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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 report and proposed Motion as called for in Ordinance 20023 outlining how the King County Wastewater Treatment Division (WTD) plans to analyze policy questions identified during the Regional Wastewater Services Plan (RWSP) Update. The policy question analysis will be shared with the Regional Water Quality Committee (RWQC) as they discuss the RWSP Update.

The RWSP serves as King County's comprehensive wastewater plan, providing policy and operational direction for capital improvements and future development of King County's wastewater system. The RWSP Update process began with the adoption of the RWSP Scoping Document in early 2025 by the RWQC, which includes 29 major policy questions that will require analysis. This report explains how WTD will share its analysis and includes two examples in Appendices C and D, as well as appendices showing the policy memo template, schedule, and list of major policy questions.

The completed policy analyses will form the foundation of the Draft RWSP Update, currently scheduled to be published in 2027, that will precede the development of the Executive's Preferred Plan scheduled to occur in 2028. The analyses may also be used in decision-making by RWQC members and King County Council members following transmittal of the Executive's Preferred Plan to the County Council, which is scheduled for 2029.

Thank you for your consideration of this report and proposed motion. The policy analysis highlighted in this report will help the RWSP Update that will guide the County's stewardship of the regional wastewater system for years to come.

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

Sincerely,



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