



Snohomish County

WATER UTILITY COORDINATING COMMITTEE

October 1, 2024

Snohomish County Council
County Administration Building
3000 Rockefeller Avenue, M/S 609
Everett, WA 98201-4046

SUBJECT: WUCC recommendation on updated
North Snohomish County Coordinated Water System Plan (CWSP)

Dear Snohomish County Council:

On behalf of the Snohomish County Water Utility Coordinating Committee (WUCC), I am forwarding our recommendation to approve the updated North Snohomish County Coordinated Water System Plan (CWSP). The WUCC is convened under authority of RCW 70A.100 - Public water system coordination act of 1977, and is comprised of representatives from water systems within the county's Critical Water Supply Service Area (CWSSA) having 50 or more service connections. Representatives from county government and from state and local health agencies also participate as officially authorized members. The WUCC was originally convened in 1988 to establish a CWSSA and to prepare the county's first CWSP (1992) in compliance with RCW 70A.100. The WUCC last updated the CWSP in 2010.

The purpose of the CWSP is to document an efficient and coordinated process for the provision of water service within the CWSSA. The CWSP:

- Establishes service area maps and minimum water system standards for infrastructure and fire flow;
- Provides for service area agreements between providers;
- Includes a utility service review procedure to coordinate water connection by future water customers; and
- Identifies resources relevant to water planning for future growth.

The 2024 updates to the CWSP include revisions to data tables, population growth forecasts and maps consistent with local water system plans and with county planning under the state Growth Management Act. Also included are updates to code citations and available resources relevant to planning for future water demand. A new provision has been added applicable to proposed single-family construction on existing lots within the CWSSA to employ a utility service review procedure for connection to an existing water system before relying on a new groundwater well.

CWSP Process Requirements

The CWSP updates were prepared in coordination with the WUCC. The update process requires a public meeting to collect input. To assist the WUCC in their final review of the CWSP, the draft CWSP was submitted to the Snohomish County Planning Commission for a briefing on March 26,

2024, and a public hearing on April 23, 2024. The Planning Commission received one written comment letter; no one signed in to provide oral testimony. The WUCC discussed the results from the Planning Commission hearing at their May 8, 2024, meeting and opted to have each of the participating agencies conduct a final review of the CWSP, along with the service area boundary map, and scheduled a vote on the CWSP by the WUCC members for June 28, 2024.

During this final review, Snohomish County PUD #1 submitted minor edits to the water system inventory and CWSSA map. No other edits were submitted. The vote by WUCC members was conducted via email between June 28th and July 15th with results as follows:

There are 17 major water providers (Municipal, Districts, Public Utility, and Associations) within the CWSSA, of which ten water providers participate on the WUCC attending quarterly meetings at least once per year on average. Of these ten, six voted to approve the CWSP updates, one provider abstained, and three did not vote. Due to their role in the statutory approval process, as explained below, neither the state DOH nor county representatives on the WUCC voted.

Authority for final approval of the CWSP is assigned to the state Department of Health (DOH). Prior to submitting the CWSP to DOH, the county legislative authority must take action within 60 days and conduct a public hearing to determine consistency with minimum requirements in RCW 70A.100.050(4). Consistency with RCW 70A.100.050(4) and with state, regional, countywide and local policies, is addressed in the staff report to the Snohomish County Planning Commission, March 8, 2024, attached to this letter.

Also attached to this transmittal letter is a Motion for consideration by the County Council. If approved by the Council, the CWSP will then be transmitted to state DOH for final review and approval.

Thank you for your consideration of the proposed updates to the CWSP.

Sincerely,



Michael D. Wolanek, WUCC Chair
City of Arlington Water Utilities

Attachments: Planning Commission Recommendation Letter w/ attachments

- Planning Commission meeting minutes for 3/26/24 and 4/23/24
- Planning Commission findings for the CWSP Update
- Staff report to the Planning Commission, 3/8/2024
- Planning Commission findings

North Snohomish County Coordinated Water System Plan, July 2024
Draft Motion 24-xxx
WUCC vote tabulation

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