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The Honorable Claudia Balducci
Chair, King County Council
Room 1200
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 third 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 three updates made since the second quarter 2021 report that was submitted in August 2021. The draft Life Safety Management operating manual is complete and is under review. Also, the Department of Natural Resources and Parks (DNRP) Wastewater Treatment Division (WTD) initiated the Warning System Upgrade project, which will provide warning alarms that alert personnel to hazardous conditions in various spaces. Finally, eleven candidates completed WTD's 12-week Operator in Training Academy.

The second quarter report noted that five recommendation items shown on Appendix B were considered completed. However, performance data collected through the third quarter showed some functions in the Flood Risk Reduction System that need to be refined before full implementation. These items will be further evaluated during the 2022 dry season.

This report furthers the King County Strategic Plan goal of an efficient, accountable regional and local government by providing an open and transparent 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.

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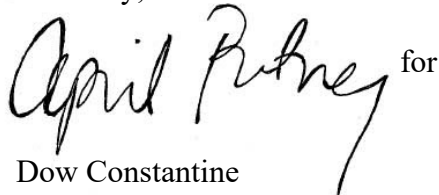
In developing the report, WTD provided updates on the implementation of the recommendations in the AECOM report to the Metropolitan Water Pollution Abatement Advisory Committee and the Regional Water Quality Committee.

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. This report 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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King County Executive

Enclosure

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