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Re: Kelso City of Water System, ID #38000, Cowlitz County; Water System Plan, ODW Project #23-0201

Thank you for the opportunity to review the Water System Plan (WSP) for the above water system. Consistent with the Memorandum of Understanding between the Department of Health, Office of Drink Water (ODW) and Department of Ecology (Ecology), I reviewed the relevant portions of the above document and have the following comments:

Chapter 2 – Water System Description – *Table 2.2 Water Rights*, lists incorrect information for several water right documents. The information in this table should what is given on the face of each of each document.

- **SWC 2195** – The annual quantity is lists as 2,172 acre-feet per year (ac-ft/yr). The annual quantity on the face of this certificate is unspecified and should be listed as such.
- **S2-01119 C** - The annual quantity listed should be 2,380 ac-ft/yr as non-additive. This is due to the relationship between SWC 2195 and S2-01119C. Please include a footnote to the table that explains the relationship between SWC 2195 and S2-01119C.



- **S2-29856 P** - See the narrative portion of WSP page 2-2. This permit has a priority date of June 3, 1999, and was issued on December 11, 2001, and later amended on
- November 20, 2019.

The Construction Completion deadline for G2-29813 P is December 23, 2023. The WSP (**CIP No. W8 – Source Evaluation Study**) states that a cost benefit analysis will be completed to determine if “*developing a wellfield on Mill Street property*” is a viable option. If the city decides to continue to pursue development of G2-29813, a permit extension will need to be requested. If developing this wellfield is not viable, this permit should be canceled.

Thank you for the opportunity to review the above document. Please contact me at (360) 280-2983 or matthew.kogle@ecy.wa.gov if you have questions or need additional information.

Sincerely,



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