E-Alert: Design Advisory Group Meeting #1

February 2, 2015

The King County Wastewater Treatment Division (WTD) Georgetown Wet Weather Treatment Station Design Advisory Group (advisory group) met at the South Seattle College Georgetown Campus on Thursday, January 29. Topics discussed included the advisory group process and charter, project overview, and the proposed site for the new facility.

Kristine Cramer, Community Relations King County WTD, gave a brief project overview and explained the purpose of the advisory group. The advisory group discussed the draft charter, including roles and responsibilities and ground rules. A few minor changes were proposed to the draft charter. The charter will be updated and distributed to the advisory group. The final Design Advisory Group charter will be approved at the next meeting.

Michael Popiwny, Project Manager King County WTD, provided a detailed project overview. He explained the need for the new facility, facility requirements, and proposed location. During large storm events, the facility will be able to treat up to 70 million gallons per day of sewage and stormwater. Currently, large storms cause overflows of untreated sewage and stormwater to enter the Lower Duwamish River from the combined sewer outfalls at Brandon and South Michigan streets. This project will reduce untreated sewage and stormwater currently entering the Duwamish River through these outfalls by 95%.

Copies of the meeting materials will be available on the project website (www.kingcounty.gov/GeorgetownWWTS) on February 3 and a detailed summary of the January 29, 2015 meeting will be posted on the website when it becomes available. The next meeting will be Thursday, February 12, 2015 from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. at South Seattle College Georgetown Campus. The meeting is open to the public.

For questions, comments, or to request a project briefing, please contact Kristine Cramer with King County WTD: 206-477-5415 or kristine.cramer@kingcounty.gov.