affairs	February 2026	\$ 500.00	February 2026	\$ 500.00
Partner	Lumen	April 2026	\$ 6,000.00		
Partner	Marketing Solutions	n/a	\$ -	In-Kind	\$ -
Partner	Microsoft	April 2026	\$ 6,000.00	April 2026	\$ 6,000.00
Partner	Port of Seattle	February 2026	\$ 6,000.00	March 2026	\$ 6,000.00
Partner	Puget Sound Energy	March 2026	\$ 6,000.00	July 2026	\$ 6,000.00
Event - Summer Social	Puget Sound Energy	June 2026	\$ 2,500.00		
Regional Associate Member	Republic Services	June 2026	\$ 500.00		
Partner	Seattle King County Realtors	February 2026	\$ 6,000.00	March 2026	\$ 6,000.00
Partner	Seattle Metro Chamber	June 2026	\$ 6,000.00		
Regional Associate Member	Symetra*	June 2026	\$ 500.00		
Partner	Sound Transit	April 2026	\$ 6,000.00	April 2026	\$ 6,000.00
Partner	Verizon*	April 2026	\$ 6,000.00		
Regional Associate Member	W2A*	June 2026	\$ 500.00	July 2026	\$ 500.00
Partner	Waste Management	February 2026	\$ 6,000.00		
Totals			\$ 89,500.00		\$ 52,000.00
	*New Sponsor				

To Be Invoiced 2026

Sponsorship Level	Sponsor/Entity	Invoice	Amount to Invoice
Regional Associate Member	4Culture	September 2026	\$ 500.00
Regional Associate Member	Cedar Grove	August 2026	\$ 500.00
TBD	Comcast		TBD
Event - Fall	TBD		\$ 2,500.00
Totals			\$ 3,500.00

In-Progress Potential Sponsors

Sponsor/Entity	Most Recent Contact
Alaska Airlines	Meeting on 6/15/2026
Ceis, Bayne, & East	Met on 6/05/2026
Monument Advocacy	Meeting 7/17/2026
PACCAR Inc.	5/5/2026
Starbucks	Met on 5/27/2026
Throne Labs	6/9/2026
University of Washington	4/29/2026
Ziply Fiber	4/21/2026

Potential Action

For 2027, the monthly solid waste rates are proposed to increase 8.5% 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 are concerned 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, PIC voted in favor of taking up this issue for discussion and possible position. At the July PIC meeting, PIC discussed, amended, and recommended a final draft of the letter to the SCA Board for approval.

At today's SCA Board meeting, the Board of Directors will review and discuss the final draft letter as recommended by PIC and may take action to send the letter to the King County Council.

Additional background information on this item is included in Appendix 7.1.

PIC Amendments

The primary motion at PIC included striker amendments. These included two technical corrections and one amendment:

Technical Correction #1

Edit the first sentence to update Proposed Ordinance information following transmittal

On behalf of the Sound Cities Association (SCA), we are writing regarding Proposed Ordinance ~~{X}2026-0160-2027~~ pertaining to Proposed Solid Waste Disposal Fees for 2027.

Technical Correction #2

Edit the sign-off information to match protocol

Sincerely, on behalf of the Sound Cities Association Board of Directors,
Armondo Pavone
President, Sound Cities Association
Mayor, City of Renton
{SCA Board of Directors}

Amendment #1

Add second sentence to Summit bullet point

- Convening a second Regional Utility Rate Summit to holistically address the aforementioned concerns. The second Summit should maintain a focus on compounding impacts of multiple utilities' increases on ratepayers and examine rate relief strategies related both to regulations and financial policies, such as rate smoothing.

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APPENDIX 7.1: ISSUE BACKGROUND

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 transfer stations lasting longer than 24 hours. A table with proposed rates, 2026 adopted rates, and prior 2027 modeling is shown below:

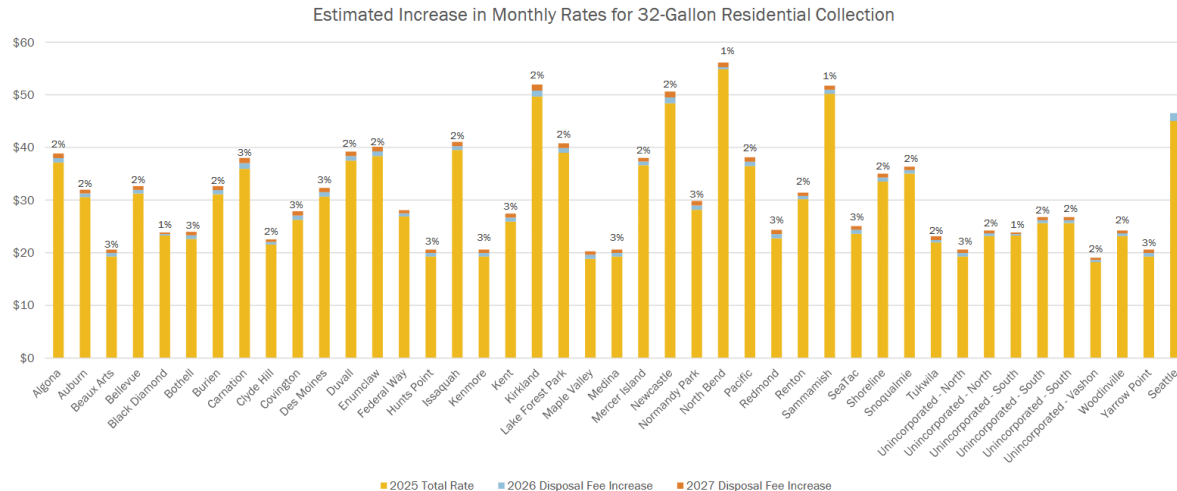
Proposed Rates, 2026 Adopted Rates, and Prior 2027 Modeling

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 submitted rate response letters. The King County Executive transmitted his rate proposal on June 15; it will be considered by the King County Council and 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

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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.

Dear Chair Sarah Perry and King County Councilmembers,

On behalf of the Sound Cities Association (SCA), we are writing regarding Proposed Ordinance 2026-0160 pertaining to Proposed Solid Waste Disposal Fees for 2027. 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. The second Summit should maintain a focus on compounding impacts of multiple utilities' increases on ratepayers and examine rate relief strategies related both to regulations and financial policies, such as rate smoothing.

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, on behalf of the Sound Cities Association Board of Directors,

Armondo Pavone
President, Sound Cities Association
Mayor, City of Renton

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

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Current Caucus Board Member Terms

Highlighted seats are up for election for 2027.

Caucus	Name	City	Term Exp.	Status
North	Annete Ademasu	Shoreline	2026	1st year of short term, exp. 12/2026 – eligible for reelection
North	Tom French	Lake Forest Park	2026	1st year of short term, exp. 12/2026 – eligible for reelection
North	Lynne Robinson	Bellevue	2027	1st Year of First Term
North	Tola Marts	Issaquah	2027	1st Year of First Term
South Valley	Troy Linnell	Algona	2027	1st Year of Second Term
South	Armondo Pavone	Renton	2026	Seat Open (full term) - moving to Past President
South	Thomas McLeod	Tukwila	2026	2nd Year of short term - eligible
South	Dana Ralph	Kent	2027	1st Year of Second Term
South	Sean Kelly	Maple Valley	2027	1st Year of First Term
Snoqualmie Valley	Amy McHenry	Duvall	2027	1st Year of First Term

Seats selected by other means:

Caucus	Name	City	Term Exp.	Status	Process
Immediate Past President	Angela Birney	Redmond	2026	Rotates off	To be filled by 2026 President Pavone
PIC Chair	Lydia Assefa-Dawson	Federal Way	2026	1st 1-year Term. Eligible to serve 2 nd 1-year term.	Elected at the December PIC Meeting.
CM Rep	Scott MacColl	Auburn	2026	1st 1-year Term. Eligible to serve 2 nd 1-year term.	Elected at the first City Manager/City Administrator meeting of 2027

Process and Timeline for Board Elections and Board Leadership Elections

1. Board Nominating Committee is appointed at the October Board meeting. The Board Nominating Committee makes recommendations for Board Leadership.
2. In Mid-December, Board elections are held at annual Caucus meetings.
3. The Board Nominating Committee makes their recommendations for Board Leadership at the December 2026 Board meeting.
4. 2027 Board Leadership are elected at the first Board meeting of 2027.