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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 report documenting the efforts taken to continue protecting water quality in our region in response to the West Point Treatment Plant (West Point) flood event that occurred on February 9, 2017.

The enclosed report, required by Ordinance 18628, provides a first quarter 2021 update of the implementation plan for the recommendations provided by AECOM. Additionally, the six corrective actions required by the Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology) noted in the Ordinance are considered complete as of the 2018 fourth quarter report transmitted in February 2019.

This report addresses two updates made since the fourth quarter 2020 report was submitted in February 2021. The first update is related to decisions by the Department of Natural Resources and Parks (DNRP) to not incorporate two of the outstanding AECOM recommendations into its work at the West Point Plant: Recommendation 4: *consider implementing passive overflows at key locations* and Recommendation 5: *request that West Point Treatment Plant (West Point) be regulated as a combined sewer overflow outfall*. The department finds that these recommendations may result in additional discharges to Puget Sound, working against the King County efforts to eliminate flooding, overflows, and bypasses of the Plant.

The second update included in this report is that the West Point Raw Sewage Replacement project alternatives analysis is complete, and the project is moving into design of the preferred alternative.

This report furthers the King County Strategic Plan goal of an efficient, accountable regional and local government by providing a transparent update on the implementation of AECOM's recommendations to enhance employee safety and protect the region's investments at West

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Point. The report also furthers the Strategic Climate Action Plan goal of preparing for climate change by providing information on preparing West Point to handle the effects of increasingly severe storms.

In developing the report, WTD provided updates on the implementation of the recommendations in the AECOM report to the Metropolitan Water Pollution Abatement Advisory Committee and the Regional Water Quality Committee.

It is estimated that the report required 10 staff hours to produce, costing \$1,500. The estimated printing cost for this report is nominal.

Thank you for your consideration of this report. This report helps policymakers and the public understand how King County is improving systems at West Point and preparing to withstand or mitigate the impact of future storms.

If your staff have any questions, please contact Mark Isaacson, Division Director of the Wastewater Treatment Division of the Department of Natural Resources and Parks, at 206-477-4601.

Sincerely,



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Enclosure

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