

King County Charter Review and the Regional Water Quality Committee



Metropolitan Water Pollution
Abatement Advisory Committee

November 7, 2007

King County Home Rule

- ❑ Home Rule Charter adopted 1969
- ❑ Charter Review Commission convened at least every 10 years
- ❑ Current Review will conclude in May 2008
- ❑ Approved changes on ballot November 2008
- ❑ Regional Committees created by charter amendment at time of County Metro merger

Regional Water Quality Committee

- ❑ Develop, review and recommend ordinances and motions adopting, repealing or amending County wide policies and plans
- ❑ County Council: Phillips, Hague, Constantine, Dunn, Gossett, Lambert
- ❑ Suburban Cities: Peloza, Davidson, Gustafson, Mullet (Alternates: Clinton and Clawson)
- ❑ Sewer Districts: Canter, Tracy (Alternate: Lind)
- ❑ City of Seattle: Clark and Conlin

Standing Council Committees

- Capital Budget Committee
 - Wastewater Capital Program, Bond Issues
- Growth Management & Natural Resources
 - Intergovernmental Agreements, Grant & Loan Agreements, other Implementing Actions
- Operating Budget, Fiscal Management, and Mental Health Committee
 - Wastewater Operating Budget, Rates & Charges

DNRP's Comments to Charter Commission re RWQC

- Add a Snohomish County Representative
- Reduce Sewer District Representation
- Require that representatives come from service area

Basis of Comments

- ❑ Commitments to Snohomish County
- ❑ Composition of service area
- ❑ Expectations for future composition

Service Area Composition

- City of Seattle 42% ↓
- King County Suburban Cities 34% ↑
- King County Sewer Districts 19%
- Snohomish County 5% ↑

Future Expectations Affected by:

- Statutory pre-eminence of cities
- Belief that number of local governments should be reduced

Other Recommendations

- ❑ Suburban Cities
- ❑ County Council re: size of regional committees
- ❑ Can be viewed on website:
<http://www.metrokc.gov/exec/charter>



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suggested changes:

why:

 Response requested

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