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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:

As required by Ordinance 15805, this letter provides a semiannual report to the King County Council on the status of negotiations regarding a new sewage disposal contract between King County and the 34 local sewer agencies served by the Wastewater Treatment Division (WTD) of the Department of Natural Resources and Parks (DNRP).

Existing contracts with 25 local agencies will terminate on July 1, 2036, and nine will terminate on July 1, 2056. This report updates the information contained in the March 30, 2021 report.

During the reporting period, in consultation with the Metropolitan Water Pollution Abatement Advisory Committee (MWPAAC), a negotiation team consisting of staff from DNRP, four cities, and one sewer district developed guiding principles for the new contract. New contract language will be developed concurrently with the Clean Water Plan. Work continues on three specific issues: the capacity charge calculation through 2030, the capacity charge calculation after 2030, and industrial waste including contaminated industrial stormwater.

A consultant continues to assist with a review of the capacity charge, and three meetings with the MWPAAC workgroup have been held so far in 2021. Based on this effort, DNRP staff is recommending an update to the current capacity charge methodology that is consistent with industry standards and with improved transparency. DNRP will brief MWPAAC in fall 2021 and propose a potential schedule for the transmittal of implementing legislation for the King County Council's consideration. Work with the City of Seattle to develop guiding principles for industrial waste to inform new contract language will continue later in 2021.

Extension of the sewage disposal agreements with the local sewer agencies would further the King County Strategic Plan goal of efficient, accountable regional and local government.

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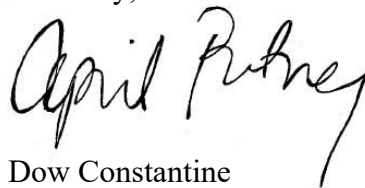
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Thank you for your consideration of this report. The new sewer contract mentioned in this report would help King County residents by ensuring a continued long-term commitment between the County and local sewer agencies to protect water quality.

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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