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June 3, 2021

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RE: Whatcom County Water Dist No 7, ID# 95900
Whatcom County
Water System Plan
Submittal #20-0906

Dear Mr. Olson:

The Whatcom County Water Dist. No. 7 (the District) water system plan (WSP) received in this office on September 28, 2020, with a subsequent submittal on May 27, 2021, has been reviewed and in accordance with the provisions of WAC 246-290-100, is hereby **APPROVED**.

Approval of this WSP is valid as it relates to current standards outlined in Washington Administrative Code (WAC) 246-290 revised January 2017, WAC 246-293 revised September 1997 and is subject to the qualifications herein. Future revisions in the rules and statutes may be more stringent and require facility modification or corrective action. An approved update of this WSP is required on or before **June 3, 2031**, unless ODW requests an update or plan amendment pursuant to WAC 246-290-100(9).

APPROVED NUMBER OF CONNECTIONS

The analysis provided in this WSP shows the water system has sufficient capacity to meet the growth projections during this planning period. The District's water system can support an **"unspecified"** designation for its approved number of connections. A specific number of approved connections will not be applied at this time. Development may occur in compliance with the schedule and information provided in this WSP. This designation may be rescinded (and replaced with a specified number of approved connections) if ODW determines that the WSP is no longer representative of system activities.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT CONSISTENCY

This document meets local government consistency requirements for WSP approval pursuant to RCW 90.03.386 and RCW 43.20.

SERVICE AREA AND DUTY TO SERVE

Pursuant to RCW 90.03.386(2), the service area identified in this WSP service area map may now represent an expanded "place of use" for this system's water rights. Changes in service area should be made through a WSP amendment.



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The District has a duty to provide new water service within its retail service area. This WSP includes service policies to describe how your system plans to provide new service within your retail service area.

CONSTRUCTION WAIVERS

Standard Construction Specifications for distribution main extensions in this WSP are approved. Consistent with WAC 246-290-125(2), this system may proceed with the installation of distribution main extensions provided this system completes and keeps on file the enclosed construction completion report form in accordance with WAC 246-290-125(2) and WAC 246-290-120(5) and makes it available for review upon request by ODW.

WATER RESOURCES

Below is the general regulatory language that applies to all water system approvals:

The department's review of your water system plan will not confer or guarantee any right to a specific quantity of water. The approved number of service connections is based on your representation of available water quantity. If the Washington Department of Ecology, a local planning agency, or other authority responsible for determining water rights and water system adequacy determines that you have use of less water than you represented, the number of approved connections may be reduced commensurate with the actual amount of water and your legal right to use it.

Thank you for your cooperation. Whatcom County is being notified of the terms and requirements of this approval and the determination of the approved number of connections. If you have any questions or wish to check our records, you may contact either of us at the numbers listed below.

Sincerely,



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Encl: Construction Completion Report

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