

Department of Natural Resources and ParksDirector's Office

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B. Douglas Williams Real Estate Services Section King County Administration Building 500 Fourth Avenue, Room 500 Seattle WA, 98104

Dear Mr. Williams:

The Lake Walker Water System (water system identification number 17001) has a pending application for a right-of-way franchise approval. As you know, King County Code (KCC) 6.27.050 provides, among other requirements, that each application for a right-of-way franchise by a water distributor be submitted to the Utilities Technical Review Committee (UTRC) for approval. The UTRC review is required prior to any submission of the application to the King County Council for approval. The application is approved by the UTRC if all criteria outlined in K.C.C. 6.27.060 are satisfied.

The items or issues within the criteria in KCC 6.27.060 reviewed for consistency with the regulatory framework by the UTRC include:

- A previously approved comprehensive plan for the applicant; if required to have such a plan by K.C.C. 13.24.010;
- The King County Comprehensive Plan;
- Health and sanitation regulations of the Seattle-King County Health Department and the state; and
- King County standards for water mains and fire hydrants.

The Lake Walker Water System is a Group B public water system approved for nine service connections. As a Group B system, it is required under the State's statutory framework to comply with chapter 246-293 Washington Administrative Code and under King County's framework KCC 12.28.011 for system management and documentation within a small water system management plan.

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That documentation includes the following:

- Ownership of the system and decision-making issues;
- Financial capability;
- Operations;
- A well use agreement;
- Easements;
- Declarations of Covenants;
- Legal use of the ground water; and
- Current with Washington State Department of Health water quality monitoring.

For the above items, I have talked with Mr. Ernesto Navarro who works with the Seattle King County Department of Public Health. Mr. Navarro is very familiar with the Lake Walker Water System and their efforts to comply with state and local regulations as they modify the system.

The Lake Walker Water System is located in rural King County, southeast of the City of Black Diamond, on the north side of Lake Walker in Section 34, Township 21 N. Range 07 E.W.M. The zoning is RA-5. Public water systems are a service allowed in the rural area. The development complies with the King County Comprehensive Plan.

King County standards for water mains and fire hydrants are found in KCC 17.08. The development served by the Lake Walker Water System is exempt under KCC 17.08.030 from having fire hydrants and the system does not provide fire hydrants.

Pursuant to KCC 6.27.050, the UTRC finds the Lake Walker Water System application for a right-of-way franchise permit to be consistent with KCC 6.27.060 and KCC 13.24. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 206-205 0817.

Sincerely

Stephen Hirschey

Chair, Utilities Technical Review Committee

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cc: Jody Mayer, Lake Walker Water System

Ernesto Navarro, Seattle King County Public Health