



Management Coordination Committee (MCC)

**MEETING MINUTES**

November 18, 2025

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**ATTENDANCE**

**MCC Members:**

- ☐ Dylan Orr, Public Health – Seattle and King County (PH SKC), MCC Chair
- ☒ Rebecca Singer, King County Solid Waste Division (KC SWD), MCC Vice Chair
- ☒ Josh Baldi, King County Water and Land Resources Division (KC WLRD)
- ☒ John Boyd, Sound Cities Association (SCA), City of Kent Councilmember
- ☒ Katie Swanson, Seattle Public Utilities (SPU), as alternate for Susan Fife-Ferris

**Other Attendees:**

Alice Chapman, KC WLRD	Gordon Okumu, KC WLRD	Linda Van Hooser, PH SKC
Alicia Auer, KC WLRD	Halima Lozano, KC WLRD	Matthew Weintraub, KC WLRD
Amanda Miller, KC WLRD	Heidi Zarghami, KC WLRD	Maythia Airhart, KC WLRD
Anahi Sandoval, KC WLRD	Jourdan Keith, PH SKC	Michell Mouton, KC WLRD
Andy Smith, KC SWD	Julie Mitchell, KC SWD	Minty LongEarth, PH SKC
Celina Kareiva, KC WLRD	Justin Meyer, KC WLRD	Monica Ayers, KC WLRD
Charles Wu, KC WLRD	Kendrick Stewart, KC WLRD	Nolan Kappelman, KC WLRD
Chelsea Hicks, PH SKC	Kevin Ha, KC WLRD	Pam Johnson, SPU
Dave Ward, KC WLRD	Kim Southwell, KC WLRD	Ray Samonte, KC WLRD
David Rodway, KC SWD	Laura Belmont, SCA	Roger Chin, PH SKC
Enrique Gonzalez, KC WLRD	Linda Morales, KC WLRD	Stef Frenzl, KC WLRD

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**GENERAL BUSINESS**

**Introductions and Announcements**

Maythia Airhart (Program Director) announced the new BFO has been selected and will be introduced soon.

**MCC Meeting Minutes**

MCC Alternate, Katie Swanson, stated that MCC Member Susan Fife-Ferris (SPU) has requested that additional details be captured for the October minutes, so the revised version will be distributed next month for review and approval.

**DISCUSSION ITEMS**

**EPR For All Household Hazardous Waste**

*Presenters: Dave Ward, Policy & Planning Manager and Matthew Weintraub, Government Relations Manager*

Dave Ward opened the discussion by introducing himself and the project team: Matthew Weintraub/Government Relations Manager, Monica Ayers/project manager for the overall effort, and Pam

Johnson/principal author of the legislation. He also acknowledged Joanna Grist, who is the Hazardous Waste's contract lobbyist that has been working on this effort.

Dave gave a brief refresher on the proposed Hazardous Waste Modernization Act, building on the July MCC meeting presentation. Matthew followed with an update on recent outreach and coordination since July, touching on the broader context and state revenue shortfall.

MCC Vice Chair Rebecca Singer (KC SWD) asked how the Program, as handlers of this hazardous waste, would receive funding. Pam explained that producers have to register with a producer responsibility organization with each county, and funding would be provided through a reimbursement model, similar to the current process for battery collection and disposal.

MCC Member Josh Baldi (KC WLRD) wanted to affirm that the stated \$10 million figure is an annual versus biannual figure. He also asked how the chemicals and products will be defined to ensure the legislation keeps pace with the evolution of the markets and how this information will be documented to build and sustain support for the work.

Pam noted that the implementation date would be 2030. She explained that the current bill does not include an explicit list of covered chemicals or products; however, it specifies that all products defined in state law as Moderate Risk Waste (MRW) would be covered.

Monica added that the workgroup has established a good foundation statewide, including close relationships with the Washington State Association of Counties and Washington Association of County Solid Waste Managers. She emphasized that introducing this legislation will bring many stakeholders into the conversation for first time.

### **Community Programs Assessment**

*Presenter: Halima Lozano, Business Strategy Manager*

Halima provided a broad overview of the Assessment, noting that this session represents the first of four steps in operationalizing the work. She summarized the key findings and the recommendations, and she outlined the upcoming implementation steps. Halima emphasized that additional details and further steps will be brought to the MCC before that phase is reached.

Halima explained that the process intentionally did not include direct community engagement, but instead built on recent assessment findings to develop a program-wide cohesive strategy for community work. She noted that the focus was on Hazardous Waste Program's initiatives, so the team engaged staff, coalition partners, and incorporated previously gathered community input.

The assessment included three analyses: the programs and services analysis, the partnerships analysis, and the comparative benchmark analysis. Halima summarized key findings across six areas and presented six corresponding recommendations. She noted that the partnerships analysis revealed that, while individual staff and LOBs have partnerships with specific communities and partners, these relationships are not consistently documented.

The action plan responding to the recommendations will be led by an executive sponsor and will outline priorities and timelines for implementation. Program staff will develop the specific actionable steps and will also incorporate input from past assessments, and community and MCC feedback.

Linda Van Hooser, Public Health Liaison, shared a question from MCC member Dylan Orr regarding whether there will be an opportunity to update partner agency assessments/feedback or provide new insights, or if that part of the work is considered complete. Halima responded that beginning in 2026, the Program will move into

action planning of these recommendations, and this phase will include bringing together staff from coalition partners to integrate and update their feedback.

Rebecca Singer asked whether there are recommendations for aligning and integrating efforts across the Program to create a more cohesive approach. Halima responded that success will depend on effectively leveraging existing investments and strengthening collaboration and coordination across the region.

## **UPDATES**

### **Director's Report & Look-Ahead Calendar**

*Presenter: Maythia Airhart, Program Director*

Program Director Maythia Airhart highlighted key items from the Director's Report and shared a three-month look-ahead calendar. Members were encouraged to review the full report for additional updates. Maythia touched on the top three priorities: (1) the City and Tribal Grant, (2) collection services and facilities study, and (3) the South King County service transition.

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**Next Meeting:** December 16, 2025, 10 a.m. – 12 noon, King Street Center.