



**Signature Report**

**February 23, 2009**

**Ordinance 16366**

**Proposed No.** 2009-0081.1

**Sponsors** Hague

1 AN ORDINANCE approving the Fall City Water District  
2 2006 Water System Plan.

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4 STATEMENT OF FACTS:

5 1. King County has adopted K.C.C. chapter 13.24, which requires  
6 approval of comprehensive plans for water and sewer utilities that  
7 distribute or obtain water, or provide sewer collection or treatment, in  
8 unincorporated King County as a prerequisite for operating in  
9 unincorporated King County, receiving approval for annexation proposals,  
10 being granted right-of-way franchises, and being given approval for right-  
11 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. RCW 43.20.260 requires that water system plans for any new  
15 industrial, commercial, or residential use be consistent with the  
16 requirements of any comprehensive plans or development regulations  
17 adopted under chapter 36.70A RCW or any other applicable

18 comprehensive plan, land use plan, or development regulation adopted by  
19 a city, town or county for the service area. King County has adopted a  
20 comprehensive plan that includes water supply and wastewater policies in  
21 its provisions for facilities and services (policies F-225 through F-244)  
22 that call for consistency with other adopted plans, support for regional  
23 water supply planning, pursuit of reclaimed water and water conservation,  
24 and protection of water resources.

25 3. King County last approved the Fall City Water District Water System  
26 Plan ("the plan") in 2001. Both Washington state Department of Health  
27 ("DOH") and King County regulations require water system plans to be  
28 updated every six years; the district has been pursuing an update of the  
29 plan for the past few years.

30 4. The Fall City water district ("the district") operates in an  
31 unincorporated part of the Snoqualmie river valley in the central part of  
32 King County located between the cities of Carnation and Snoqualmie.  
33 The district provides service to a population of 2,846, or 1,190 total  
34 Equivalent Residential Units, in its retail service area for water. The  
35 annual average day demand, which is water consumed, is approximately  
36 0.28 million gallons per day, with peak day consumption, which is  
37 generally during the hottest summer/fall period, approximately twice the  
38 average day demand.

39 5. The district's water system plan describes its intention to assure that  
40 water service is provided throughout its retail service area and, to the

41 extent possible, the overall service area assigned to the district as part of  
42 the 1990 East King County Coordinated Water System Plan ("CWSP"),  
43 including much of unincorporated King County. The purpose of the  
44 CWSP, which includes individual water system plans, is to identify  
45 present and future water service needs, and to set forth the means for  
46 meeting those needs. While the plan does not directly discuss the district's  
47 duty to provide service within its "retail service area," it provides  
48 sufficient information to conclude that it has both the intention and  
49 capacity to do so by various means, direct service through the existing  
50 water system being the preferred method. Where the district has  
51 determined it is not feasible to provide service, it has relinquished or taken  
52 steps to relinquish those areas and notified the East King County Regional  
53 Water Association and adjacent water systems of its actions.

54 6. The district's plan identifies a set of measures that it has implemented  
55 to pursue water conservation within its boundaries, pursuant to DOH 1994  
56 planning guidance. Although the plan does not describe certain aspects of  
57 the conservation program with specificity, DOH has approved the  
58 conservation program. In addition, while not currently subject to the  
59 Water Use Efficiency Rule adopted by DOH, the district already complies  
60 with most of its requirements and is implementing plans to fully comply  
61 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 \$1,497,000. The district states that CIP projects will be  
69 funded by water revenues, connection charges, Public Works Trust Fund  
70 loans, revenue bonds, and/or outside funding sources. Much, if not most,  
71 of the CIP funding will come from developer extensions when they create  
72 additional single-family and multifamily residential units and from utility  
73 local improvement districts. Total water sales for the district in 2005 were  
74 \$196,591.

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

82 a. The population and employment forecasts developed by the Puget  
83 Sound Regional Council for service areas, with a customized forecast  
84 appropriately used;

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

86 c. The capital facility plan is adequate to meet anticipated facility and  
87 service needs;

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

90 e. The plan is consistent with other pertinent county adopted plans and  
91 policies.

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

95 10. The district completed a State Environmental Policy Act checklist and  
96 issued a determination of nonsignificance for the issuance of the plan on  
97 February 23, 2007.

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

103 BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KING COUNTY:

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105            SECTION 1. The Fall City Water District's 2006 Water System Plan, Attachment

106            A to this ordinance, is hereby approved as a comprehensive water system plan.

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Ordinance 16366 was introduced on 2/2/2009 and passed by the Metropolitan King County Council on 2/23/2009, by the following vote:

Yes: 8 - Mr. Constantine, Ms. Hague, Ms. Lambert, Mr. von Reichbauer, Mr. Gossett, Mr. Phillips, Ms. Patterson and Mr. Dunn

No: 0

Excused: 1 - Mr. Ferguson

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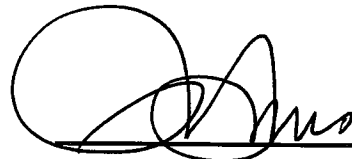
Dow Constantine, Chair

ATTEST:



Anne Noris, Clerk of the Council

APPROVED this 27 day of February, 2009.



Ron Sims, County Executive

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Attachments    A. Fall City Water District 2006 Water System Plan