



**KING COUNTY**

1200 King County Courthouse  
516 Third Avenue  
Seattle, WA 98104

**Signature Report**

**June 22, 2009**

**Ordinance 16561**

**Proposed No.** 2009-0288.1

**Sponsors** Hague and von Reichbauer

1 AN ORDINANCE approving the City of Pacific 2008 Water  
2 System Plan.

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4 STATEMENT OF FACTS:

5 1. King County has adopted K.C.C. chapter 13.24, which requires  
6 approval of comprehensive plans for water and sewer utilities that  
7 distribute or obtain water, or provide sewer collection or treatment, in  
8 unincorporated King County as a prerequisite for operating in  
9 unincorporated King County, receiving approval for annexation proposals,  
10 being granted right-of-way franchises and being given approval for right-  
11 of-way construction permits. K.C.C. 13.24.060 prescribes the  
12 requirements for approval of such plans, including consistency with state  
13 and local planning requirements.

14 2. RCW 43.20.260 requires that water system plans for any new  
15 industrial, commercial or residential use be consistent with the  
16 requirements of any comprehensive plans or development regulations  
17 adopted under chapter 36.70A RCW or any other applicable

18 comprehensive plan, land use plan or development regulation adopted by a  
19 city, town or county for the service area. King County has adopted a  
20 comprehensive plan that includes water supply and wastewater policies in  
21 its provisions for facilities and services (policies F-226 through F-254)  
22 that call for consistency with other adopted plans, support for regional  
23 water supply planning, pursuit of reclaimed water and water conservation\  
24 and protection of water resources.

25 3. Both Washington state Department of Health ("DOH") and King  
26 County regulations require water system plans to be updated every six  
27 years; the city of Pacific ("the city") has been pursuing an update of its  
28 water system plan ("the plan") for the past several years.

29 4. The city's service area is located in the southwestern part of King  
30 County and the northernmost part of Pierce County and includes parts of  
31 unincorporated King County. In 2006, the city provided service to a  
32 population of 6,303, equating to 2,447 total equivalent residential units  
33 within its retail water service area. The projected annual average day  
34 demand (water consumed) for 2007 was approximately 0.62 million  
35 gallons per day, with peak day consumption (generally during the hottest  
36 summer/fall period) during the same time estimated to be approximately  
37 twice the average day demand.

38 5. The city's service area in King County remains the same as identified in  
39 the 1989 South King County Coordinated Water System Plan ("CWSP").  
40 The purpose of the CWSP, which includes individual water system plans,

41 is to identify present and future water service needs, and to set forth the  
42 means for meeting those needs. While the plan does not directly discuss  
43 the city's duty to provide service within its "retail water service area," it  
44 provides sufficient information to conclude that the city has both the  
45 intention and capacity to do so. The city will only provide water through  
46 direct service connection to the existing water system. The city has a  
47 policy specifically prohibiting satellite systems within its service area.

48 6. The city's plan identifies a set of measures that it has implemented to  
49 pursue water conservation within its service area, pursuant to DOH 1994  
50 planning guidance. The plan notes that the city already collects water use  
51 data, the key to evaluating the effectiveness of any conservation or  
52 efficiency measures. The plan outlines a number of recommendations that  
53 the city should begin to implement to enable it to comply with the Water  
54 Use Efficiency Rule adopted by the DOH.

55 7. Pursuant to King County Comprehensive Plan policies F-208, F-211  
56 and F-212, utilities that provide service in unincorporated King County  
57 must have financing strategies to show the ability to meet projected needs  
58 for facilities and services in accordance with the Growth Management Act  
59 and the King County Comprehensive Plan. The city's plan describes a six-  
60 year capital improvement program ("CIP") costing approximately  
61 \$8,597,700. The city states that CIP projects will be funded by rates,  
62 general facilities charges, various grant and low-interest loan programs,

63 and general obligation and revenue bonds. Total operating revenues for  
64 the city in 2006 were \$1,140,636.

65 8. K.C.C. chapter 13.24 requires review of water system plans by the  
66 utilities technical review committee, and a recommendation made to the  
67 King County executive and council on the plan and the requirements  
68 under K.C.C. chapter 13.24 and consistency with the King County  
69 Comprehensive Plan. The utilities technical review committee has  
70 reviewed the planning data and city operations and hereby finds:

71 a. The plan is consistent with population and employment forecasts  
72 developed by the Puget Sound Regional Council and demonstrates an  
73 ability to meet growth targets agreed to by the city under the Growth  
74 Management Act for its service area.

75 b. The plan appropriately uses King County land use classifications;

76 c. The capital facility plan is adequate to meet anticipated facility and  
77 service needs;

78 d. The plan is consistent with applicable state water quality laws,  
79 including the evaluation of reclaimed water use; and

80 e. The plan is consistent with other pertinent county adopted plans and  
81 policies.

82 9. The DOH has not yet approved the city's water plan, pending approval  
83 by King County. Approval from the DOH is expected after the King  
84 County council acts.

85           10. The city completed a state Environmental Policy Act checklist and  
86           issued a determination of nonsignificance for the issuance of the plan on  
87           March 3, 2008.

88           11. The city's operations and facilities meet multiple existing statutory,  
89           administrative and planning standards. As the city's operations, facilities  
90           and planning meet the requirements of the King County Code and are  
91           consistent with the King County Comprehensive Plan, the utilities  
92           technical review committee recommends approval of the plan.

93           BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KING COUNTY:

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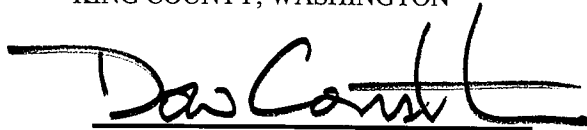
95                    SECTION 1. The City of Pacific 2008 Water System Plan, Attachment A to this  
96 ordinance, is hereby approved as a comprehensive water system plan.

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Ordinance 16561 was introduced on 5/4/2009 and passed by the Metropolitan King  
County Council on 6/22/2009, by the following vote:

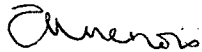
Yes: 9 - Mr. Constantine, Mr. Ferguson, Ms. Hague, Ms. Lambert, Mr. von  
Reichbauer, Mr. Gossett, Mr. Phillips, Ms. Patterson and Mr. Dunn  
No: 0  
Excused: 0

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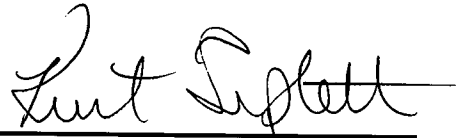
Dow Constantine, Chair

ATTEST:



Anne Noris, Clerk of the Council

APPROVED this 30<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2009.



Kurt Triplett, County Executive

Attachments      A. The City of Pacific 2008 Water System Plan

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