

Clean Water Plan Pause Status and Look Ahead

MWPAAC

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Status

Three-step pause process

1. Stop, listen and collect feedback
2. Identify course corrections and seek comment – *here now*
3. Reinitiate an adjusted planning process

Sounding board sessions

- One-pager with key goals and process elements
- Met with individuals and small groups to ask questions and offer comment

Overall goals

- **Shared purpose and process**
 - Agencies, MWPAAC, regulators, Community Based Organizations, non-governmental organizations, elected officials
- **Sense of ownership** during and at the end
- **Enhance trust and cooperation** across participants
- **Shared understanding** of challenges and opportunities, planning process and roles
- **Shared goals for equity**, process values input from all voices
- **Wastewater services plan is coordinated with but distinct from** other water quality efforts

Revised planning process elements

- **Principles** to guide staff/consultant work and MWPAAC and Regional Water Quality Committee (RWQC) review
- **Shared regional vision** and high-level goals – *a North Star*
- **Identify change areas** for Regional Wastewater Services Plan (RWSP) and other related plans
- **Develop and adopt** the revised long-range wastewater plan
- **Implement** plan and monitor progress

Parallel work

- Continue to participate in parallel regulatory efforts
 - CSO/CD, nutrients, PFAS, other Contaminants of Emerging Concern (CECs)
- Incorporate results into planning process
- Continued work on sewage disposal contract

Working timeline

2023

- Principles to guide process
- Shared regional vision and high-level goals



2023 - 2024

- Identify change areas
- Develop/test alternatives



2025-2026

- Environmental review
- Refine and adopt plan

Continue to participate in parallel regulatory efforts and incorporate results into planning process

Public and stakeholder engagement

MWPAAC engagement

Potential roles for MWPAAC

- Provide input for guiding principles presented to RWQC
- Help guide the regional vision
- Identify RWSP change areas
- Review options and alternatives including policy amendments
- Help to harmonize agency and district comment

2023 Efforts

- Reassemble project and consultant team, transition back to active planning process
- Develop/update materials and initiate work to promote shared understanding
- Craft principles to guide the process
 - SCA and Seattle letters, other input
 - MWPAAC and RWQC review and confirm
- Develop process for regional vision

Questions
and
discussion

Thank You