March 8, 2016

The Honorable Joe McDermott

Chair, King County Council

Room 1200

C O U R T H O U S E

Dear Councilmember McDermott:

This letter transmits an ordinance approving the City of Auburn Comprehensive Water Plan (Plan). This letter and attached matrix describe the results of the County’s review of the Plan and its consistency with King County requirements.

The King County Code requires King County approval of the Plan before it becomes effective. Approval of the Plan will also provide state regulatory agencies with the determination required under RCW 43.20.260 that the Plan is consistent with the King County Comprehensive Plan and implementing development regulations. On December 16, 2015, the Utilities Technical Review Committee (UTRC) finalized review of the Plan and recommended approval.

This Plan supports the economic growth and built environment goals of the King County Strategic Plan by helping to ensure adequate water management for County residents.

The enclosed matrix provides additional information regarding the City’s compliance with King County Code requirements and consistency with the King County Comprehensive Plan.

I appreciate the City’s cooperation in submitting the Plan and working with the UTRC review process. I urge the King County Council to adopt the enclosed ordinance approving the Plan.

If you have any questions about the Plan or the proposed ordinance, please feel free to contact Steve Hirschey, Chair of the Utilities Technical Review Committee, at 206-477-5387.

Sincerely,

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King County Executive

Enclosures

cc: King County Councilmembers

ATTN: Carolyn Busch, Chief of Staff

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