

## CRP QUARTERLY MEETING AGENDA

July 27, 2023

Hybrid: WebEx & North Transfer Station

Members Attending: Suzi Burke, Raj Kumar, Noel Miller, Amanda Richer,  
Robin Schwartz, Maria McDonald

TIME	AGENDA ITEM	PRESENTER	MIN AT RECORDING
3:05pm	<b>Tour of North Transfer Station</b> <b>Great tour with Marty from the North Transfer Station</b>	Marty from SPU	00
3:35pm	<b>Welcome &amp; Introductions</b> <i>Welcome and brief background on the transfer station including dangers that the staff faces every day. Kudos to and appreciation to staff.</i>  <i>Thank you to the CRP from Andrew for their participation.</i>  <i>Brief run through of the agenda.</i>  <b>The recording begins after this introduction.</b>	Andrew Lee	00
3:40pm	<b>Public Comment - no public comment</b>	Andrés Mantilla, BDS	:12
3:40pm	<b>CRP Committee Business</b> <b>Water Tax Repeal Letter</b> - Noel, Sam and Amanda walking folks through where we are with the letter. Opportunity for everyone to have a chance to comment on the letter; don't want to rush the letter through. CM Pedersen approached Noel directly about the CRP writing a letter in support. Suzi - doesn't support the capital gains so doesn't support the letter but supports getting rid of the water tax. Utilities used to be charged at their exact cost to the customer but at some point the utility taxes were added although only the electricity tax is allowed in the constitution and its capped at 6%. Amanda and Robin are supportive of the letter and appreciates the content about the letter and its focus on affordability.	Noel & Amanda Sam Stork	:28

	<p>Proposal to amend the letter to support just the repeal of the water tax but remain neutral on the capital gains tax to replace the revenue.</p> <p>Could we separate our responses into two letters?</p> <p>Do we have enough signatures to sign the letter as is? If so, we'll move forward. We do have enough signatures to have a quorum and so we will go ahead with the letter with the addition of the letter being supported by a majority but not all of the members.</p> <p>Amada requested follow up from Ellen regarding a pilot to make drinking water more available. Ellen will follow up.</p> <p><b>Upcoming SBP Outreach Events</b> - letting members know about a list of the upcoming community events. They'll be doing a large survey as well. We'd love to have members come to the events and be present to hear what community is saying. Will include a one-pager developed with community liaisons. Also, will be done in language and jargon free. The document will be on an on-line portal and can be sent to community members as well as being promoted. Occurring from October to December.</p>		18:28
3:45pm	<p><b>Briefing on King County Wastewater Regional Governance Study</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ KC has half the votes of RWQC; CM Pedersen is on the committee.</li> <li>▪ Wastewater accounts for 60% of customer bills; rate doubled in the past few years.</li> <li>▪ Statement of Legislative Intent resulted in the study</li> <li>▪ Regional Stakeholder Committee convened - participating agencies</li> <li>▪ Reports produced: description of system; options evaluation; final report and recommendation</li> <li>▪ Top priorities: decision-making authority, rates, and finance. Agencies provide input but have little influence</li> <li>▪ Agencies have expressed a desire for more influence over decisions that affect cost and service levels</li> </ul>	Elizabeth Dent, SPU	22:06

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ The current system is very unique - no other regional system looks like this one</li> <li>▪ Options evaluated; final recommendations: short-term modified advisory board; long-term West Point treatment plant separation. SPU supports pursuing the short-term option; contract is up in 2026; something that can be done now and easiest to implement</li> <li>▪ KC doesn't support any of the options; Chair Balducci acknowledged the study raised important issues. Broad support from the members to go with short-term option</li> <li>▪ Regional issue so requires regional momentum. Chair of RWQC would like to better educate about the committee's authority</li> </ul> <p>Andrew comments: not getting support from KC Exec on any of the changes. Chair Balducci however has been more open. She initiated a series of check-ins with water district agencies. Moving forward to get options for more authority that could be written into their contracts. If no positive development, would look at potential separation. Long game being played on this one.</p> <p>Suzi pointed out that we gave them the entire system when they moved to Metro. They are not supporting existing sewer assets. Should speak to Alex before he leaves to get his take it.</p> <p>Noel - good briefing; no action at this point.</p>		
4:00pm	<p><b>Developing a CRP</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ CRP member Visioning, Impact, and Core Values conversation</li> <li>▪ SBP Update is on a path. There are elements that are going to happen. This meeting we want to get more organized about what does the CRP stand for? What are the goals we want to achieve? This is an effort to hone what is of most use to the panel</li> <li>▪ Affirm vision; define priorities; grow understanding and relationships</li> <li>▪ Review main points of previous letter</li> </ul>	<p>Andrés Mantilla, BDS Cheryl Swab, BDS, Skylar Benson, BDS</p>	38:50

	<p>Exercise for visioning: what is your main motivation for participating on the CRP? What do you value most about the CRP? What is your greatest fear about this work?</p> <p>Priority Areas: affordability and accessibility: asset management; workforce; climate and resiliency; water and drainage, others? Sustainability of infrastructure; access to water and basic services; zero waste; impacts on the unhoused. Compost</p> <p>Key Issues for each area</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Workforce - Retirement and vacancies; retention and training</li> <li>▪ Asset management - Sustainability of infrastructure</li> <li>▪ Affordability - Access to basic services</li> <li>▪ Climate - adaptation, crisis and overburden of systems</li> <li>▪ Resiliency - infrastructure plans for climate impacts, also seismic events</li> <li>▪ Water - Mitigating impacts through water infrastructure; access to water for customers and others; hygiene and dehydration</li> <li>▪ Drainage - mitigating storm water; reduction of CSOs; run-off hurting environment and also people</li> <li>▪ Garbage - zero waste</li> </ul> <p>Next steps - will bring wall graphics to next meeting. Next meeting September 11<sup>th</sup>. We need to come back on this part of the work.</p>		
5:30pm	<b>Closing &amp; Adjourn</b>	Andrés Mantilla, BDS	1:27:30

### Upcoming Events

2023 CRP Quarterly Meetings - March, June, September, December

**Commented [CS1]:** Can you guys update this based on this week's check-in, please?