



# KING COUNTY

1200 King County Courthouse  
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Seattle, WA 98104

## Signature Report

December 15, 2009

Ordinance 16729

Proposed No. 2009-0588.1

Sponsors Constantine

1 AN ORDINANCE approving King County Water District  
2 19 2007 Water System Plan.

3 STATEMENT OF FACTS:

4 1. King County has adopted K.C.C. chapter 13.24, which requires  
5 approval of comprehensive plans for water utilities that distribute or obtain  
6 water in unincorporated King County as a prerequisite for operating in  
7 unincorporated King County, receiving approval for annexation proposals,  
8 being granted right-of-way franchises, and being given approval for right-  
9 of-way construction permits. K.C.C. 13.24.060 prescribes the  
10 requirements for approval of such plans, including consistency with state  
11 and local planning requirements.

12 2. RCW 57.16. 010 requires that general comprehensive plans developed  
13 by water districts be submitted to, and approved by, the legislative  
14 authority within whose boundaries all or a portion of the districts lie.

15 3. King County water district 19's last water system plan was prepared in  
16 2000. Both Washington state Department of Health ("DOH") and King  
17 County regulations require water system plans to be updated every six  
18 years.

19           4. King County water district 19 ("the district") is in King County and has  
20           adopted a 2007 comprehensive water system plan ("the plan"). The  
21           district has had a moratorium on new connections in place since February  
22           1996. The district's existing water sources are insufficient to meet the  
23           district's service criteria for maximum day usage to allow any new  
24           connections.

25           5. The district's plan identifies an area-wide water service deficiency.

26           6. King County has adopted a comprehensive plan that includes water  
27           policies in its provisions for facilities and services (policies F-213 through  
28           F-245) that call for consistency with other adopted plans, support for  
29           regional water supply planning, pursuit of reclaimed water, water  
30           conservation and protection of water resources. King County  
31           comprehensive plan policy F-217 provides, in part, that if an area-wide  
32           water service deficiency is identified, King County and the applicable  
33           service provider shall remedy the deficiency through a joint planning  
34           process addressing capital improvement programs ("CIP") and long-term  
35           funding strategies.

36           7. K.C.C. chapter 13.24 requires review of water system plans by the  
37           utilities technical review committee ("UTRC"), and a recommendation  
38           made to the King County executive and council on the plan and the  
39           requirements under K.C.C. chapter 13.24 and consistency with the King  
40           County Comprehensive Plan. The UTRC has reviewed the planning data  
41           and district operations and hereby finds:

- 42           a. The plan is consistent with population and employment forecasts  
43           developed by the Puget Sound Regional Council for the district's service  
44           area, and with growth management act adopted population targets;
- 45           b. The plan appropriately uses King County land use classifications;
- 46           c. The capital facility plan is not adequate to meet anticipated facility and  
47           service needs;
- 48           d. The plan is consistent with applicable state water quality laws,  
49           including the evaluation of reclaimed water use; and
- 50           e. The plan is consistent with other pertinent county adopted plans and  
51           policies.
- 52           8. A joint planning process over a two year period lead by King County  
53           and the district addressing the CIP, water source enhancement, an  
54           enhanced technical ground water study, an assessment of the efficacy of  
55           the conservation program, and exploration of offering customers  
56           efficiency of use opportunities may negate the continued need for a  
57           moratorium on new connections.
- 58           9. The Washington state Department of Health approval of the district's  
59           plan is pending King County council action.
- 60           10. The district completed a state Environmental Policy Act checklist for  
61           the plan and, as lead agency, issued a determination of nonsignificance for  
62           the issuance of the plan on November 9, 2007.
- 63           11. The district's operations and facilities meet multiple existing statutory,  
64           administrative, and planning standards. As the district's operations,

65 facilities, and planning meet the requirements of the King County Code  
66 and are consistent with the King County Comprehensive Plan, the UTRC  
67 recommends approval of the plan conditioned upon a joint planning  
68 process.

69 BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KING COUNTY:

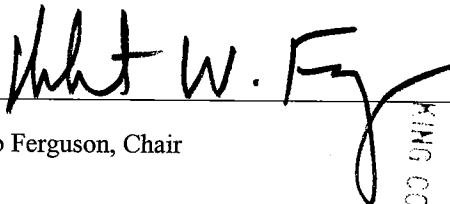
70 SECTION 1. King County Water District 19 2007 Water System Plan,  
71 Attachment A to this ordinance, is hereby approved as a comprehensive water system  
72 plan conditioned upon the district initiating and completing within two years a joint  
73 planning process with King County addressing the CIP, water source enhancement, an  
74 enhanced technical ground water study, an assessment of the efficacy of the conservation  
75 program, and exploration of the district offering customers efficiency of use opportunities  
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- 77 to address the continued need for a moratorium on new connections. The results of the  
78 joint planning process shall be reflected in the next plan update.

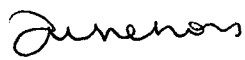
Ordinance 16729 was introduced on 10/19/2009 and passed by the Metropolitan King County Council on 12/14/2009, by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Mr. Phillips, Mr. von Reichbauer, Mr. Gossett, Ms. Hague,  
Ms. Patterson, Mr. Ferguson and Mr. Dunn  
No: 0  
Excused: 1 - Ms. Lambert

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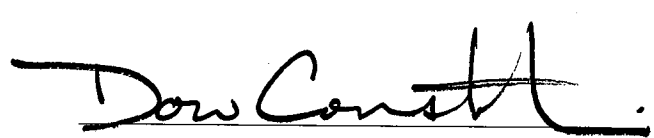
  
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Bob Ferguson, Chair

ATTEST:

  
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Anne Noris, Clerk of the Council

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APPROVED this 21<sup>st</sup> day of December, 2009.

  
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Dow Constantine, County Executive

**Attachments:** A. 2007 Water System Plan--Water District No. 19--Vashon Island, WA