March 17, 2020

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 proposed ordinance that, if enacted, would authorize condemnation as necessary to acquire easements on two privately owned properties in the city of Redmond. Acquisition of the easements is necessary to construct the Lake Hills Trunk and Northwest Lake Sammamish Interceptor Upgrade Project (Project).

Built more than 50 years ago, the Lake Hills Trunk and Northwest Lake Sammamish Interceptors (large sewer lines) are aging and nearing operational capacity. The Project will upgrade these sewer lines to serve projected future growth in the region through 2060.

The Wastewater Treatment Division (WTD) of the Department of Natural Resources and Parks has already successfully acquired easements on 34 of 36 properties needed to complete this project. However, WTD is an at impasse with one of the remaining property owners and, similarly, at an impasse with the tenant on the second remaining property. Attachment A to the proposed ordinance provides more detail on the properties and negotiations to date. The proposed ordinance would authorize WTD to file for condemnation, if necessary, to acquire the remaining property easements on these two properties to ensure the Project remains on schedule. Per Revised Code of Washington 8.25.290, a notice of public hearing will be posted for two consecutive weeks in the legal newspaper with the largest circulation for the area where the properties are located.

This ordinance supports King County’s Strategic Plan goal of a Healthy Environment by ensuring the Project will continue on schedule. Once completed, this Project will allow WTD to continue providing safe, reliable wastewater treatment to this portion of WTD’s service area. The ordinance also supports the King County’s Strategic Plan goal of an **Efficient, Accountable Regional and Local Government** by ensuring the ability to comply with WTD’s long-term capital improvement plan and deliver needed services.

Thank you for your consideration of this ordinance. This important legislation will support growth in the region and continue to protect public health and enhance the environment for King County residents.

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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King County Executive

Enclosure

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