## REVISED STAFF REPORT

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| **Proposed No**.: | 2015-0435 | **Date:** | January 19, 2016 |

**COMMITTEE ACTION**

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| ***Proposed Substitute Ordinance 2015-0435.2, which would adopt changes to membership of the Vashon-Maury Island Groundwater Protection Committee, passed out of committee on January 19, 2016, with a “Do Pass” recommendation. The ordinance was amended in committee to use the language adopted by the current version of the King County Code.*** |

**SUBJECT**

Proposed Ordinance 2015-0435 would modify the makeup of the Vashon-Maury Island Groundwater Protection Committee.

**SUMMARY**

The Vashon-Maury Island Groundwater Protection Committee has updated their membership requirements, and this ordinance would adopt these changes. The changes would add positions for one additional resident of Vashon-Maury Islands and one livestock owner. Positions for water/sewer utilities (one of two), and for the chamber of commerce would be removed from the committee. A technical amendment is proposed to use the current version of the King County code for language proposed to be deleted.

**BACKGROUND**

The Vashon-Maury Island Groundwater Protection Committee was created in 2001[[1]](#footnote-1), as part of the adoption of the King County groundwater protection program. The committee advises and provides input to the Department of Natural Resources (DNRP) on the County's groundwater protection program and work plans, on implementation of the groundwater management plan for the Vashon-Maury Island area[[2]](#footnote-2).

The Committee was originally created for a four year term, which has been extended three times[[3]](#footnote-3). The Committee is currently set to expire in 2017.

**ANALYSIS**

Proposed Ordinance 2015-0435 would modify the membership of this committee as follows:

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| **Current** | **PO 2015-0435** |
| 1 – water purveyor | 1 – water purveyor |
| 2 – water/sewer utilities | 1 – water supply/wastewater management |
| 1 – residential well user | 1 – residential exempt well owner |
| 1 – business owner | 1 – commercial/industrial interest |
| 1 – chamber of commerce |  |
| 1 – commercial agriculturist | 1 – commercial agriculturist |
|  | 1 – livestock owner |
| 1 – resident of Vashon-Maury Island | 3 – residents of Vashon-Maury island |
| 1 – groundwater advisory committee |  |
| 1 – local environmental organization | 1 – local environmental organization |

Executive staff state that the membership changes would allow for greater diversity for recruitment of new members, and removes outdated positions (for example, the current seat for the groundwater advisory committee member is being removed because that committee no longer exists).

The Committee has unanimously supported these proposed membership changes, and the ordinance would make the Code consistent with the Committee's bylaws.

**AMENDMENT**

Amendment 1 would make a technical correction to the ordinance, by using the language of the current version of the King County Code.

1. Ordinance 14214 [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. See K.C.C. 9.14.100 for a full list of groundwater committee responsibilities [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
3. Ordinances 15082, 16724, and 17750 [↑](#footnote-ref-3)