



King County



MWPAAC Overview

MWPAAC General Meeting
February 23, 2022

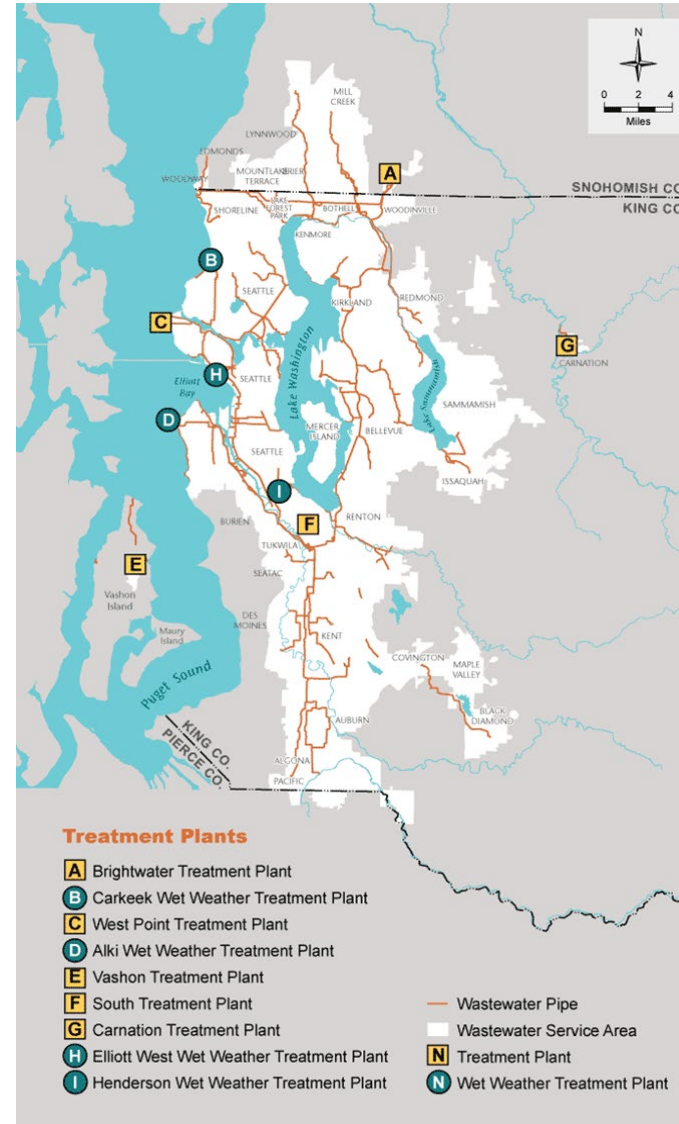


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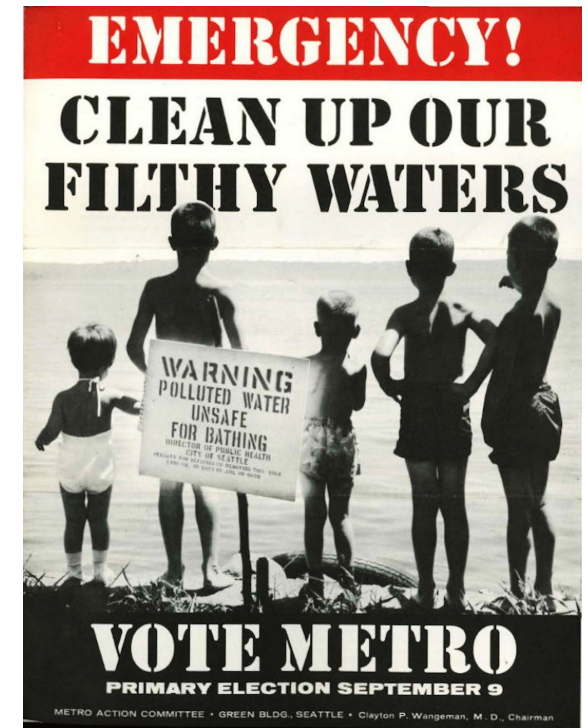
WTD System Overview

- 34 local agencies (includes 18 cities, 15 sewer districts, and the Muckleshoot Indian Tribe)
- Approximately 1.97 million residents over 424 sq miles
- Service area not contiguous with King County and includes portions of Snohomish and Pierce counties
- Five Treatment Plants, 48 pump stations, and 25 regulator stations
- About 400 miles of sewer lines
- About 630 full-time employees



Establishment of Metro

- 1956 – Formation of citizens committee
- 1957 – State Legislature approves enabling legislation for Metropolitan Municipal Corporations, including MWPAAC
- 1958 – Voters reject activation of Metro powers for transportation, water pollution and comprehensive planning
- 1958 – Voters approve formation of Metro for the purpose of water pollution abatement



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Early days of Metro

- 15-member Metro Council adopts comprehensive water pollution abatement plan
- 10 sewage plants discharging into Lake Washington at the time would be closed
- Metro signs initial sewage disposal agreement with City of Seattle in 1961 and others follow
- Construction begins on South Treatment Plant in 1961 and West Point Treatment Facility in 1962



Metro Merger

- 1971 – Metro boundary expanded to include all of King County
- 1977 – State Legislature enables County-Metro merger
- 1979 – Voters reject merger
- April 1991 – First merger vote fails
- April 1992 – County and City delegates reach consensus on proposal, including regional committees
- November 1992 – Voters approve merger
- 1994 – Metro and King County merge



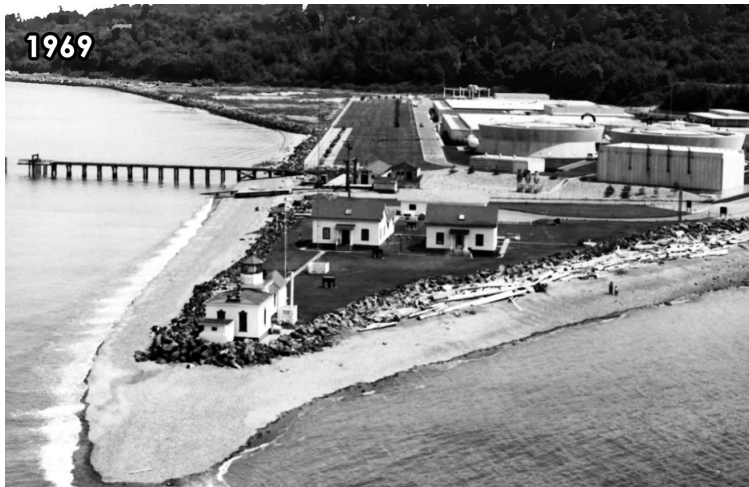
Recent Plants

- 1999 – King County takes over service on Vashon
- 2006 – New treatment plant opens on Vashon
- 2008 – New treatment plant opens in Carnation
- 2011– Brightwater opens



Regional Water Quality Committee

- One of three regional committees of the King County Council.
- Membership comprised of 3 County Councilmembers, 2 Seattle City Councilmembers, 4 appointees from Sound Cities Association, and 2 sewer district commissioners.
- Vice-chair position appointed by majority vote of non-King County committee members.
- Develops, proposes, reviews and recommends action on ordinances and motions for countywide policies and plans relating to regional water quality.



Metropolitan Water Pollution Abatement Advisory Committee (MWPAAC)

- Part of Metro's enabling legislation in 1957 (RCW 35.58.210).
- Charter and bylaws developed and adopted in 2008.
- Membership open to cities and districts operating a sewer system within King County's wastewater service area.
- Advises Executive and County Council on water pollution abatement, focusing on wastewater treatment.
- Provides a forum for discussing a wide range of issues related to regional wastewater treatment services (e.g., project briefings, capacity charge, infiltration/inflow, etc.).



MWPAAC Subcommittees

- Rates and Finance
- Comprehensive Engineering and Planning
- Advisory subcommittee on the Sewage Disposal Agreements
- Nominating Committee



MWPAAC 2022

- Increase member participation
- Outreach from WTD and MWPAAC Chair to individual agencies
- Continued increase in transparency and timeliness, particularly around the rate setting process
- Discuss clear Priorities for setting MWPAAC Work Plan



Questions?

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