



**KING COUNTY**

1200 King County Courthouse  
516 Third Avenue  
Seattle, WA 98104

**Signature Report**

**January 21, 2003**

**Ordinance 14562**

**Proposed No.** 2002-0439.2

**Sponsors** Patterson

1                   AN ORDINANCE approving the City of Tacoma  
2                   Comprehensive Water Plan Update.

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5                   **PREAMBLE:**

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

9                   The city of Tacoma currently provides water service to approximately  
10                  three hundred ten thousand people living in Tacoma, urban and rural  
11                  Pierce County, parts of Federal Way and King County's rural community  
12                  of Cumberland. The population served in twenty years could double  
13                  because of growth and expansion of the service area.

14                  The city's water sources include the Green river and nineteen wells  
15                  located primarily in Tacoma. A new water supply, the second supply  
16                  project, includes an additional diversion from the Green river and  
17                  transmission of the water through south King County. The city of

18 Seattle's recent decision not to be a party to the new supply will likely  
19 result in more water being delivered to the city of Federal Way, the city of  
20 Kent and the Covington water district.

21 An agreement for the second supply project among project participants  
22 and state agencies calls for more aggressive conservation. The agreement  
23 for the second supply project notes that the project participants will, as  
24 necessary, amend their individual water system plans pursuant to WAC  
25 246-290-100 to reflect these conservation activities. Under K.C.C.  
26 13.24.010, water and sewer utilities required to plan under this chapter  
27 shall promptly notify King County of any significant changes affecting  
28 service provision. The plan contains a capital improvement program  
29 valued at approximately \$460,000,000 over the next fifteen years and  
30 includes the costs of the additional water supply, water treatment, storage  
31 and transmission and distribution system improvements.

32 The King County utilities technical review committee reviewed and  
33 conditionally approved the plan on January 10, 2001. The conditions of  
34 approval, technical changes to the plan, are reflected in the plan version  
35 attached to this ordinance. The utility technical review committee  
36 recommends that the council approve the plan.

37 A determination of non-significance for the plan was issued on September  
38 2, 1999, in accordance with the state Environmental Policy Act. The city  
39 adopted the plan on February 5, 2002.

40 BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KING COUNTY:

41            SECTION 1. The City of Tacoma Comprehensive Water Plan Update,  
42 Attachment A to this ordinance, is hereby approved without conditions.

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Ordinance 14562 was introduced on 9/23/2002 and passed by the Metropolitan King  
County Council on 1/21/2003, by the following vote:

Yes: 12 - Ms. Edmonds, Mr. von Reichbauer, Ms. Lambert, Mr. Phillips, Mr.  
Pelz, Mr. McKenna, Mr. Constantine, Mr. Pullen, Mr. Gossett, Ms. Hague,  
Mr. Irons and Ms. Patterson  
No: 0  
Excused: 1 - Ms. Sullivan

KING COUNTY COUNCIL  
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON

  
Cynthia Sullivan, Chair

ATTEST:

  
Anne Noris, Clerk of the Council

APPROVED this 29 day of January 2003.

  
Ron Sims, County Executive

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Attachments    A. City of Tacoma Comprehensive Water Plan Update

**14562**

**Comprehensive Water Plan Update  
Volume I**

**Green River Watershed Management Plan  
Volume II**

**Tacoma Water  
Tacoma Public Utilities**

**Economic and Engineering Services, Inc.  
in association with CH2MHill**

**Approved by DOH, September 2000**

***ATTACHMENT(S) AVAILABLE IN ARCHIVES***