Regional Wastewater Services Plan Charter

MWPAAC Meeting

Presentation by WTD & the RWSP Working Group

January 22, 2025

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RWSP Working Group

Membership for Charter work:

- John McClellan – MWPAAC Chair / Alderwood

- Ben Marre – MWPAAC E&P Chair / Seattle

- Carly Joerger – Kirkland (MWPAAC & RWQC)

- Ella Williams – Bellevue (RWQC)

- Andie Parnell – SCA (RWQC)

- Crystil Woolridge – MWPAAC / Woodinville Water District

Working Group Meetings to develop Charter

1. October 9

2. November 13

3. December 2

4. January 7

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Scoping Document ⟶ RWSP Charter

Charter Outline

1. Background
2. Purpose
3. Shared Goals
4. Roles & Responsibilities
5. Shared Values and Guiding Principles
6. RWSP Policy Areas
7. High Level Schedule and Major Milestones
8. Information and Work Product Flow
9. Commitments: WTD and MWPAAC
10. Appendix A: Policy Areas & Planning Level Specifics
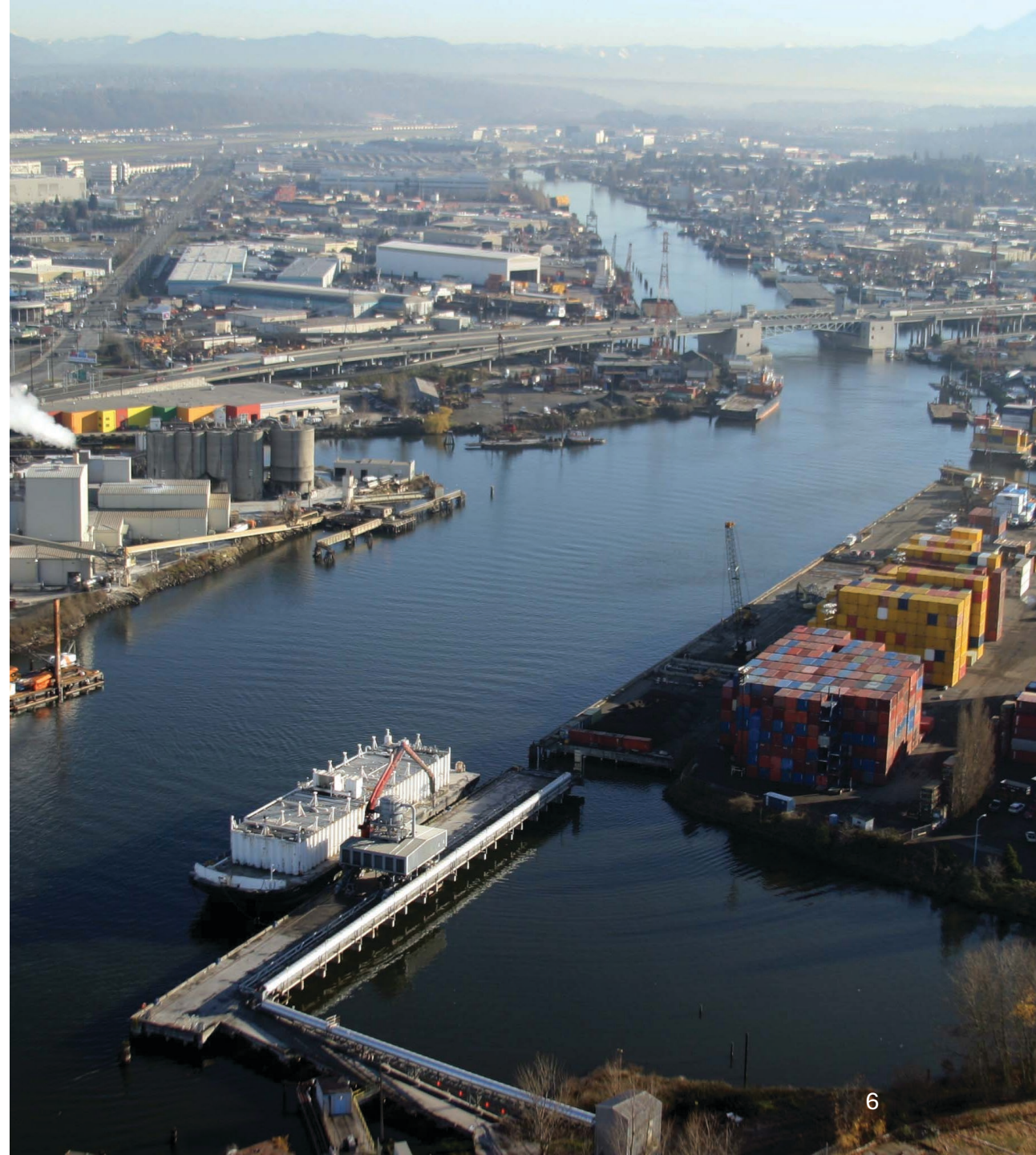11. Appendix B: Schedule & Milestones

Charter Purpose

- Guide the multi-year process to update the RWSP

- Establish a framework for collaboration, partnership, and process between WTD and MWPAAC to deliver RWSP work products to RWQC

- Ensure WTD and MWPAAC are partners committed to work together in good faith to coordinate the steps in the RWSP planning process

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Charter Purpose

- Establish shared goals, values, and principles

- Set clear and transparent roles & responsibilities

- Define information and work product flow process with opportunities for MWPAAC and RWQC to shape & influence WTD work products and outcomes

- High level road map with schedule & milestones

Shared Goals

1. Develop a draft RWSP by 2027, through thorough analysis, collaboration, and engagement across contract agencies

2. Executive recommends to the King County Council a final RWSP in 2029 that reflects regional values and regional priorities

3. Anticipated King County Council adoption of final RWSP in 2029 to guide decision making through 2060

Goals are Specific and Time-Bound

Roles and Responsibilities

- King County Executive

- King County Council

- RWQC

- WTD

- MWPAAC

- RWSP Working Group

Collaboration is "transparency in the planning process, cooperating with one another, and working together in good faith"

Regionalism is "understanding each component agency is a part of a 'whole' and recognizing interrelationship and interdependencies"

Partnership is "seeking to understand meaning and intent behind opinions and perspectives"

Innovative Thinking means "approaching problems and ideas with an open mind"

Shared Values

1. Collaboration
2. Regionalism
3. Partnership
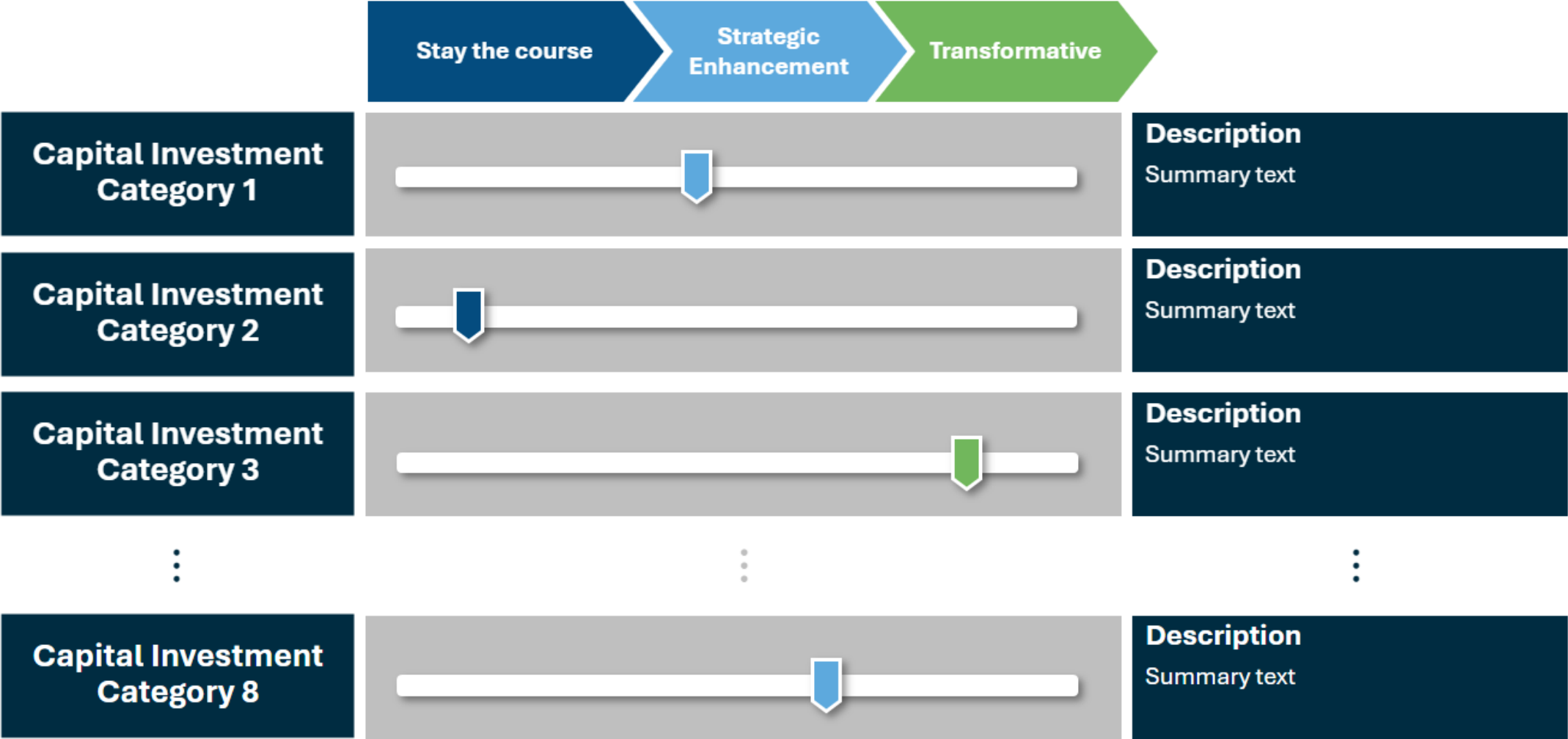4. Innovative Thinking

Policy Areas from Scope Doc

Policy Area #1 – Categories of Capital Investment

1. Treatment

2. Asset Management

3. Separated System Conveyance and I/I

4. Combined System Management

5. Climate Impact Preparedness & Natural Disaster Resiliency

6. Pollution (Source Control & Legacy)

7. Resource Recovery (Biosolids, Energy, Recycled Water)

8. Odor Control

Three Conceptual Approaches

1. Stay the Course   2. Strategic Enhancements Approach   3. Transformative Approach

Policy Areas from Scope Doc

Policy Area #2 – Non-Capital Related Topics

1. Financial Policies

2. Affordability

3. Equity and Social Justice

4. Relation to Contracts
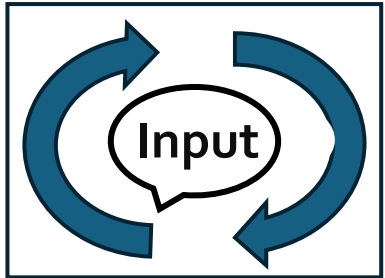
5. Regular Future Reporting
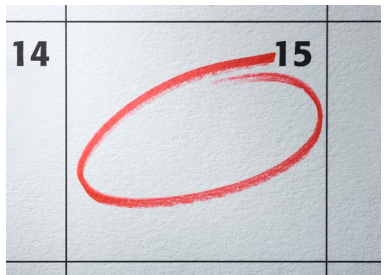
Information and Work Product Flow

- **Sequencing Steps**

- **Appropriate time for Review and Input**

- **Built-in Feedback Loops**

- **Maintaining Schedule**

Work Flow Sequence Steps

1. WTD coordinates with Chairs of MWPAAC and RWQC to determine appropriate level of detail for work products and schedule for work module

2. WTD shares initial drafts of its work products with the Working Group

3. Working Group collaborates with WTD to help shape and influence WTD's work products

4. MWPAAC provides input and feedback on WTD's work products

5. WTD and Working Group report to RWQC results of steps 2-4 to keep RWQC members up to date on work product development and areas of concurrence or any concerns (report is short-form memo)

6. WTD refines its work products based on feedback from steps 4 & 5 in consultation with the Working Group

7. Based on RWQC preferred engagement, RWQC may review and provide input and feedback on WTD work products; WTD/Working Group include addendum to the memo from step 5 to capture RWQC input/feedback

8. WTD makes final refinements to its work products

9. WTD shares final work products with RWQC and MWPAAC. For each work module WTD will provide a record if substantive MWPAAC and RWQC feedback was or was not included, and why.

Questions ?

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