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

Dear Councilmember Balducci:

This letter transmits a 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, required by Ordinance 18628, provides a fourth quarter 2021 update of the implementation plan for the recommendations provided by AECOM. Additionally, 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 2021 third quarter report submitted in November 2021. The Life Safety Management (LSM) program team facilitated pilot trainings for a group of Operations employees. Lessons learned will inform the development of the LSM training roll-out for 2022. Eight Operator in Training (OIT) candidates completed their OIT certification exam in October 2021. Additionally, staff participated in the annual Wet Weather Preparedness and Incident Readiness Workshop and Wet Weather Tabletop exercise where staff were briefed on preparedness for the upcoming wet weather season.

This report furthers the King County Strategic Plan goal of an efficient, accountable regional and local government by providing an 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 handle the effects of increasingly severe storms.

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.

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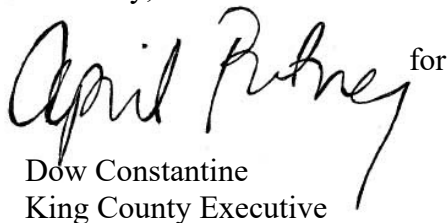
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It is estimated that the report required 10 staff hours to produce, costing \$1,500. The estimated printing cost for this report is nominal.

Thank you for your consideration of this report, which 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

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