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

Dear Councilmember Zahilay:

This letter transmits the Joint Ship Canal Water Quality Project (SCWQP) semiannual report as required by Ordinance 18313. The attached report provides the current status and outlines progress to date on this project undertaken by the Department of Natural Resources and Parks (DNRP), in partnership with Seattle Public Utilities (SPU), the lead agency. The SCWQP will benefit water quality in our region by addressing combined sewer overflow (CSO) issues for both King County and Seattle.

A key milestone for the first half of 2025 included completion of construction on the Wallingford conveyance in late February 2025. Construction activities for the Tunnel Effluent Pump Station (TEPS)/Ballard Conveyance Project began in November 2024. The TEPS/Ballard Conveyance Project is the last major construction element to complete the SCWQP. Elements of the storage tunnel construction have faced minor delays such that substantial completion is now anticipated for the third quarter of 2025.

Please note that in July 2024, the King County Council approved legislation authorizing the execution of the First Material Modification to the CSO Consent Decree. On May 22, 2025, that modification was fully executed by the United States District Court for the Western District of Washington. The SCWQP is being managed consistent with the terms of the modification.

Thank you for your consideration of this report. The Joint Ship Canal Water Quality Project detailed in the report will help King County residents by protecting water quality in the region. It also addresses the Strategic Climate Action Plan by preparing for climate change.

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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.

Sincerely,

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

for

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King County Executive

Enclosure

cc: King County Councilmembers

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