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Regional Wastewater Services Plan Update



King County

Department of
Natural Resources and Parks

Wastewater Treatment Division

Guiding principles

Purpose: A set of principles to guide the process to update the Regional Wastewater Services Plan (RWSP) and associated policies

Draft Guiding Principles: Shared draft in meeting materials

Background: Draft shared with RWQC at June 5 RWQC meeting and received initial feedback

Draft Guiding Principles – Together we will...

1. Work collaboratively to establish clear and transparent processes, roles, and decision-making responsibilities
2. Ensure inclusivity in the process
3. Listen and respect input, ideas, and feedback from all participants
4. Understand the challenges and opportunities facing the regional system
5. Develop a shared vision for the future
6. Develop policy updates and a plan that aligns with the vision



Draft Guiding Principles – The RWSP Update will...

1. Focus on wastewater collection, treatment, disposal, and resource recovery
2. Commit to meet regulatory obligations
3. Protect and promote equity and social justice
4. Balance system needs and affordability
5. Protect and improve public health and the environment



Initial Feedback Heard at June RWQC Meeting

- Emphasize “Protect and improve public health and the environment” since it is the mission of the Wastewater Treatment Division
- Consider alternatives to numbering the list (e.g., bullets, visual, etc.), so as not to suggest prioritization
- Provide opportunity to revisit the principles as needed

Next Steps

- July RWQC meeting – Discuss Guiding Principles and receive further input/feedback from RWQC members
- September RWQC meeting – Present revised Guiding Principles and draft resolution for RWQC to consider to adopt the Guiding Principles

Questions/Comments



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