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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 the Joint Ship Canal Water Quality Project semiannual report as required by Ordinance 18313. The attached report outlines progress to date on the project undertaken by the Department of Natural Resources and Parks (DNRP), in partnership with Seattle Public Utilities (SPU), the lead agency.

This report provides a status update on a project that will benefit water quality in our region by addressing Combined Sewer Overflow (CSO) issues in partnership with SPU. The report shows that the project is on schedule to comply with all federal Consent Decree milestones. It notes that the cost estimate for the project remains at \$570.1 million in total project costs, with the County's capital cost share at \$172.9 million, which represents no change since the last report.

The work outlined in this report furthers the King County Strategic Plan healthy environment goal through significant reductions in pollution discharged to the Lake Washington Ship Canal during wet weather events. Additionally, this project furthers the Strategic Plan goal of efficient, accountable regional and local government by exercising sound financial management and building King County's long-term fiscal strength. Partnering with SPU to deliver this project helps ensure efficient use of limited regional financial resources for both agencies.

In developing the report, DNRP engaged SPU employees to review monthly reports and financial data. SPU also continues to provide briefings and outreach efforts to nearby property owners, community, public and regulatory audiences.

It is estimated that the report required 40 staff hours to produce, costing \$4,000. The estimated printing cost for this report is nominal.

The Honorable Claudia Balducci

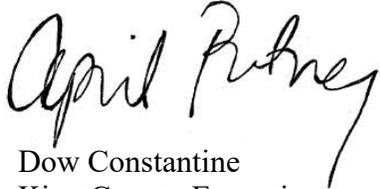
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Thank you for your consideration of this report. The important recommendations contained in the report will help King County residents by protecting water quality in the region.

If your staff have any questions, please contact Kamuron Gurol, Director of the Wastewater Treatment Division of the Department of Natural Resources and Parks, at 206-263-5767.

Sincerely,

 for

Dow Constantine
King County Executive

Enclosure

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