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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

*NORTHWEST DRINKING WATER REGIONAL OPERATIONS*  
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February 7, 2011

BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
DEER CREEK WATER ASSOCIATION  
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RE: Deer Creek Water Association, ID #18418E and  
Deer Creek Water Association - Guide South, ID #AB912-G  
Whatcom County  
**Water System Plan - 2010**  
Submittal #06-0401

Dear Members of the Board:

The Deer Creek Water Association Water System Plan (WSP), received by the Office of Drinking Water (ODW) on March 31, 2006, with revisions submitted on September 8, 2010, 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 July 2008, WAC 246-293 revised September 1997, and RCW 70.116, 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 **February 7, 2017**, unless ODW requests an update or plan amendment pursuant to WAC 246-290-100(9).

**APPROVED NUMBER OF CONNECTIONS**

Deer Creek Water Association, ID #18418E: This water system is hereby approved to serve 1070 residential (including small commercial) and 19 large users for a total of 1089 service connections, which equals 1170 equivalent residential connections (ERUs). The water facility information (WFI) in our files indicates that this system currently serves 492 residential and 16 large users for a total of 508 active service connections.

Deer Creek Water Association – Guide South, ID #AB912G: This water system is fully supplied from the City of Bellingham under an agreement with the Deer Creek Water Association. The capacity of this system is **unspecified**. The water facility information in our files indicates that this system currently serves 87 active residential (including small commercial) service connections. The WSP indicates that some of the existing residential connections near Kline Road may eventually be connected to the main Deer Creek water system (ID #18418E), which will consume some of the available capacity in that system if and when this occurs.



Updated WFI forms reflecting the above will be sent to you. We ask that you review the updated forms and return them to this office within 30 days. We also recommend that you review and update the number of existing connections as well as your commitments for water service at this time.

### **LOCAL GOVERNMENT CONSISTENCY**

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

### **WATER RESOURCES**

This approval does not provide any guarantee and should not be considered to provide any guarantee concerning legal use of water or any subsequent water right decisions by the Department of Ecology.

### **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.

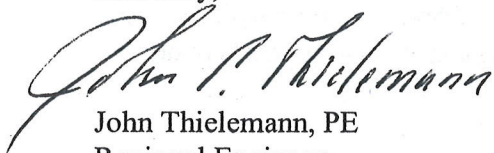
The Deer Creek Water Association has a duty to provide new water service within its retail service area. This WSP includes service policies to describe how your system plans to provide new service within your retail service area.

### **CONSTRUCTION WAIVERS**

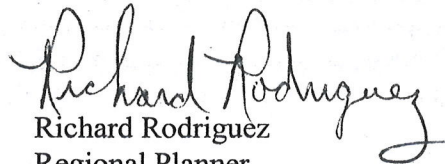
Standard Construction Specifications for distribution main extensions in this WSP are approved. Consistent with WAC 246-290-125(2), this system may proceed with the installation of distribution main extensions provided this system completes and keeps on file the enclosed construction completion report 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.

We recognize the significant effort and resource commitment involved in the preparation of this WSP. Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,



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