



KING COUNTY

1200 King County Courthouse
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Seattle, WA 98104

Signature Report

April 28, 2009

Ordinance 16481

Proposed No. 2009-0205.1

Sponsors Hague and Patterson

1 AN ORDINANCE approving the 2007 King County Water
2 District No. 111 Water Comprehensive Plan.
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4 **STATEMENT OF FACTS:**

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

18 applicable comprehensive plan, land use plan, or development regulation
19 adopted by a city, town or county for the service area. King County has
20 adopted a comprehensive plan that includes water supply and wastewater
21 policies in its provisions for facilities and services (policies F-226 through
22 F-254) that call for consistency with other adopted plans, support for
23 regional water supply planning, pursuit of reclaimed water and water
24 conservation and protection of water resources.

25 3. King County last approved King County Water District No. 111's
26 Water System Comprehensive Plan ("the plan") in 1997, with amendments
27 to that plan being approved in 2002. Both Washington state Department
28 of Health ("DOH") and King County regulations require water system
29 plans to be updated every six years; the district has been pursuing an
30 update of the plan for the past several years.

31 4. King County water district no. 111 ("the district") operates in the
32 southern part of King County and includes parts of the cities of Auburn,
33 Covington and Kent as well as unincorporated areas of King County. The
34 district provides service to a population of twenty thousand four hundred
35 eighty-two, including employment, or six thousand nine hundred twenty-
36 nine total equivalent residential units, in its retail water service area. The
37 annual average day demand, which is water consumed, was approximately
38 one million four hundred forty thousand gallons per day in 2006, with
39 peak day consumption, which is generally during the hottest summer/fall

40 period, during the same time being slightly more than twice the average
41 day demand.

42 5. The district's water system plan describes its intention to assure that
43 water service is provided throughout its retail water service area as
44 identified in the 1989 South King County Coordinated Water System Plan
45 ("CWSP"). The purpose of the CWSP, which includes individual water
46 system plans, is to identify present and future water service needs and to
47 set forth the means for meeting those needs. While the plan does not
48 directly discuss the district's duty to provide service within its "retail water
49 service area," it provides sufficient information to conclude that the
50 district has both the intention and capacity to do so by various means,
51 direct service through the existing water system being the preferred
52 method. The district has developed policies whereby it will serve as a
53 satellite system manager for an unconnected system that is beyond the
54 reach of the district's water mains.

55 6. The district's plan identifies a set of measures that it has implemented
56 to pursue water conservation within its service area, pursuant to DOH
57 1994 planning guidance. The plan specifically describes the different
58 aspects of the district's conservation program and provides a cost analysis
59 of those measures. The district already complies with most of the
60 requirements of the Water Use Efficiency Rule adopted by the DOH and is
61 implementing plans to fully comply 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 5,360,721 in 2007 dollars. The district states that CIP
69 projects will be funded by water revenues, connection charges, various
70 grant and low-interest loan programs, revenue bonds and/or outside
71 funding sources. The district projects that existing reserves, capital
72 facilities charge revenue collections and interest earnings should be
73 sufficient to fund the capital facilities program and repay public works
74 trust fund debt through 2012. Total operating revenues for the district in
75 2006 were \$2,981,666.

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

82 a. The plan is consistent with population and employment forecasts
83 developed by the Puget Sound Regional Council for the service area, with
84 a customized forecast appropriately used. The plan affirms an ability to

85 meet adopted Growth Management Planning Council population targets
86 for the underlying land use;

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

88 c. The capital facility plan is adequate to meet anticipated facility and
89 service needs;

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

92 e. The plan is consistent with other pertinent county adopted plans and
93 policies.

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

97 10. The district completed a State environmental Policy Act checklist and
98 issued a determination of nonsignificance for the issuance of the plan on
99 December 13, 2007.

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

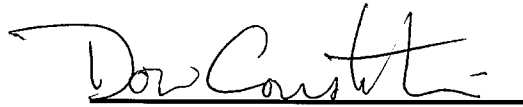
105 BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KING COUNTY:

106 SECTION 1. King County Water District No. 111's 2007 Water Comprehensive
107 Plan, Attachment A to this ordinance, is hereby approved as a comprehensive water
108 system plan.
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Ordinance 16481 was introduced on 3/30/2009 and passed by the Metropolitan King
County Council on 4/27/2009, by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Mr. Constantine, Mr. Ferguson, Ms. Lambert, Mr. von Reichbauer,
Mr. Phillips, Mr. Gossett and Ms. Patterson
No: 0
Excused: 2 - Ms. Hague and Mr. Dunn

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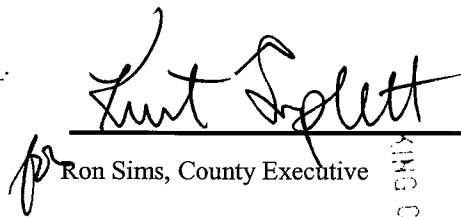
Dow Constantine, Chair

ATTEST:



Anne Noris, Clerk of the Council

APPROVED this 5th day of May, 2009.



Ron Sims, County Executive

Attachments A. 2007 King County Water District No. 111 Water Comprehensive Plan

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