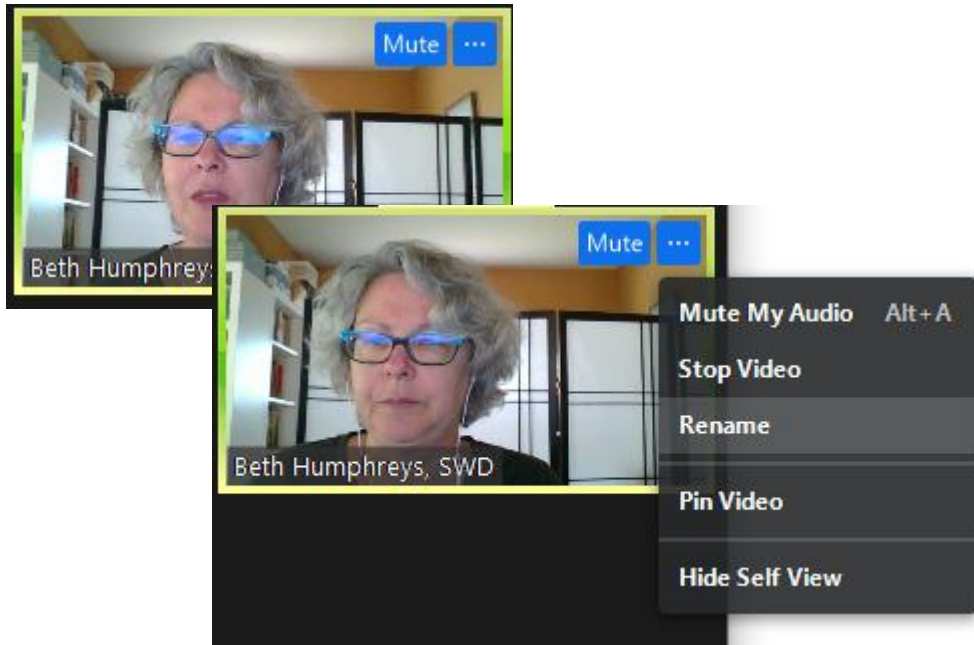


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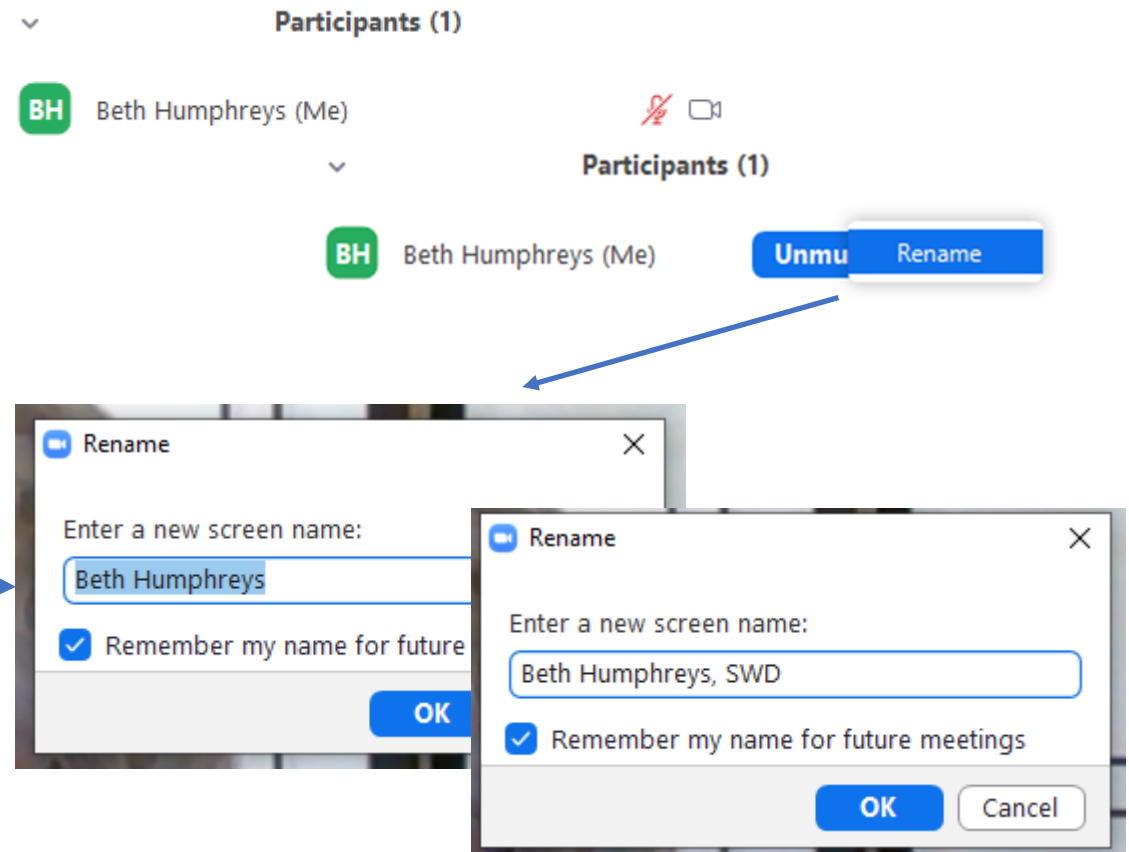
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Metropolitan Solid Waste Advisory Committee

March 11, 2026



1. Call to Order and Introductions

Chair Gire

Agenda

Metropolitan Solid Waste Advisory Committee (MSWAC)

Wednesday, March 11, 2026 | 10 a.m. - noon

Online ([public Zoom link](#))

In-person at King Street Center (201 S Jackson St, Seattle, WA 98104)

Please contact Ali Blum in advance of the meeting at ablum@kingcounty.gov or 206-263-6995 for in-person attendance.

TIME	TOPIC	PRESENTER
10:00	1. Call to Order and Introductions	Chair Gire
10:05	2. Review Agenda	Chair Gire
10:10	3. Review/Approve Draft February MSWAC Minutes	Chair Gire
10:15	4. Public Comment	
10:20	5. Updates: SWD, SWAC, Other	Rebecca Singer Chair Gire
10:35	6. Operations Update	Shawn Carter
10:40	7. 2026-2027 Budget Overview	Dave Pierce Alex Chew
11:00	8. Capital Project Update – NERTS and SCRTS	Aaron Evanson
11:20	9. Organic Waste and Construction & Demolition Waste Briefing	Rebecca Singer
11:40	10. 2026 State Legislative Update	Amy Ockertander
11:55	11. Member Comment	Chair Gire
12:00	12. Adjourn	Chair Gire

Next meeting: Wednesday, April 8, 2026

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2. Review Agenda Chair Gire

3. Review/Approve Draft February MSWAC Minutes

Chair Gire

4. Public Comment

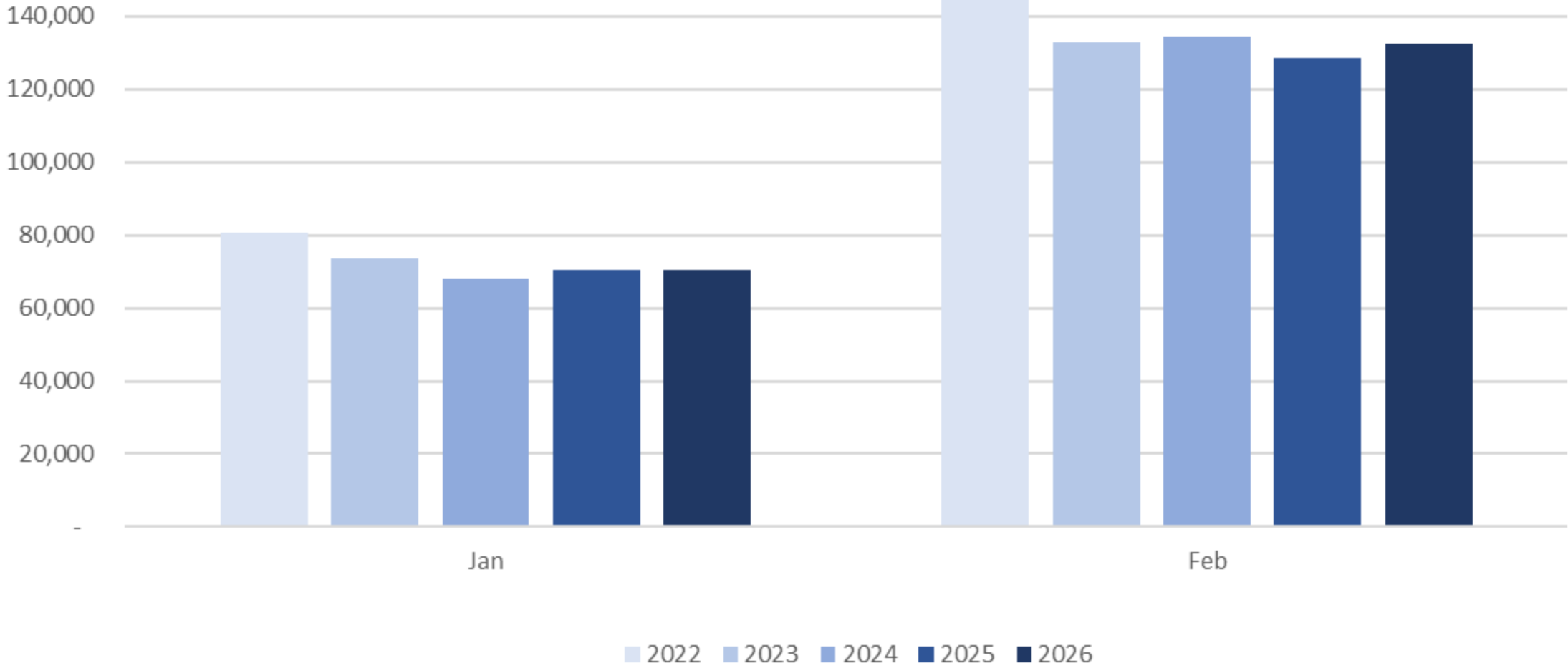
5. Updates: SWD, SWAC, Other

Rebecca Singer
Chair Gire

Solid Waste Division Updates – March 2026

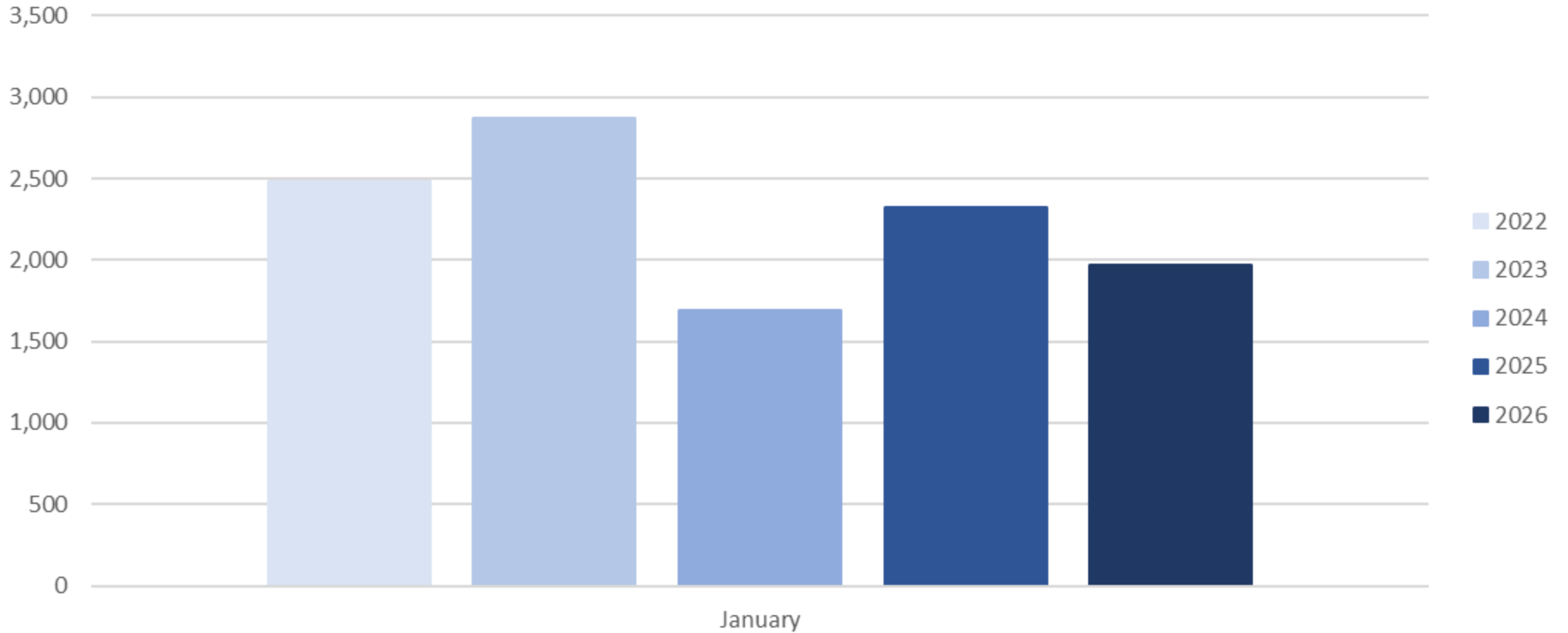


Cumulative Garbage Tons



Cumulative garbage tonnage through February was slightly above tonnage from last year.

Cumulative Transfer Station Recycling Tons



Recycling tonnage collected and diverted at transfer stations was just below 2,000 tons in January 2026.

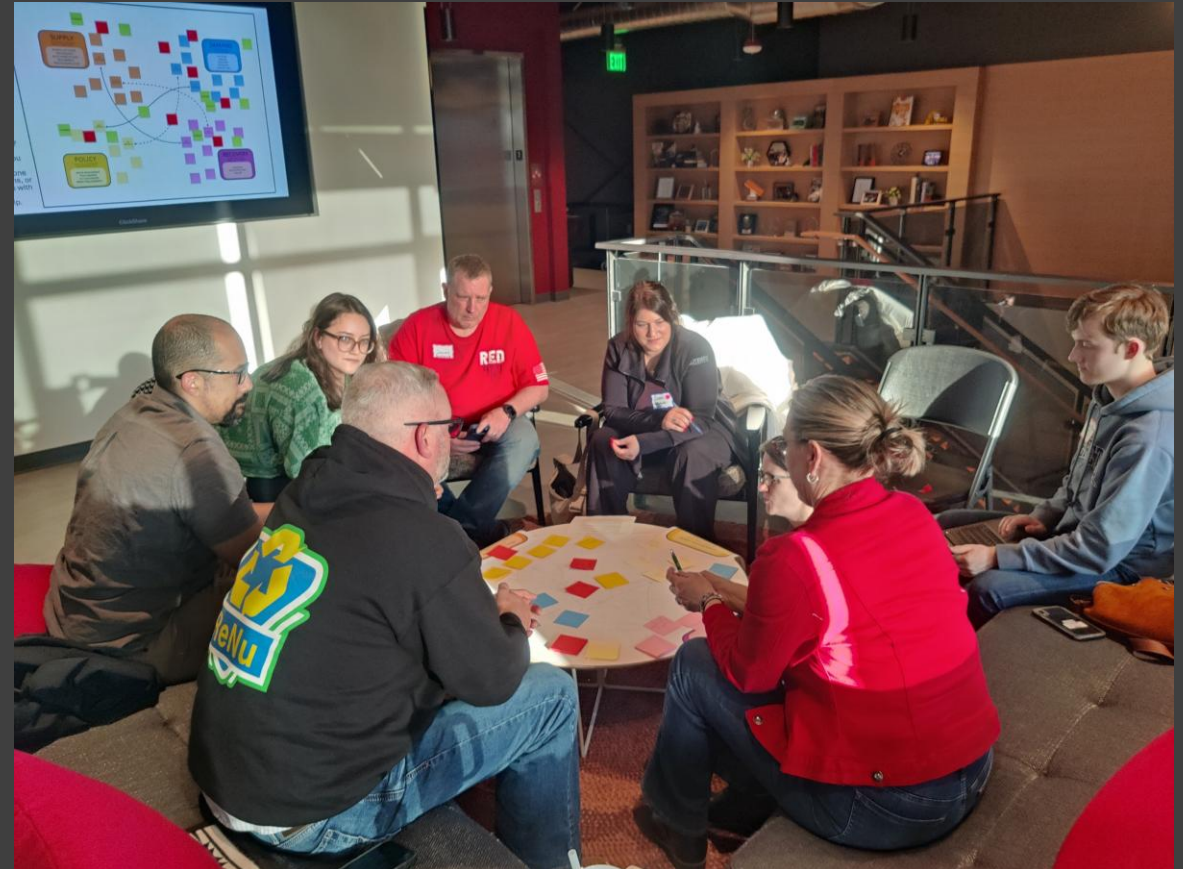
Flood Recovery and Debris Disposal

- Over 800 tons of debris removed from communities so far!
- Opportunities for free disposal:
 - Bow Lake, Shoreline, and Factoria Transfer Stations: Weekends through March 22
 - Taylors Landing in Duvall: March 21-22 (MSW and yard waste)
- After Action Review with City Partners on March 13



Built Environment Reuse Ecosystem Workshop

- DNRP/SWD partnered with Seattle Public Utilities and Carbon Leadership Forum Circularity Hub to host a Mapping the Built Environment Reuse Ecosystem workshop on Feb. 12.
- Over 70 participants helped build pathways for building material reuse and material sustainability in our built environment.



Methane Detection and Capture at Cedar Hills Regional Landfill

- Cedar Hills Regional Landfill routinely uses equipment called Sniffer Drones to monitor methane levels.
- We traverse approximately 175-200 miles of monitoring paths each quarter, per regulatory requirements.
- In February, CHRL had extremely low methane readings, demonstrating effective capture of landfill gas. Effective capture protects air quality, reduces greenhouse gas emissions, and supports high performance of the CHARGE Facility.



Sniffer drone in action!

Supporting Organics Management Law Implementation in Schools

- SWD staff is collaborating with the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI) on Organics Management Law implementation.
- Staff shared insights on outreach to King County schools and how the Green Schools Voucher Program has made lasting improvements to organics management infrastructure.



John Muir Elementary students use compost to plant seeds. They learned that the food scrap program they started will turn into compost.

Creating Solid Waste and Recycling Career Pathways

SWD regularly participates in career fairs, conferences, and other events to showcase the variety of careers and internships available within SWD. This is critical work to help recruit, train, and mentor the next generation of leaders.



Photo from the JBLM Job Fair in January



Photo from the Washington Oregon Higher Education Sustainability Conference

6. Operations Update

Shawn Carter

Operations Update – March 2026



Current Construction: Transfer Station Impacts

- **Complete:**
 - Vashon tipping floor resurfacing project
 - Factoria tipping floor repair resurfacing project
- **Underway: Enumclaw Tipping Floor Repair and Resurfacing: February 16 through end of March**
 - Project on schedule
 - Stage 1 – No significant impact to self haul or commercial
 - Stage 2 – Transition to top loading due to lack of access to compactor chutes (minor delays possible)
- **Station Impacts: Any impacts to hauler operations**
 - Zero diversion of commercial haulers
 - Minimal wait times during Factoria floor project

2026 Construction Projects: Look Ahead

- **Houghton Chute Scales**
 - Scheduled: March 23-29
 - Will divert public while working on commercial chutes
- **SCRTS Access Road via Broadway (impacting Algona Transfer Station)**
 - Scheduled: April 6 through end of month
 - Monday-Friday: Open to commercial; closed to self-haul
 - Saturday-Sunday: Closed to commercial; open to self-haul
- **Generator Tie Ins for Compactor Sites**
 - Anticipated timing: 3/2026 - 6/2026
 - No anticipated impact for haulers or the public
- **Bow Lake Compactor Rebuild**
 - Anticipated timing: Delayed to Q4, to accommodate for heavy season
 - Negligible impact anticipated; we will run using one compactor, which we often do

Operations Updates: Look Ahead

- Operations All-Staff Meeting: Sunday, March 22
 - Delayed opening for SWD facilities
- Bow Lake South Processing Area
 - Timing TBD; contract is currently out for bid
 - Impact TBD; impacts will likely be contained to recycling area
- Hiring Transfer Station Operators to transition from Algona Transfer Station to the South County Recycling and Transfer Station (SCRTS)
- Hiring Truck Drivers to decrease reliance on overtime

February:

Transfer Station Impact Assessment

February

Zero impacts to commercial haulers

Minor disruptions to service at Houghton and Algona for public

Questions?



7. 2026-2027 Budget Overview

Dave Pierce

Alex Chew

2026-2027 Budget Overview

David Pierce – SW Enterprise Services - Section Manager

Alex Chew – SW Enterprise Services - Rates & Budget Team Supervisor



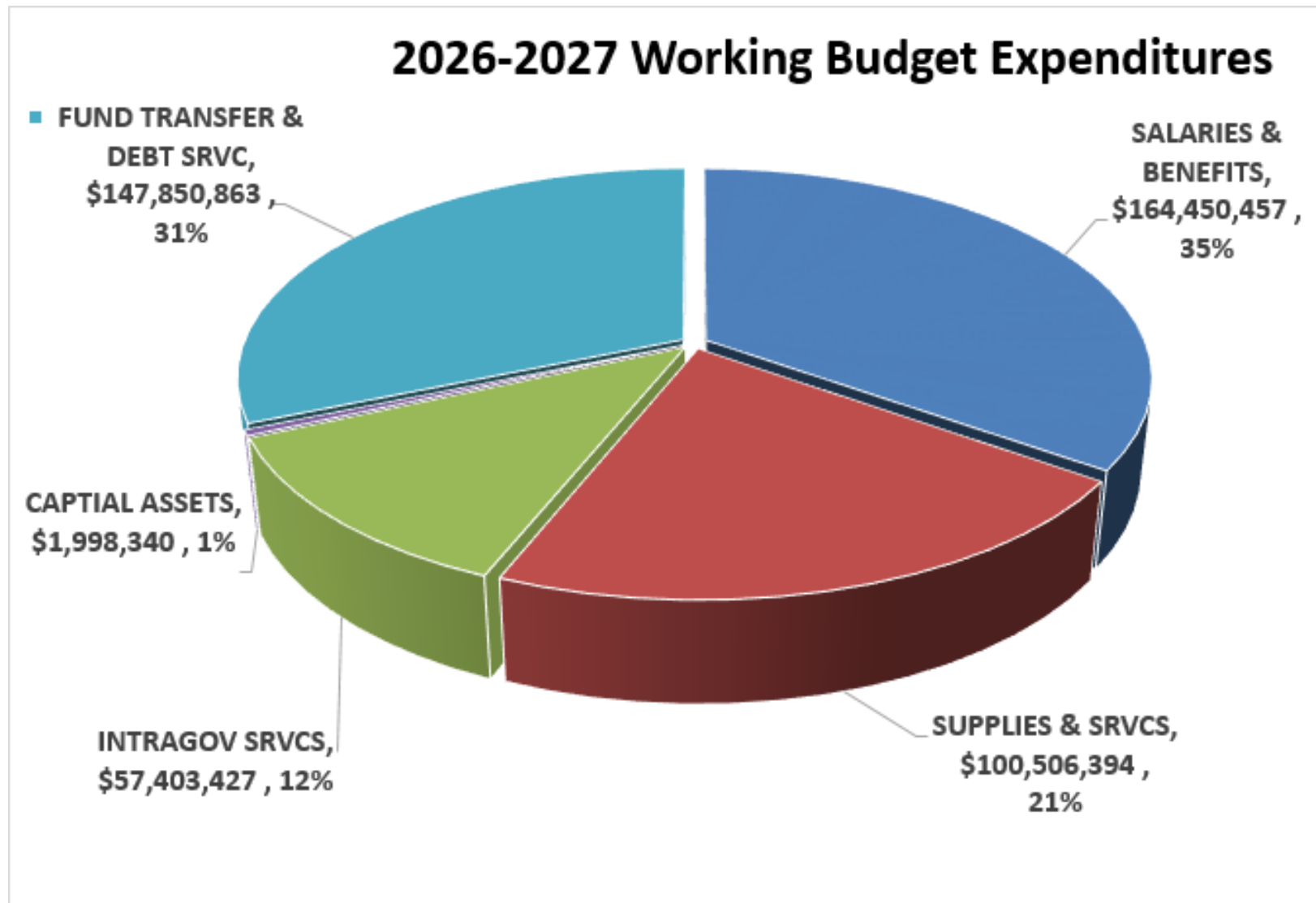
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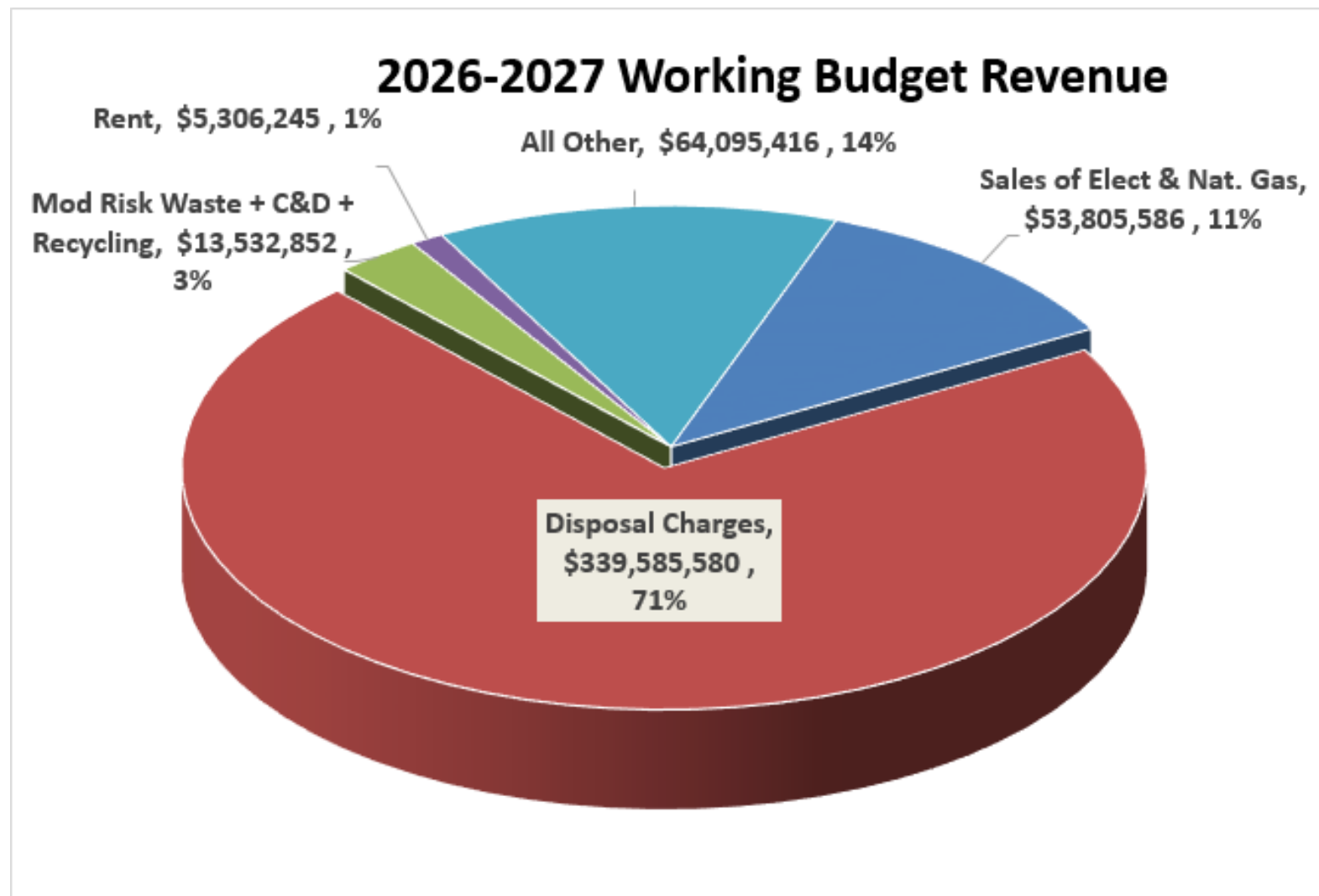
Agenda for Today

- 26-27 Solid Waste Division Budget Overview
- Rate Definitions
- Rate Development Timeline

2026-2027 Budget Overview (Expenditures)



2026-2027 Budget Overview (Revenues)



Rate Definitions

Rate Type	Definition
Commercial Fixed Annual Charge (FAC)	<p>Instead of all the revenue being generated by a single per-ton-fee, a portion of the revenue (20%) is recovered through the FAC, and the larger portion is still recovered through the per-ton-fee.</p> <p>Comprehensive explanation of the Fixed Annual Charge https://your.kingcounty.gov/dnrp/library/solid-waste/facilities/fixed-annual-charge-details-faq.pdf</p>
Commercial Per Ton	<p>For the purposes of K.C.C. 10.12.021, "solid waste collection" entity is limited to certificated haulers, contract haulers, and any city using its own employees.</p> <p>Calculated by using customer allocation % applied to the revenue requirement and associated estimated tonnage.</p>
Regional Direct	<p>Title 10 LLLL. "Regional direct" means any solid waste, except C&D waste, generated and collected in King County and transported to Cedar Hills regional landfill by conventional long haul transfer vehicles from privately owned solid waste transfer stations or intermediate handling facilities permitted by the health department as provided for in King County board of health regulations.</p> <p>Calculated as 85% of the Self Haul per ton fee.</p>
Cedar Hills Other excludes Reg. Direct	<p>Applies to waste brought directly to Cedar Hills by a "solid waste collection" entity.</p> <p>Rate is the same as Commercial Per Ton.</p>

Rate Development Next Steps

Timing	Process Milestone
Today	Early Rate Outlook (MSWAC/SWAC)
By 2/27/26	Rate Model and Forecast Development Complete
By 3/31/26	Rate Decision Making Complete
By 3/31/26	Preliminary Rate Briefings Complete
By 4/30/26	Final Rate Agency Proposal Complete
By 5/13/26	Draft Support Letter Shared at SWAC/MSWAC meetings (5/8 and 5/13)
By 6/12/26	Final Support Letter Approved at SWAC/MSWAC meetings (6/10 and 6/12)
By 6/15/26	Executive Proposed Legislation transmitted; Council deliberations begin
By 8/31/26	Fixed Annual Cost Allocation Transmittal Complete
By 9/30/26	Council Rate Adoption

Questions

8. Capital Project Update – NERTS and SCRTS

Aaron Evanson



South County Recycling and Transfer Station (SCRTS) & Northeast Recycling and Transfer Station (NERTS) Winter 2026 Update



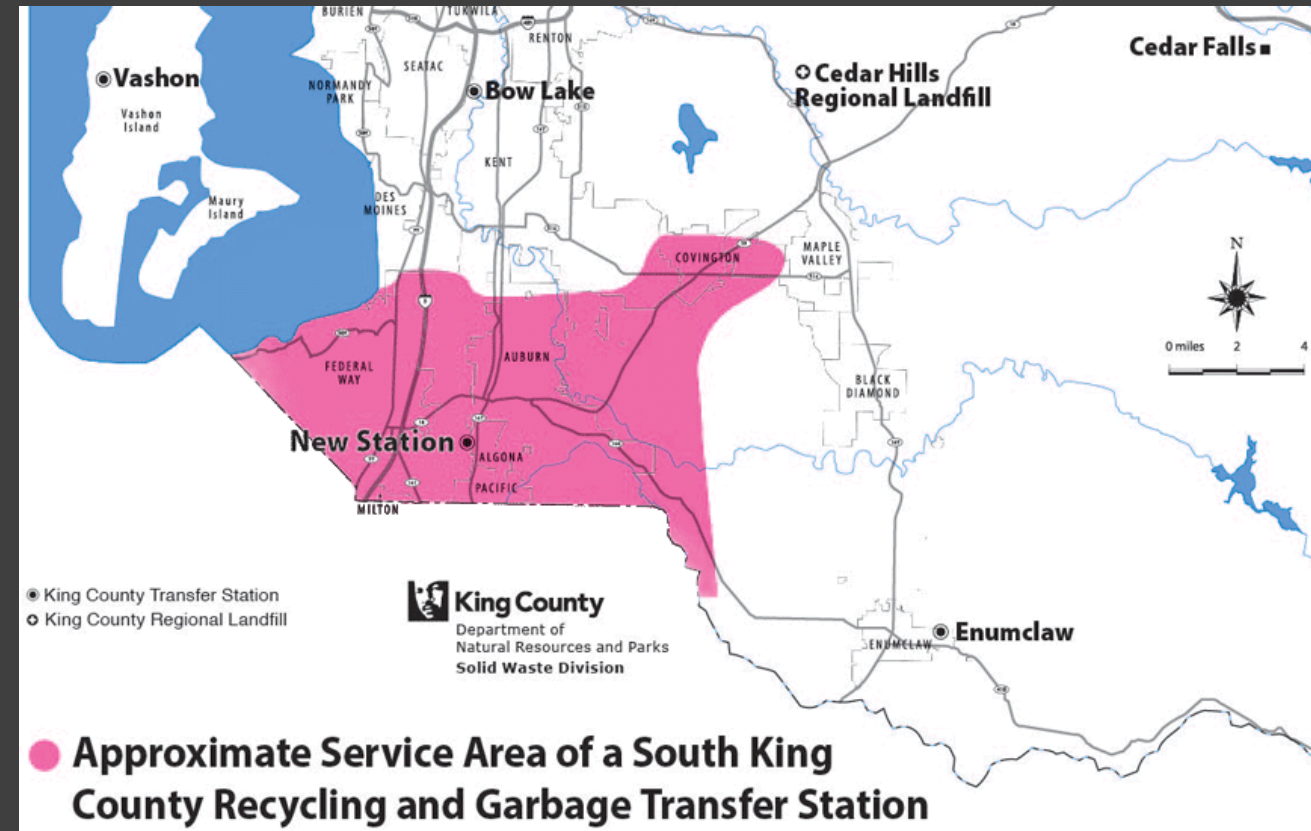
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SCRTS Project Summary

New station offers:

- Recycling services and moderate risk waste disposal for households and small businesses
- Sustainable building features
- Off-site improvements
- On-site creek enhancements
- Public art
- Other community benefits (community meeting space)



SCRTS Project Summary



Stream
Relocation
and Wetlands
Mitigation



Road
Improvements



Storm water
management



Green
Building



Public Art

SCRTS Enhancements

- **Controlling air: walled-in structure to control odors**
- **Misters: suppress dust and odors**
- **Lighting: natural light through skylights and lots of windows**
- **Containing sound: reduce noise from equipment and vehicles with walled-in structure and sound absorbing landscaping**
- **Traffic mitigation: compacting equipment and additional drive lanes allow vehicles to move quickly through the site and reduces the number of trucks coming to and from the facility.**



SCRTS Artwork





Sam Obrovac's medallion designs depict Frog, Heron, Sun, and Moon. Photo: joefreemanjunior.com

A carving mock-up in progress alongside a conceptual sketch for the artwork. Photo: joefreemanjunior.com



Inside their carving workshop on the Muckleshoot Reservation, Sam Obrovac (left) and Tyson Simmons sit on the red cedar log that will become the centerpiece in a new sculpture. Photo: joefreemanjunior.com

Evan Blackwell pours liquid slip from a plaster cast outside his Shelton, WA, studio. Photo: joefreemanjunior.com



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SCRTS North View, then...



...and now



SCRTS East View







SCRTS Self-haul floor



SCRTS Project Timeline



Soft Opening: **June 2026**

Full Open: **July 2026**

Northeast Recycling and Transfer Station (NERTS)

Existing Houghton Transfer Station

- Built in 1962, beyond useful lifespan
- Vibrant and growing neighborhood
- Lacks the infrastructure or space for recycling or material reclamation
- Community concerns about odors, noise, traffic, views and vectors

DESIGN EXPECTATIONS

- Sustainability
- Community engagement and space
- Public art
- Full-service recycling
- No household hazardous waste disposal
- Coordination with Kirkland for enhancements, amenities and mitigations based on the settlement agreement



Northeast Recycling and Transfer Station (NERTS)

2025 SITING DECISION

- King County made a siting decision in March 2025 for the new NERTS and the City of Kirkland filed a Notice of Appeal to the Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) citing:
 - Analysis of transportation impacts
 - Hazardous waste risks and mitigation resulting from the proposed facility's excavation into the undeveloped portions of the closed landfill
 - Procedural errors in the FEIS and addendum
- A Pre-hearing Conference is scheduled for March 24, 2026.

SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

- King County continues to work with the City of Kirkland to negotiate a settlement agreement for their appeal of the FEIS.
- A settlement agreement would enable the County to move into the preliminary design phase of the project.



Northeast Recycling and Transfer Station (NERTS)

NEXT STEPS

DESIGN ADVISORY GROUP (DAG)

- When a settlement agreement is reached, King County will develop a draft Design Advisory Group (DAG) workplan.
- The DAG workplan identifies key stakeholders such as Kirkland staff and other municipality representatives; hauling partners; nearby residential, commercial, and other affected groups.
- High level regulatory, technical and safety requirements are determined prior to convening the DAG.
- When convened, the DAG members will be active participants of the project throughout the entire design process.

TIMELINE

1. Settlement Agreement with Kirkland (Q3 2026)
2. Design Advisory Group Convene (Q3 2026 – Q2 2027)
3. Preliminary & Final Design (Q2 2027 – Q4 2029)
4. Bidding, Construction & Closeout (2030 – 2035)



QUESTIONS?



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9. Organic Waste and Construction & Demolition Briefing

Rebecca Singer

A photograph of a waste transfer station. In the center, a Doosan forklift is loading a pallet of blue recycling bins. A worker in a dark jacket and pants stands next to the bins. The bins are arranged in a row, with the last one open, showing a brown paper bag inside. The background shows a concrete structure with a roof and a dense forest of evergreen trees. The ground is wet and has a drain cover.

Organic Waste and Construction and Demolition Waste Briefing

Construction and Demolition Waste

Flow Control Methods

An inventory and descriptions of existing flow control methods applicable to C&D materials.

Enforcement Efforts

A summary of enforcement efforts undertaken by the county related to its flow control methods for C&D materials.

Key Findings

Findings from the evaluation of flow control compliance for C&D materials.

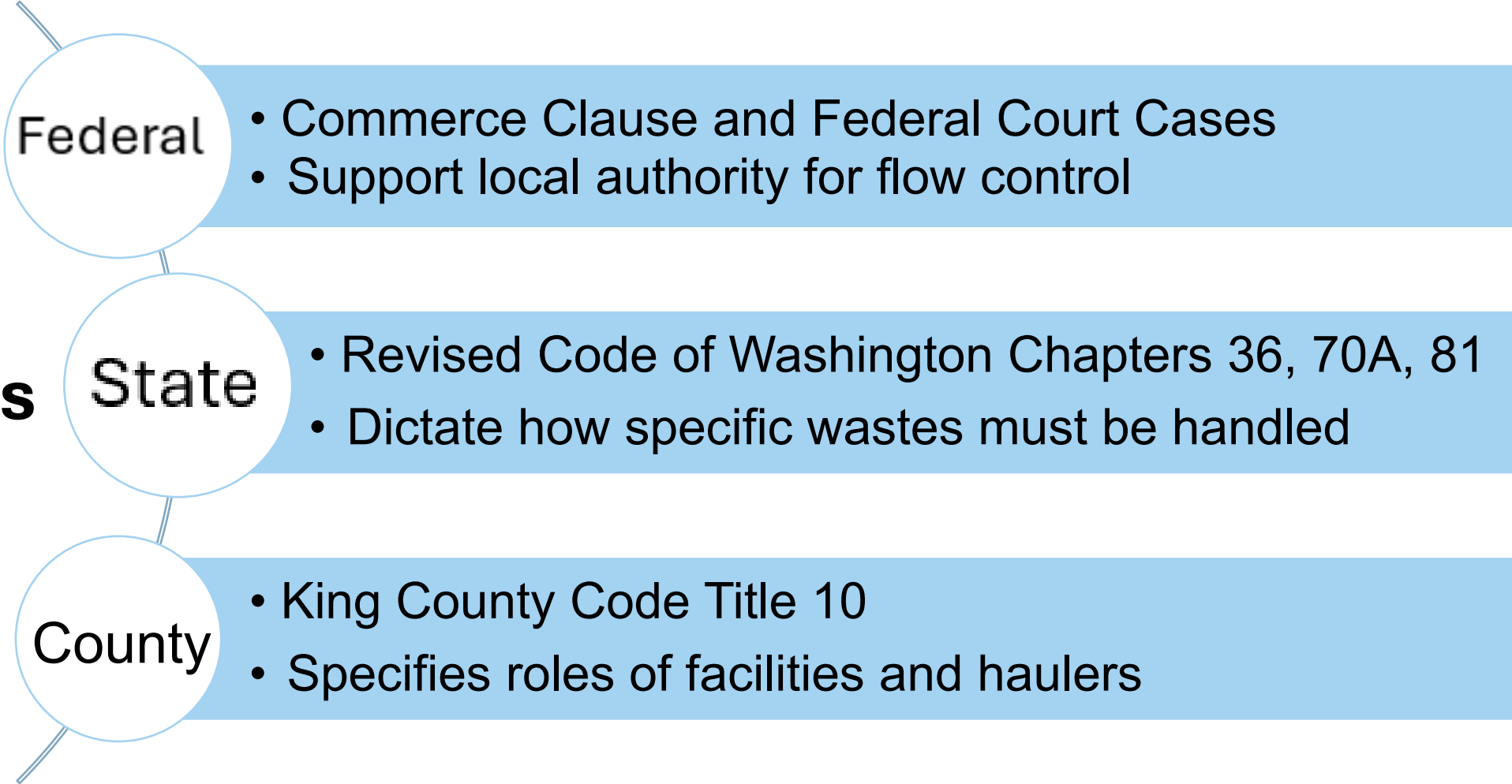
Policy Direction

Recommended actions and policies the county could take to improve flow control compliance for C&D materials.

C&D Proviso

Inventory of existing flow control methods

Regulations



Enforcement Efforts

C&D waste transfer station reporting and inspections

Mixed C&D facility reporting and inspections

Demolition site inspections

Verification for projects requesting direct haul

C&D residuals testing at mixed C&D facilities

Special waste monitoring



Key Findings

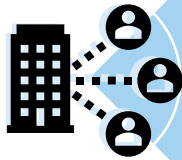
The 2021 diversion rate for C&D materials generated at job sites in King County was 81%.

1,898,687 tons of C&D materials were diverted from disposal while 499,385 tons were sent for disposal.

Key Findings – Non-Compliance

- Failure to use designated facilities
- Noncompliance with waste diversion plans approved for landfill direct disposal
- Inappropriate use of King County transfer station C&D exemption
- Improper on-site practices
- Delays in access to permitting data

Recommended Policy Direction



Gather Input from Across the Industry

Work collaboratively with C&D industry representatives to better understand challenges to flow control and develop a plan to overcome challenges.



Pursue Actions and Policies

Propose language to Council to require salvage assessments and building deconstruction (rather than demolition) of County-owned structures.



Pursue Actions and Policies

Encourage and support King County cities (and unincorporated King County) in adopting C&D and deconstruction related policies



Improve Communications and Refine Incentives

Increase outreach, education, and incentives with contractors, haulers, and facility operators.

Organics System Mapping and Policy Report Overview

Organics System Mapping and Policy Report

System Visibility

Build a strong understanding of the organics system & flow control framework

Compliance & Risk

Identified gaps and areas of noncompliance risk

Key Insights

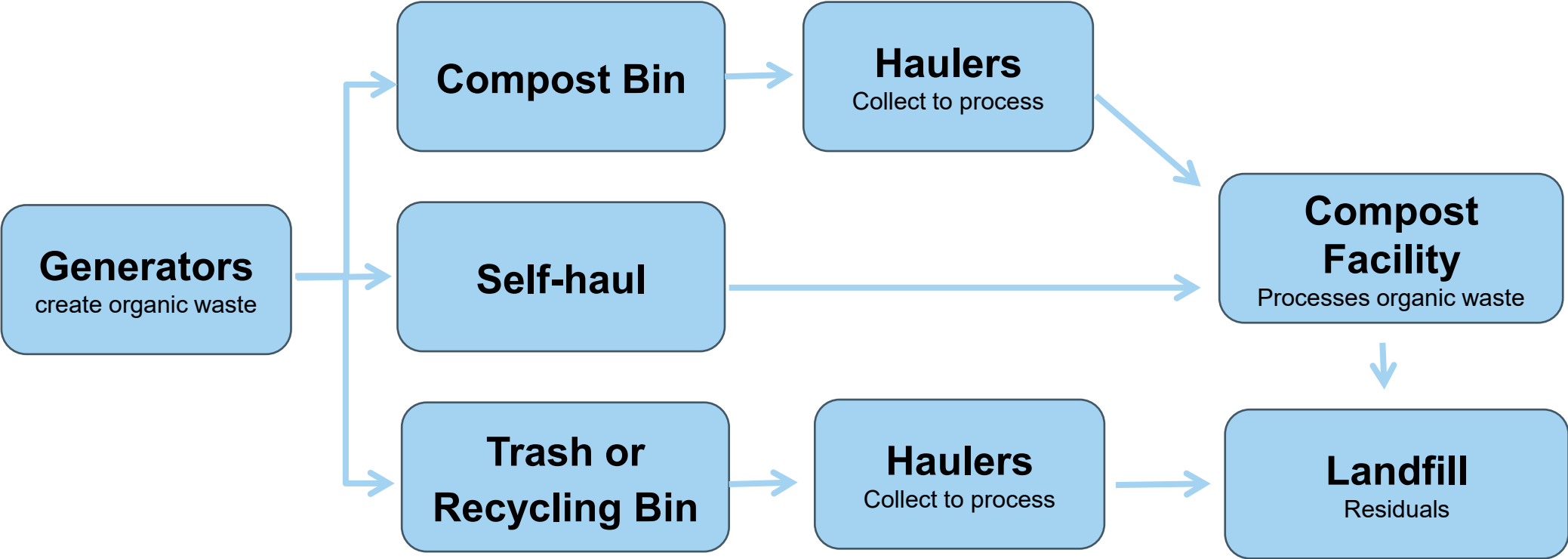
Distilled system findings and relevant best practices

Policy Direction

Defined actionable policy options to strengthen organics flow control

Organics System Mapping and Policy Report

Organic System & Flow Control Flow Chart



Organics Regulatory Framework

System Visibility - Requirements by Generator Type

Generator Type	State Requirements	King County Requirements	City Requirements
Single – Family (SF)	Organics collection must be offered in ORCA (Organics Recycling Collection Areas) areas	Yard/Organics service required in unincorporated areas (KCC 10.18)	Service requirements vary by city, including availability-only and mandatory participation
Multifamily (MF)	New solid waste plans must include source separated organics	Participation not required	Some cities require organics service
Commercial	Organic waste management required	No countywide requirement (open market)	Some cities only require to food service establishments

Organic Material Collection/Management Entities

System Visibility – Organics Service Delivery

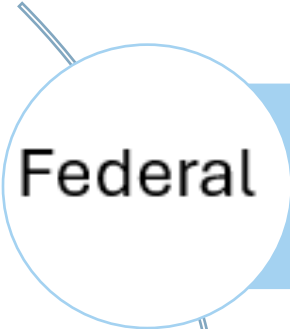
Organic Service Entities

- County facilities (e.g. Bow Lake, Enumclaw etc.)
- Commercial haulers (Recology, Waste Management, Republic Services, Divert, Cedar Grove etc.)
- Enumclaw & Skykomish manages their own organics collections

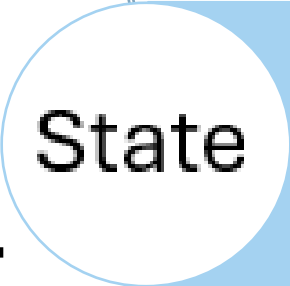
Governance Structure for Organics

Compliance and Risk

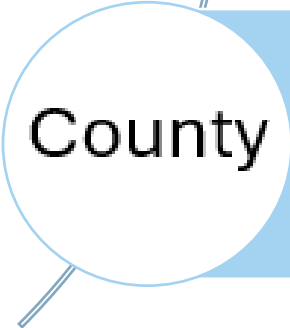
Regulations & Enforcement



- **Regulations** - Regulations are not organic specific.
- **Enforcement** - No federal law enforcement pertaining to organics.



- **Regulation** - Reviews/approves solid waste management plans & requires counties/cities to adopt compost procurement ordinances
- **Enforcement** - Prohibits penalties on individuals & authorizes jurisdictional health departments to enforce requirements for businesses



- **Regulation** - KCC 10.14 sets countywide goal to achieve zero waste by 2030 & 10.18 outlines yard waste/organic collection requirements.
- **Enforcement** - Adopted compost ordinances and/or solid waste codes may include reporting requirements, and while there are currently no enforcement methods, enforcement best practices are under research.

Leakage Pathway & Compliance Vulnerabilities

Compliance and Risk – Generator behavior & hauling practices

“**Leakage**” refers to organic materials not being managed in accordance with existing applicable regulations.

2022 Waste Characterization Study – conducted to understand the amount of compostable organics being disposed by generators in King County.

Leakage Identified in the 2022 Waste Characterization Study

- Compostable materials accounted for over a third of the waste from both commercially and residential waste generators.
- Next waste characterization study will be completed in June 2027.

Potential Policy & Regulatory Enhancements

Key Insights and Policy Direction

Strategies to Strengthen Reporting, prevent bypass and fair cost recovery



Update Definitions & Reporting

Clarify what constitutes as organics materials and require detailed data on tonnages and contamination.



Prevent Leakage

Conduct outreach to generators and haulers and propose common sense policy to minimize and mitigate leakage.



Fair Cost Recovery

Require facilities disposing of residuals outside King County to remit the difference in tipping fees.

Q & A

10. 2026 State Legislative Update

Amy Ockerlander



2026 Legislative Update

2026 Session Cutoff Calendar

	Date	Day of Week	Day of Session			
January	12	M	1	← First day of session.		
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				← Sine Die. Last day allowed for regular session under state constitution.		



2026 Legislative Session

Short Session (60 days)

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We're off and running!

- House of Origin Policy: **February 4 PASSED**
- House of Origin Fiscal Policy: **February 9 PASSED**
- House of Origin: **February 17 PASSED**
- Opposite House Policy: **February 25 PASSED**
- Opposite House Fiscal: **March 2 PASSED**
- Opposite House: **March 6 PASSED**
- Sine Die: **March 12 TOMORROW**

Solid Waste Bill Status 2026

- **PASSED:** Providing Local Governments Tax Resources and Fund Flexibility (*HB 2442/SB6294*)
- Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) for Textiles (*building on HB 1420*)
- Improving the End-of-Life Management of Electric Vehicle Batteries (*building on HB 1550 / SB 5586*)
- Increasing Solid Waste Collection Tax (*building on HB 2018*)
- Deposit-Return System (DRS) for Beverage Containers (*HB 1607*)
- Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) for Mattresses (*building on HB 1901*)
- Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) for Sharps (*building on Safe Sharps Advisory Group*)
- Amending the Single-Use Plastic Bag Ban (*HB 2233*)
- Post Consumer Recycled Content Requirements (*HB 2271*)
- Concerning Naturally Occurring Fibrous Silicate Materials (*HB2605/SB6213*)

Questions?



11. Member Comment

12. Adjourn