Regional Wastewater Contract Negotiations Update

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Goals for Contract Negotiations

- **Strong, open, collaborative partnership between WTD and contract agencies**
- Environmental and financial stewardship
- Regulatory compliance
- Proactive work together to maximize benefits for all
- Certainty as well as the capacity to be flexible for future opportunities
Documents

- Proposed Regional Wastewater Contract Provisions Summary
- Completed to Date Guiding Principles Directory
- Recommended Board Roles (based on Guiding Principles)
Guiding Principles Completed to Date

- Asset Management
- Audit
- Billing Methodology
- Capital Projects
- Contract Amendments
- Contracting Out WTD Operational Services
- Conveyance Wheeling
- Innovation
- Industrial Waste
- Infiltration and Inflow
- Local v. Regional Facility Ownership
- Negotiations
- Operating Board
- Rate Setting
- Recycled Water
- Regulatory Requirements and Legislation
- Residential Customer Equivalent (RCE)
- Service Area Expansion and Contraction
- Strategic Financing
- WaterWorks
Proposed Operating Board

- New governance structure
- Provides a formal voice for contract agencies
- Focus is on operational issues - major policy direction memorialized in contract
- Composition of the Board:
  - 3 King County
  - 7 contract agencies (groupings based on RCE percentages; updated every 6 years)
    - Seattle (40% vote)
    - Large City (12%); Medium City (12%); Small City (12%)
    - Large District (8%); Medium District (8%); Small District (8%)
  - Each subgroup above is responsible for selecting its representative
  - Three year term; alternates elected along with representatives
Proposed Operating Board (continued)

- Voting
  - King County: 1
  - Contract agencies: 1
  - If agreement cannot be reached, both positions will be outlined (with rationale) and presented to the decision maker(s) (such as the KC Executive)
  - Voting by contract agencies is by weighted majority vote (any one of the following three combinations):
    - At least 50% total RCEs and at least 1 district and 1 non-Seattle city, OR
    - Any combination of agencies that represent 60% or more of the RCEs, OR
    - 50% or more of the RCEs and 5 out of 7 of the total votes.
Next Steps

- Obtain feedback from MWPAAC on work to date
- King County will assign an attorney to meet with the Regional Negotiating Team to begin a legal review of the Guiding Principles
  - Goal: Understand the principles, obtain clarifications on language and intent before beginning to draft a contract