

**MWPAAC RWSP Policy Review Task Force**  
**Discussion/Proposed Amendments**  
**Public Involvement Policies**  
**WORKING DRAFT**

Existing Public Involvement Policies K.C.C 28.86.150	Proposed Amendments as of May 12, 2015	Task Force Comments/Discussion	Sub-committee/Full MWPAAC Comments
A. Explanatory material. The public involvement policies are intended to guide the county in maintaining public information and education programs and to engage the public and component agencies in planning, designing and operating decisions that affect them.	<u>A. Explanatory material. The public involvement policies provide guidance for the County’s wastewater treatment division to continue to educate and engage the public in its projects and programs.</u>  <u>The County is committed to ensuring that its public involvement efforts are consistent with the County’s Equity and Social Justice ordinance (Ordinance 16948).</u>	<i>March 17, 2015 discussion:</i> The Task Force updated the language in the explanatory material.  <i>February 18, 2015 discussion:</i> There were comments to rewrite the explanatory material. There were questions about what does the County want to achieve with its public involvement, and the level of involvement that is needed and appropriate.  There was a suggestion to mention the equity and social justice ordinance in this portion versus as a distinct policy.  <i>WTD staff consulted its public involvement experts regarding the question on the level of involvement that is needed and appropriate. Public involvement activities are tailored to meet the specific needs of a project or program and affected communities. The County’s community engagement guide is used in developing the appropriate level of engagement. The guide is available at <a href="http://www.kingcounty.gov/healthservices/health/partnerships/~media/health/publichealth/documents/ctg/CommunityEngagementGuide.ashx">http://www.kingcounty.gov/healthservices/health/partnerships/~media/health/publichealth/documents/ctg/CommunityEngagementGuide.ashx</a></i>	<i>Full MWPAAC approved the Task Force proposed amendments at its May 27, 2015 meeting.</i>
PIP-1: King County shall maintain public information/education programs and engage the public and component agencies of local sewer service in the planning, designing and operating decisions affecting them.	PIP-1: King County shall <del>((maintain public information/education programs and))</del> engage the public and component agencies <del>((of local sewer service))</del> in <del>((the))</del> <u>its</u> planning, design <del>((ing))</del> and <del>((operating))</del> <u>operational</u> decisions <del>((affecting))</del> <u>that affect</u> them.	<i>April 23, 2015 discussion:</i> The Task Force made some grammatical improvements to the policy; no changes were made to the intent of the policy.  <i>February 18, 2015 discussion:</i> Task Force members suggested deleting the portions shown in red	
PIP-2: King County shall develop public information and education programs to support county wastewater programs and shall lay the groundwork for public understanding of and involvement in specific programs.	PIP-2: King County shall develop <u>and maintain</u> public information and education programs to <del>((support county wastewater programs and shall lay the groundwork))</del> <u>provide</u> for public understanding of and involvement in <del>((specific))</del> <u>county wastewater</u> programs.	<i>February 18, 2015 discussion:</i> Task Force members suggested the changes reflected in red. There were questions on whether to use King County or WTD? This might be something to look at holistically when all the policies have been reviewed.	
PIP-3: King County shall involve public officials and citizens of affected jurisdictions early and actively in the planning and decision-making process for capital projects.	PIP-3: King County shall involve <u>component agencies,</u> public officials and citizens of affected jurisdictions early and actively in the planning and decision-making process for capital projects.	<i>February 18, 2015 discussion:</i> Task Force members suggested adding “component agencies” to the policy.	
PIP-4: King County shall inform affected residents and businesses in advance of capital construction projects.	PIP-4: King County shall inform affected residents and businesses in advance of capital construction projects.	<i>February 18, 2015 discussion:</i> No changes were made to this policy.	
PIP-5: King County shall disseminate information and provide education to the general public, private sector and governmental agencies regarding the status, needs and potential future of the region's water resources.	PIP-5: King County shall disseminate information and provide education to the general public, private sector and governmental agencies regarding the status, needs and potential future of the region's <del>((water resources))</del> <u>wastewater facilities and wastewater treatment byproducts.</u>	<i>May 12, 2015 discussion:</i> Based on comments made at the E&P and Rates and Finance subcommittee meeting on May 7, the Task Force reconsidered deleting this policy and made adjustments to it in place of deletion.  <i>February 18, 2015 discussion:</i> Task force members recommended deleting this policy. They felt it was no longer needed and that it was related to water supply issues	<i>May 7, 2015 E&amp;P and Rates and Finance discussion:</i> There was discussion on whether to delete this policy or not. Some members felt strongly that a variation of the policy should remain and thought the policy should be a general reference to WTD’s educational role.

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		that were being discussed in the late 1990s.	
PIP-6: King County shall actively solicit and incorporate public opinions throughout the implementation of its comprehensive plan.	<del>((PIP-6: King County shall actively solicit and incorporate public opinions throughout the implementation of its comprehensive plan.))</del>	<i>February 18, 2015 discussion:</i> Task Force members recommended deletion of this policy. It was noted that it isn't necessary and the intent is covered through the other policies.	
PIP-7: Beginning January 1, 2001, King County shall implement a public awareness and education program regarding the environmental impacts and costs to wastewater rate payers of I/I in the local and regional conveyance systems.	<del>((PIP-7: Beginning January 1, 2001, King County shall implement a public awareness and education program regarding the environmental impacts and costs to wastewater rate payers of I/I in the local and regional conveyance systems.))</del>	<i>February 18, 2015 discussion:</i> Task Force members recommended deletion of this policy; the intent is covered in the other policies.	
PIP-8: King County shall support regional water supply agencies and water purveyors in their public education campaign on the need and ways to conserve water. King County should promote pilot projects that support homeowner water conservation in coordination with water suppliers and purveyors, emphasizing strategies and technologies that reduce wastewater.	PIP- <del>((8))</del> 5: King County shall support regional water supply agencies and water purveyors in their public education campaigns on the need and ways to conserve water. <del>((King County should promote pilot projects that support homeowner water conservation in coordination with water suppliers and purveyors, emphasizing strategies and technologies that reduce wastewater.))</del>	<i>February 18, 2015 discussion:</i> The Task Force members recommended deleting the last sentence, as the pilot projects were completed in 2005.	