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Mr. Carl Reichhardt, P.E.
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Subject: Whatcom County Water District 7
Water System Plan

Dear Mr. Reichhardt:

In reply to your email dated June 24, 2021, I do hereby approve the subject Whatcom County Water District 7 (WCWD7) Water System Plan *contingent* on compliance with the following:

- All work performed in County right-of-way requires a Revocable Encroachment Permit as a prerequisite. See Whatcom County Code (WCC) 12.16 for additional information. Feel free to call 360-778-6220, if you have any questions about this process.
- Depending on the scope of work of any given WCWD7 planned water system facilities project, the County might require:
 - Other permits (e.g., building, conditional use, land disturbance, shoreline) as a prerequisite to project execution, and;
 - Stormwater management documentation, with possible required engineered stormwater management system design.
- To accommodate our desire to minimize disturbance to County roadway surfaces, we encourage the WCWD7 to locate, where feasible, new or reworked water system facilities outside the existing pavement of any improved County roadway.
- We encourage the WCWD7 to accomplish, to the maximum extent feasible, its planned water system projects that involve work in County rights-of-way, in advance of our planned road projects. This will minimize roadway patching that would otherwise occur without coordination. We are happy to provide you with our current 6-Yr Transportation Improvement Plan upon request.

Finally, I noticed that WCWD7's Franchise agreement expired in 2017. I would encourage the District to re-new their franchise agreement with the County as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

James P. Karcher, P.E.
County Engineer

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