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AN ORDINANCE approving the Skyway Water & Sewer District 2004  
Comprehensive Water and Sewer Plan subject to specified conditions.

**PREAMBLE:**

K.C.C. chapter 13.24 requires approval of comprehensive plans for water and sewer utilities as a prerequisite for granting right-of-way franchises and approval of right-of-way construction permits.

RCW 43.20.260 requires that water system plans for any new industrial, commercial, or residential use are to be consistent with the requirements of any comprehensive plans or development regulations adopted under chapter 36.70A RCW or any other applicable comprehensive plan, land use plan, or development regulation adopted by a city, town or county for the service area.

The Skyway water and sewer district ("district") currently provides water service to approximately ten thousand residents, several schools and businesses and sewer service to approximately twelve thousand residents. The district is located in the south central portion of King County.

The district obtains its water from the Cascade Water Alliance ("Cascade"), which has as its source the Seattle Public Utilities. The average annual water demand is currently approximately 0.7 million gallons per day. The demand is projected to increase to about 1.0 million gallons per day in 2022, or assuming a modest water conservation program, the demand is forecast to be 0.8

million gallons per day in 2022.

The district is planning a water system capital improvement program valued at approximately \$15,000,000 over the long-term planning period. The capital improvements proposed include modifications to the storage and distribution systems. The district also is planning sewer system capital improvements of approximately \$31 million for the long-term planning period.

The King County utilities technical review committee ("UTRC") reviewed the plan on October 13, 2004, and requested that the district make changes to address comments from its consultant, and from the state Department of Health, particularly with regard to the ability of Cascade to account for twenty-year demand and supply. The UTRC also requested a statement in the plan regarding the district's commitment to evaluate its rates with regard to promoting water conservation, and making appropriate changes. The requested changes have been made, and the UTRC has forwarded the revised plan for approval. The UTRC recommends that the King County council approve the plan.

The Cascade Water Alliance has submitted to King County its Transmission and Supply Plan ("TSP"), a comprehensive water system plan, for approval by the King County council. The TSP addresses transmission and supply of water for delivery to the Cascade members, of which the Skyway water and sewer district is a member. Conditions may be attached to the approval of the TSP that may apply to the individual members of Cascade. Approval of the district's plan should be subject to any such conditions that may apply to the individual members of Cascade and to their comprehensive plans.

A determination of nonsignificance for the plan was issued by the district on September 15, 2004, in accordance with the state Environmental Policy Act.

**BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KING COUNTY:**

SECTION 1. The Skyway Water & Sewer District 2004 Comprehensive Water System and Sewer Plan, Attachment A to this ordinance, is hereby approved.