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Executive Girmay Zahilay

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July 10, 2026

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

Dear Councilmember Perry:

This letter transmits a proposed Ordinance that, if approved, would authorize the King County Executive to amend an existing loan agreement, in the form of Amendment No. 1 to the original loan, with the Washington state Department of Ecology (Ecology) for loan financing of capital costs associated with the Sammamish Plateau Diversion project.

The legislation authorizes the execution of Amendment No. 1 to the original Ecology State Revolving Fund (SRF) 20-year loan agreement for state fiscal year 2025 in the amount of \$8,132,882 with an interest rate of 1.2 percent. Amendment No. 1 extends the loan expiration date from July 31, 2026, to July 31, 2027.

This low-interest loan will save King County ratepayers \$3,433,240 in interest expense, compared to 30-year conventional bond financing. The SRF loan will provide funding for King County's planning phase expenditures of the Sammamish Plateau Diversion Water Quality Project. This project includes the design and construction of upgrades to the Wastewater Treatment Division's York Pump Station and the design and construction of a new conveyance line capable of diverting approximately 7 million gallons per day of wastewater flows from the Southwest Lake Sammamish area north.

Thank you for your consideration of this proposed Ordinance. This important legislation will reduce costs for King County ratepayers and protect water quality in our region.

If your staff have questions, please contact Kamuron Gurol, Division Director of the Wastewater Treatment Division of the Department of Natural Resources and Parks, at 206-549-1190.

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Karan Gill', written in a cursive style.

for

Girmay Zahilay

King County Executive

Enclosure

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