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Mary Strazer, Project Manager Water and Land Resources Division King County 201 S Jackson St, Suite 6300 Seattle, WA 98104

Re: Comments on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Pacific Right Bank Flood Protection Project

Dear Mary Strazer:

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments on the State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Pacific Right Bank Flood Protection Project. Based on review of the documents associated with this project, the Department of Ecology (Ecology) has the following comments for your consideration:

We appreciate the County's initiative in addressing contamination at the Pacific City Park Site (Cleanup Site ID 21; Facility Site ID 2160). We encourage the County to continue to work with Ecology through the cleanup process. It is our expectation that soils within the site area and any soils encountered that may contain contamination will be sampled for an appropriate suite of hazardous substances and appropriately handled. It would be our preference that regardless of the alternative selected, excavated materials be disposed of off-site to minimize potential future exposure resulting from the impacts of climate change.

Thank you for considering these comments from Ecology. If you have any questions or would like to respond to these comments, please contact Kim Smith from the Toxics Cleanup Program at (425) 200-2834 or by email at <u>kim.smith@ecy.wa.gov</u>.

Sincerely,

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