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The Honorable Claudia Balducci
Chair, King County Council
Room 1200
C O U R T H O U S E

Dear Councilmember Balducci:

As required by Ordinance 18628, this letter transmits the third quarter 2022 report documenting the efforts taken to continue protecting water quality in our region in response to the West Point Treatment Plant (West Point) flood event that occurred on February 9, 2017.

The report provides updates on the implementation of recommendations included by AECOM's West Point Independent Assessment Report. Notably, the six corrective actions required by the Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology) noted in the Ordinance are considered complete as of the 2018 fourth quarter report transmitted in February 2019.

The report addresses updates made since the 2022 second quarter report submitted to the Council in August 2022. Specifically, the report notes that:

- Nearly all of the life safety management training videos are now available online, with the final video expected to be posted in Q4 2022;
- 19 participants in the 2022 Operator in Training (OIT) program completed their training and began three-month job rotations; and
- Once the OIT participants have 12 months of experience, they will be eligible to compete for WTD operator positions.

Work continues on the design of a new solution to protect the plant from flooding, with the evaluation report anticipated to be completed Q4 2022. Solution design will begin in Q1 2023 and is expected to be complete in Q2 2024.

This report furthers the King County Strategic Plan goal of an efficient, accountable regional and local government by providing an open and transparent update on the implementation of AECOM's recommendations to enhance employee safety and protect the region's investments at West Point. The report also furthers the Strategic Climate Action Plan goal of preparing for climate change by providing information on preparing West Point to respond to the effects of increasingly severe storms.

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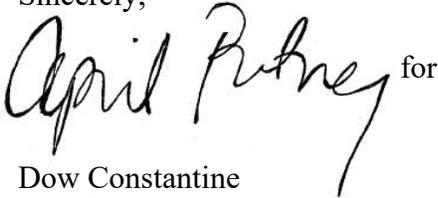
In developing the report, the Department of Natural Resources and Parks provided updates on the implementation of the recommendations in the AECOM report to the Metropolitan Water Pollution Abatement Advisory Committee and the Regional Water Quality Committee.

It is estimated that the report required seven staff hours to produce, costing approximately \$1,000. The estimated printing cost for this report is nominal.

Thank you for your consideration of this report. This report will help policymakers and the public understand how King County is improving systems at West Point and preparing to withstand or mitigate the impact of future storms.

If your staff have any questions, please contact Kamuron Gurol, Division Director of the Wastewater Treatment Division of the Department of Natural Resources and Parks, at 206-263-5767.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure

cc: King County Councilmembers

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