



King County

**2023 Sewer Rate Development Goals and Schedule  
Presented to MWPAAC’s Rates and Finance Subcommittee  
January 6, 2022**

**Wastewater Treatment Division (WTD) Goals for 2023 Sewer Rate Development**

- Increase reliability at off-site locations and West Point Treatment Plant
- Respond to increasing regulatory pressure
- Respond to growth-related demand on the system
- Address the most critical asset management risks
- Respond to King County Executive’s priorities: Clean Water Healthy Habitat, Strategic Climate Action Plan and Equity and Social Justice

MONTH	ACTIVITIES
January	<b>January 6 – Rates &amp; Finance Subcommittee meeting</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Review WTD Goals for 2023 Rate-setting Process and Schedule</li> <li>• Review Adopted 2022-2031 Rate Plan</li> <li>• Discuss Preliminary 2023 Rate-setting Policy Direction</li> </ul>
	WTD continues preliminary 2023-2032 Rate Plan policy discussions with Department of Natural Resources and Parks (DNRP) Director’s Office and Office of Performance, Strategy and Budget (PSB)
	<b>January 26 – Full MWPAAC meeting</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Review WTD Goals for 2023 Rate-setting Process and Schedule</li> <li>• Review Adopted 2022-2031 Rate Plan</li> <li>• Discuss Preliminary 2023 Rate-setting Policy Direction</li> </ul>
	WTD continues 2023-2032 Rate Plan policy discussions with DNRP Director’s Office
	WTD CIP Portfolio development continues

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February	2021 year-end finalization by end of month
	<b>Feb. 3 – Rates &amp; Finance Subcommittee meeting</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Discuss updates on 2023 rate-setting policy direction, if possible</li> </ul>
	WTD continues discussions with DNRP Director’s Office: Present sewer rate and capacity charge estimates
	WTD continues discussions with the County’s Office of Performance, Strategy and Budget: Present sewer rate and capacity charge estimates
	<b>Feb. 23 – Full MWPAAC meeting</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Discuss updates on 2023 rate-setting policy direction, if possible</li> </ul>
March	Early March – Brief King County Executive on DNRP/WTD 2023 Sewer Rate and Capacity Charge Proposal
	Early March – WTD transmits 2023 Sewer Rate and Capacity Charge Proposal to DNRP Director’s Office
	<b>March 3 – Rates &amp; Finance Subcommittee meeting</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Review key points of meeting with DNRP Director’s Office and Executive’s Office, if possible</li> <li>• Discuss key points for draft MWPAAC letter on sewer rate recommendation to Executive for consideration and action at March 23 full MWPAAC meeting</li> </ul>
	Mid-March – DNRP Director’s Office transmits 2023 Sewer Rate and Capacity Charge Proposal to King County Executive
	<b>March 16</b> – Draft MWPAAC sewer rate recommendation letter is emailed to MWPAAC members one week in advance of MWPAAC’s March 23 general meeting
	<b>March 23 – MWPAAC General meeting</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Present DNRP/WTD 2023 Sewer Rate and Capacity Charge proposal</li> <li>• MWPAAC considers and takes action on its recommendation letter to King County Executive</li> </ul>
	<b>April 7 – Rates &amp; Finance Subcommittee meeting</b>

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April	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Review Executive's Proposed 2023 Sewer Rate and Capacity Charge recommendation to King County Council</li> <li>Discuss whether MWPAAC wants to send a separate sewer rate and capacity charge recommendation letter to the King County Council</li> </ul>
	<p><b>April XX – Rates and Finance Subcommittee special meeting</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Should the Rates and Finance Subcommittee recommend a separate letter to Council, the draft MWPAAC sewer rate recommendation letter is e-mailed to MWPAAC members one week in advance of MWPAAC's April 27 General meeting</li> </ul>
	<p>Mid-April – King County Executive transmits 2023 Sewer Rate and Capacity Charge Recommendation to King County Council</p>
	<p><b>April 27 – MWPAAC General meeting</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Present King County Executive's Proposed 2023 Sewer Rate and Capacity Charge</li> <li>MWPAAC consideration and action on separate sewer rate recommendation letter provided there is support for a separate letter to King County Council</li> </ul>
May	<p><b>May 4 – WTD briefs the Regional Water Quality Committee on the King County Executive's Proposed 2023 Sewer Rate and Capacity Charge</b></p>
	<p>Brief the Budget and Fiscal Management Committee on the Executive's Proposed 2023 Sewer Rate and Capacity Charge</p>
June	<p>Budget and Fiscal Management Committee makes a recommendation on the Executive's Proposed 2023 Sewer Rate and Capacity Charge</p>
	<p>Public hearing and action on the Executive's Proposed 2023 Sewer Rate and Capacity Charge by King County Council</p>