



**KING COUNTY**

1200 King County Courthouse  
516 Third Avenue  
Seattle, WA 98104

**Signature Report**

**April 28, 2009**

**Ordinance 16481**

**Proposed No.** 2009-0205.1

**Sponsors** Hague and Patterson

1 AN ORDINANCE approving the 2007 King County Water  
2 District No. 111 Water Comprehensive Plan.

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4 STATEMENT OF FACTS:

- 5 1. King County has adopted King County Code ("K.C.C.") chapter 13.24,  
6 which requires approval of comprehensive plans for water and sewer  
7 utilities that distribute or obtain water, or provide sewer collection or  
8 treatment, in unincorporated King County as a prerequisite for operating  
9 in unincorporated King County, receiving approval for annexation  
10 proposals, being granted right-of-way franchises and being given approval  
11 for right-of-way construction permits. K.C.C. 13.24.060 prescribes the  
12 requirements for approval of such plans, including consistency with state  
13 and local planning requirements.
- 14 2. Revised Code of Washington ("RCW") 43.20.260 requires that water  
15 system plans for any new industrial, commercial, or residential use be  
16 consistent with the requirements of any comprehensive plans or  
17 development regulations adopted under chapter 36.70A RCW or any other

18 applicable comprehensive plan, land use plan, or development regulation  
19 adopted by a city, town or county for the service area. King County has  
20 adopted a comprehensive plan that includes water supply and wastewater  
21 policies in its provisions for facilities and services (policies F-226 through  
22 F-254) that call for consistency with other adopted plans, support for  
23 regional water supply planning, pursuit of reclaimed water and water  
24 conservation and protection of water resources.

25 3. King County last approved King County Water District No. 111's  
26 Water System Comprehensive Plan ("the plan") in 1997, with amendments  
27 to that plan being approved in 2002. Both Washington state Department  
28 of Health ("DOH") and King County regulations require water system  
29 plans to be updated every six years; the district has been pursuing an  
30 update of the plan for the past several years.

31 4. King County water district no. 111 ("the district") operates in the  
32 southern part of King County and includes parts of the cities of Auburn,  
33 Covington and Kent as well as unincorporated areas of King County. The  
34 district provides service to a population of twenty thousand four hundred  
35 eighty-two, including employment, or six thousand nine hundred twenty-  
36 nine total equivalent residential units, in its retail water service area. The  
37 annual average day demand, which is water consumed, was approximately  
38 one million four hundred forty thousand gallons per day in 2006, with  
39 peak day consumption, which is generally during the hottest summer/fall

40 period, during the same time being slightly more than twice the average  
41 day demand.

42 5. The district's water system plan describes its intention to assure that  
43 water service is provided throughout its retail water service area as  
44 identified in the 1989 South King County Coordinated Water System Plan  
45 ("CWSP"). The purpose of the CWSP, which includes individual water  
46 system plans, is to identify present and future water service needs and to  
47 set forth the means for meeting those needs. While the plan does not  
48 directly discuss the district's duty to provide service within its "retail water  
49 service area," it provides sufficient information to conclude that the  
50 district has both the intention and capacity to do so by various means,  
51 direct service through the existing water system being the preferred  
52 method. The district has developed policies whereby it will serve as a  
53 satellite system manager for an unconnected system that is beyond the  
54 reach of the district's water mains.

55 6. The district's plan identifies a set of measures that it has implemented  
56 to pursue water conservation within its service area, pursuant to DOH  
57 1994 planning guidance. The plan specifically describes the different  
58 aspects of the district's conservation program and provides a cost analysis  
59 of those measures. The district already complies with most of the  
60 requirements of the Water Use Efficiency Rule adopted by the DOH and is  
61 implementing plans to fully comply with the rule.

62 7. Pursuant to King County Comprehensive Plan policies F-208, F-211  
63 and F-212, water and sewer districts that provide service in unincorporated  
64 King County must have financing strategies to show the ability to meet  
65 projected needs for facilities and services in accordance with the Growth  
66 Management Act and the King County Comprehensive Plan. The district's  
67 plan describes a six-year capital improvement program ("CIP") costing  
68 approximately 5,360,721 in 2007 dollars. The district states that CIP  
69 projects will be funded by water revenues, connection charges, various  
70 grant and low-interest loan programs, revenue bonds and/or outside  
71 funding sources. The district projects that existing reserves, capital  
72 facilities charge revenue collections and interest earnings should be  
73 sufficient to fund the capital facilities program and repay public works  
74 trust fund debt through 2012. Total operating revenues for the district in  
75 2006 were \$2,981,666.

76 8. K.C.C. chapter 13.24 requires review of water system plans by the  
77 utilities technical review committee ("UTRC"), and a recommendation  
78 made to the King County executive and council on the plan and the  
79 requirements under K.C.C. chapter 13.24 and consistency with the King  
80 County Comprehensive Plan. The UTRC has reviewed the planning data  
81 and district operations and hereby finds:

82 a. The plan is consistent with population and employment forecasts  
83 developed by the Puget Sound Regional Council for the service area, with  
84 a customized forecast appropriately used. The plan affirms an ability to

85 meet adopted Growth Management Planning Council population targets  
86 for the underlying land use;

87 b. The plan appropriately uses King County land use classifications;

88 c. The capital facility plan is adequate to meet anticipated facility and  
89 service needs;

90 d. The plan is consistent with applicable state water quality laws,  
91 including the evaluation of reclaimed water use; and

92 e. The plan is consistent with other pertinent county adopted plans and  
93 policies.

94 9. The DOH has not yet approved the district's water plan, pending  
95 approval by King County. Approval from DOH is expected after the King  
96 County council acts.

97 10. The district completed a State environmental Policy Act checklist and  
98 issued a determination of nonsignificance for the issuance of the plan on  
99 December 13, 2007.

100 11. The district's operations and facilities meet multiple existing statutory,  
101 administrative and planning standards. As the district's operations,  
102 facilities and planning meet the requirements of the King County Code  
103 and are consistent with the King County Comprehensive Plan, the UTRC  
104 recommends approval of the plan.

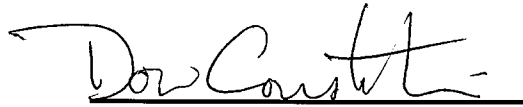
105 BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KING COUNTY:

106            SECTION 1. King County Water District No. 111's 2007 Water Comprehensive  
107 Plan, Attachment A to this ordinance, is hereby approved as a comprehensive water  
108 system plan.  
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Ordinance 16481 was introduced on 3/30/2009 and passed by the Metropolitan King  
County Council on 4/27/2009, by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Mr. Constantine, Mr. Ferguson, Ms. Lambert, Mr. von Reichbauer,  
Mr. Phillips, Mr. Gossett and Ms. Patterson  
No: 0  
Excused: 2 - Ms. Hague and Mr. Dunn

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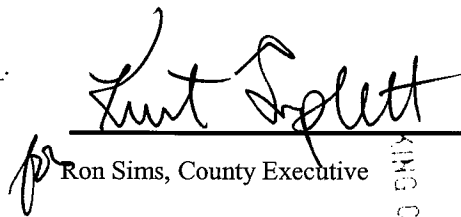
Dow Constantine, Chair

ATTEST:



Anne Noris, Clerk of the Council

APPROVED this 5<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2009.



Ron Sims, County Executive

Attachments    A. 2007 King County Water District No. 111 Water Comprehensive Plan

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