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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 Solid Waste Long-Term Disposal Method Report as called for by the 2019 Adopted Solid Waste Comprehensive Management Plan (Comp Plan) that directed the Department of Natural Resources and Parks (DNRP) to transmit a plan to decide the next long-term disposal method by December 31, 2021.

The 2019 Comp Plan included direction to maximize the life of the Cedar Hills Regional Landfill (Cedar Hills or landfill) but did not direct how to dispose of waste after Cedar Hills closes. Per Revised Code of Washington and interlocal agreements between the County and the cities that the solid waste system serves, this decision should be made in an update to the Comp Plan. The enclosed report identifies the major milestones needed to update the Comp Plan by 2026. This target year was chosen to allow enough lead time to develop all potential long-term disposal methods before the landfill closes, conservatively projected in 2037.

Development of this plan was discussed with the Metropolitan Solid Waste Management Advisory Committee and the Solid Waste Advisory Committee on multiple occasions throughout 2021. Although some concern was noted with the timeframe of the long-term disposal decision, committee Chairs recommended sending this plan and including their concerns and feedback.

The report furthers the King County Strategic Plan goal of efficient, accountable regional and local government.

It is estimated that this report required 70 staff hours to produce, costing approximately \$4,780. The estimated printing cost for this report is nominal.

Thank you for your consideration of this report.

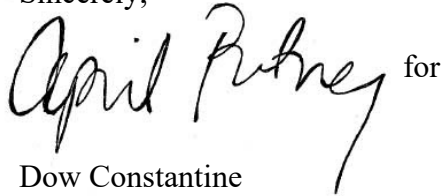
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If your staff have any questions, please contact Pat D. McLaughlin, Director of the Solid Waste Division of the Department of Natural Resources and Parks, at 206-477-4501.

Sincerely,

 for

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Enclosure

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