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Esteemed Council members;

The attached might provide useful background information on Agenda Item 7. which concerns Recommendation for a Combined Contract for Development of COBI Comprehensive Water and Sewer Plans. **PLEASE USE AS YOU WILL IN YOUR DELIBERATIONS BUT DO NOT FORWARD WITHOUT MY DIRECT APPROVAL.**

Facts are:

That the Water and Sewer Comprehensive Planning each have their own requirements, are regulated by two separate and distinct public agencies (WSDOH for Water and EPA for Sewer) and I find no credible reason to combine these efforts.

The current Comprehensive Water System Plan is valid as it

exists today thru 1/1/2013.

Typically plans are updated every 7 years but that is not technically required. Accommodation for limited update or extension by bilateral compliance agreement with WSDOH is typical and readily available. In fact Kitsap Public Utility District just completed their plan update after a two one-year extensions AND the updated plan was much abbreviated from the previous plan because over the last 5-7 years WSDOH has overwhelmingly agreed to limit the planning requirements to mutually agreed information that is necessary and beneficial to both the individual water utilities and the state. Previously the plans included a lot of superfluous information that no-one ever needed or used.

That the planned update of the Comprehensive Water System Plan will not interfere with City's eligibility for State Safe Drinking Water Act Revolving Fund Grants as long as any project the City plans to seek funding for was already included in the previously approved plan. CONTRARY TO LANCE'S PREVIOUS COMMENTS TO COUNCIL.

In fact, in June 2010 Chuck Krumheuer published a report identifying that 97% of all planned capital improvement projects included in the current Comprehensive Water System Plan are based on consumption and population growth projections that have not materialized therefore there

are no unanticipated or imminent capital project requirements. Accordingly the current plan will be adequate for any planned projects for 2012 thru 2014 if any are in fact deemed necessary.

That the Current update of the Comprehensive Water System Plan is not a condition of the City maintaining its' "green operating permit status". CONTRARY TO LANCE'S PREVIOUS COMMENTS TO COUNCIL.

That WSDOH is more than willing to grant an extension to the 2013 Comprehensive Water System Plan update as long as the City meets with them to establish a formal plan on what is minimally required and when it will be completed. If this was done the plan update due date reasonable be extended to January 2015.

All WSDOH would realistically need to extend the plan would be a set of updated Financial Statements demonstrating that the City Water Utility is currently Financially Viable.

ALTHOUGH SINCE CITY STAFF HAS EVERY REASON TO MAKE WORK FOR THE WATER UTILITY AT THIS TIME IN EFFORT TO INFLUENCE THE FUTURE AND MAINTAIN CONTROL OF THE UTILITY AS LONG AS POSSIBLE, I AM CONFIDENT THEY COULD AND WOULD SEND SIGNALS THAT MORE THAN IS TECHNICALLY NEEDED SHOULD BE DONE . THEY HAVE EVERY

INCENTIVE TO TAKE THIS APPROACH GIVEN THE OPPORTUNITY AND LACK OF OVERSIGHT.

Finally if KPUD were to incorporate the COBI Water Utilities into their system they would likely do so thru a limited addendum to their CWSP at their expense.

For further explanation see the attached.