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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 proposed ordinance that would, if enacted, approve the King County Water District No. 123 (District) Comprehensive Water System Plan (Plan), as required by King County Code (KCC) and the Revised Code of Washington (RCW). This letter and attached matrix describe the results of the County's review of the Plan and its consistency with King County requirements.

KCC 13.24 and RCW 57.16 require 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 August 21, 2019, the Utilities Technical Review Committee (UTRC) finalized review of the Plan and recommended approval.

The Plan supports the Economic Vitality and Healthy Environment goals of the King County Strategic Plan by helping to ensure adequate water management for County residents. The District urgently needs to construct a new reservoir, just outside of its service area; approval of this plan is timely and necessary to facilitate a new franchise agreement with the County for utility construction within the County right-of-way.

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

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I appreciate the District'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.

Thank you for your consideration of this ordinance. This important legislation will help King County residents by helping to ensure an adequate supply of clean drinking water in King County.

If your staff have any questions, please feel free to contact Jae Hill, Interim Chair of the Utilities Technical Review Committee, at 206-263-5690.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dow Constantine". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a small "DC" monogram at the end.

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Enclosure

cc: King County Councilmembers

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