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July 19, 2023

City of Covington Public Works Department
ATTN: Don Vondran
16720 SE 271st Street, Suite 100
Covington, WA 98042

Re: Coastal Zone Management Federal Consistency for SE 272nd Street (SR 516)
between Jenkins Creek and 185th Place SE Roadway Improvements,
Corps No. **NWS-2015-343**, King County, Washington

Dear Don Vondran:

On July 18, 2023, the Department of Ecology (Ecology) received a Certification of Consistency with the Washington State Coastal Zone Management Program (CZMP) for the above project. The US Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) issued Joint Public Notice for this project on December 7, 2015, followed by an Ecology public notice on April 15, 2016. Both of these public notices indicated that Ecology would be reviewing the project for CZM Federal consistency and solicited comments from interested parties.

This determination is for widening SE 272nd Street from a two-lane to a five-lane roadway (two through lanes in each direction and a turning lane) from approximately 600 feet west of Jenkins Creek Road to 185th Place SE. The project will also improve fish passage and habitat, by replacing an existing box culvert at Jenkins Creek with a bridge and installing a series of large woody debris structures. Also included in the project are a signal replacement at 185th Place SE, illumination, curb and gutter improvements, eight-foot sidewalks on both side of the roadway, landscaping, bike lanes, access control features for safety, utility relocations, and stormwater facilities. A sanitary sewer line within the road right-of-way will be relocated within the new project boundaries along with a water system main upgrade.

Replacing the existing culvert with a new bridge and widening the roadway across Jenkins Creek and its associated riparian corridor will require the permanent fill of approximately 0.42 acres of existing wetlands. The project may also temporarily impact up to 1.04 acres of wetland and/or wetland and stream buffer to facility construction

and relocation of conflicting utilities. Disturbed critical areas and buffers will be restored following construction and adjacent areas will be enhanced as mitigation for temporary impacts.

The project site is located on SE 272nd St (SR 516) between Jenkins Creek and 185th Pl SE, in Covington, King County, Washington, Sections 25, 30, 31, and 36; Township 22 N., Ranges 5 and 6 E., within Water Resource Inventory Area (WRIA) 9 – Green/Duwamish River.

Pursuant to Section 307(c)(3) of the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972 as amended, Ecology concurs with the City of Covington Public Work Department's determination that the proposed work is consistent with Washington's CZMP.

If you have any questions regarding Ecology's consistency determination, please contact Doug Gresham at (425) 429-1846 or by email at doug.gresham@ecy.wa.gov.

Your right to appeal

You have a right to appeal this decision to the Pollution Control Hearings Board (PCHB) within 30 days of the date of receipt. The appeal process is governed by Chapter 43.21B RCW and Chapter 371-08 WAC. "Date of receipt" is defined in RCW 43.21B.001(2).

To appeal, you must do all of the following within 30 days of the date of receipt of this decision:

- File your notice of appeal and a copy of this decision with the PCHB (see filing information below). "Filing" means actual receipt by the PCHB during regular business hours as defined in WAC 371-08-305 and -335. "Notice of appeal" is defined in WAC 371-08-340.
- Serve a copy of your notice of appeal and this decision on the Department of Ecology mail, in person, or by email (see addresses below).

You must also comply with other applicable requirements in Chapter 43.21B RCW and Chapter 371-08 WAC.

Filing an appeal

Filing with the PCHB

For the most current information regarding filing with the PCHB, visit: <https://elaho.wa.gov/> or call: 360-664-9160.

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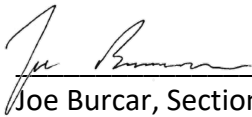
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Sincerely,



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