



STATE OF WASHINGTON
DEPARTMENT OF ECOLOGY

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September 8, 2025

City of Bellevue Utilities Department
ATTN: Robert York
450 110th Avenue Northeast
Bellevue, WA 98004

Re: Coastal Zone Management Federal Consistency Decision for the Kelsey Creek Culvert and Lake Hills Boulevard Water and Sewer Replacement (Corps No. NWS-2024-159), Kelsey Creek, streams, and wetlands, Bellevue, King County, Washington

Dear Robert York:

On February 24, 2025, 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 March 6, 2025. Pursuant to Section 307(c)(3) of the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972 as amended, Ecology concurs with the City of Bellevue's determination that the proposed work is consistent with Washington's CZMP.

On August 7, 2025, the City of Bellevue and Ecology agreed to stay the CZM review period until December 24, 2025 in order for the City of Bellevue to obtain a 401 water quality certification and shoreline permit.

The project proposes to replace three culverts conveying Kelsey Creek under Lake Hills Blvd with a single 14 foot wide, 10 foot high, 77 foot long, three-sided culvert providing sufficient capacity for stream flows, fish passage, and traffic loads. The existing crossing pipes will be plugged and decommissioned in-place following the Kelsey Creek diversion to the new culvert. The City also proposes to abandon approximately 700 feet of sewer main, remove and replace approximately 900 feet of sewer main, abandon or remove approximately 730 feet of water main, and install approximately 850 feet of new water main. Kelsey Creek will be partially relocated and restored as a multi-thread channel upstream of the relocated culvert crossing; through and downstream of the crossing, the creek will be a single channel. This involves grading in the existing channel and grading new channel from wetland. Project construction

also includes roadway improvements, storm drainage improvements, trail construction, and landscaping.

The project site is located between the intersections of 151st Ave SE and Lake Hills Blvd and 154th Ave SE and Lake Hills Blvd, Kelsey Creek, streams, and wetlands, King County, Washington, Section 35, Township 25 N., Range 5 E., within Water Resource Inventory Area (WRIA) 8, the Cedar-Sammamish WRIA.

If you have any questions regarding Ecology's decision, please contact Austin Schmalz at Austin.Schmalz@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 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://elaho.wa.gov/> or call: 360-664-9160.

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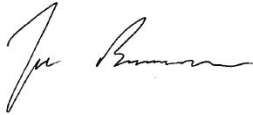
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Sincerely,



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