

# DEPARTMENT OF ECOLOGY

### **Northwest Region Office**

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May 20, 2025

Alderwood Water & Wastewater District Attn: David MacDonald 3626 156th Street Southwest Lynnwood, WA 98087

Re: Coastal Zone Management Federal Consistency Decision for Queensborough Sewer Rehabilitation (Corps No. NWS-2021-461), Bothell, Snohomish County, Washington

### Dear David MacDonald:

On September 26, 2024, the Department of Ecology (Ecology) received a Certification of Consistency with the Washington State Coastal Zone Management Program (CZMP) for the above project. Ecology issued a 21-day public notice on April 7, 2025. Pursuant to Section 307(c)(3) of the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972 as amended, Ecology concurs with Alderwood Water & Wastewater District's determination that the proposed work is consistent with Washington's CZMP.

On March 13, 2025, the Alderwood Water & Wastewater District and Ecology agreed to stay the CZM review period until July 26, 2025 in order for the Alderwood Water & Wastewater District to satisfy the enforceable policy for the state's Water Pollution Control Act.

The proposed work involves repairing a 12" diameter pipe approximately 2,600' long with 16 manholes (MHs), which conveys wastewater though the City of Bothell. This sewer is currently in need of repair and rehabilitation, due to extensive erosion from Queensborough Creek that has exposed several MH cone structures. To minimize future erosion of the sewer infrastructure, bank stabilization and bed control features will be installed in Queensborough Creek. This includes installing flow control structures, such as channel spanning timbers and bed control rocks, large woody material, channel roughening, a gabion outlet structure, and planting of native vegetation. These features will improve fish habitat, while reducing bank erosion that is degrading water quality from sedimentation and turbidity.

This project will cause 534 ft<sup>2</sup> of permanent wetland impacts, 3,807 ft<sup>2</sup> of temporary

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wetland impacts, 15,064  $\rm ft^2$  of permanent stream impacts, 19,645 ft2 of permanent stream buffer impacts, and 40,617  $\rm ft^2$  of temporary stream buffer impacts. On-site compensatory mitigation for these impacts includes: 1,420  $\rm ft^2$  of wetland creation, 3,890  $\rm ft^2$  of restoration of temporary wetland impacts, 15,064  $\rm ft^2$  of enhancement of stream habitat, 40,617  $\rm ft^2$  of restoration of temporary stream buffer areas, and 19,177  $\rm ft^2$  of enhancement of stream buffer.

The project site is located within the Queensborough Creek ravine that extends at the western end near 22003 Meridian Avenue S to the eastern end near 22010 4th Avenue SE, Bothell, Snohomish County, Washington, Sections 25 and 30, Township 27 N., Ranges 4 and 5 E., within Water Resource Inventory Area (WRIA) 8 Cedar-Sammamish.

If you have any questions regarding Ecology's decision, please contact Doug Gresham at 425-429-1846 or by email at <a href="mailto:doug.gresham@ecy.wa.gov">doug.gresham@ecy.wa.gov</a>.

## 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 by 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.

### **Address and Location Information**

# Filing with the PCHB

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

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