

SECTION VIII

PLAN ADOPTION

1. INTRODUCTION

The Coordinated Water System Plan (CWSP) was prepared to fulfill the requirements of the Public Water System Coordination Act, Chapter 70.116 RCW, and Procedures Relating to the Reservation of Water for Future Public Water Supply as empowered by the Water Resources Act of 1971, Chapter 90.54 RCW. The completed Plan will serve as a CWSP, as provided for in the two statutes. This Section briefly outlines the approval process for the CWSP, describes how the CWSP is routinely updated, and provides the environmental review.

2. PLAN APPROVAL PROCEDURES

As outlined in Section II, the completed CWSP is presented in two parts: the Supplemental Provisions detailed in this document, and a compilation of individual Comprehensive Water Plans to be approved by the County and Department of Health (DOH). Completed plans are on file with DOH and the County. Appendix B includes reference to completed and approved plans, and may be revised by resolution of the Board of Commissioners to add newly approved plans and updates.

It is the responsibility of each utility to fulfill its water system planning requirements. The level of effort required is based upon the system size, the expansion plans of the utility, and the type of system ownership. Guidelines for preparing water system plans are available from DOH. All individual Comprehensive Water Plans are to be submitted and approved within 1 year after CWSP adoption. Appendix F provides a record of completed service area agreements, which, like Appendix B, can be updated by resolution of the Commissioners.

Preparation of the supplemental provisions is the responsibility of the County and the local utilities, acting through the Water Utility Coordinating Committee (WUCC). The WUCC identified local needs and gave direction to the development of the CWSP as it related to area-wide issues. Through the efforts of the WUCC and the County agency staff, the procedures, regional policies, and minimum standards have been completed for the Critical Water Supply Service Area (CWSSA).

The completed CWSP is submitted in sequence to the Planning, Health, and Engineering Departments and finally to the Board of Commissioners. Each group reviews the document to ensure there are no inconsistencies with existing

regulations or policies. The Board of Commissioners has 60 days upon receipt of the CWSP to act on the document. Once approved, the CWSP is submitted to DOH, which must also act upon adoption within 60 days.

Any changes requested to procedures, service area boundaries, or other issues prior to the 5-year update of the CWSP need to follow the same process for amendment as that outlined above for CWSP approval.

It should be noted that future applications for water rights reservation, if determined later to be appropriate, cannot be submitted until July 1, 1989. This approved CWSP, in combination with data provided by the Ground Water Management Plan (GWMP) studies, can be submitted to the Department of Ecology (Ecology) as the basis for a reservation request. A determination will need to be made then regarding the proper level of environmental review for reservation, i.e. environmental checklist or environmental impact statement.

3. **COORDINATED WATER SYSTEM PLAN UPDATE**

In accordance with the provisions of the Public Water System Coordination Act, the CWSP must be reviewed and updated by the WUCC at a minimum of every 5 years, or sooner, if necessary. It is recommended that all individual water system plans included within the next CWSP update be submitted for review and approval at the same time as the CWSP. A uniform approval date will allow the Regional Supplement for the CWSP and the individual water system plans to be updated on the same schedule, ensuring the use of current information among all the utilities.

4. **PERIODIC COMMITTEE REVIEW**

The WUCC should continue as a standing committee which should meet at least semi-annually to review issues of regional significance and to review implementation issues regarding the CWSP. The Design Standards Subcommittee should meet at least annually to review the effectiveness of and any changes needed to the Minimum Design Standards.

5. **ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENT**

The State Environmental Policy Act of 1971, Chapter 43.21C RCW, requires that all water system plans prepared must be accompanied by an appropriate environmental document. An Environmental Checklist has been prepared for the Island County CWSP and its recommended activities.

The CWSP has been prepared to establish administrative, management, and policy procedures to respond to the needs of existing and future customers in Island County. It is intended to address regional concerns within the County which are not ordinarily included in each utility's water system plan. Examples

of those regional issues are: potential shared facilities, regional sources of supply, procedures for reviewing and approving future water use activities, minimum design standards, designated water utility service areas, and water utility management policies.

The CWSP has been developed in accordance with the Island County Comprehensive Land Use Plan, local community plans, and City land use document to reflect local land use policies and requirements.

It is recommended that before the CWSP has been adopted by the County, a final environmental determination be made. This final determination should be attached or incorporated within the CWSP for submittal to the Board of Commissioners and to DOH for approval.

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF ISLAND COUNTY, WASHINGTON**

IN THE MATTER OF DELEGATING AUTHORITY)
TO THE ISLAND COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT)
TO REVIEW AND APPROVE "GROUP B" WATER) RESOLUTION PLG-004-97
SYSTEM BOUNDARIES INTO THE COORDINATED)
WATER SYSTEM PLAN)

WHEREAS, The Island County Coordinated Water System Plan requires that the Planning Department bring new and revised water systems which are to be incorporated into the Coordinated Water System Plan to the Board of County Commissioners for approval; and

WHEREAS, RCW 76.19.070 was amended in 1995 to expand the water system boundary review process to provide that the county legislative authority may delegate approval authority to the County Planning Department or other designated agency; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners has determined the review and approval of Group B water system boundaries should be delegated to the Island county Health Department except in the case of an appeal of a Health Department decision regarding review and approval of Group B Water System boundaries or requests for reduction in service area; and

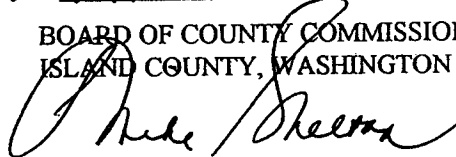
WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners has determined Group A water system boundaries shall continue to be reviewed and approved by the county legislative authority; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners has determined that appeals of Health Department decision(s) regarding review and approval of Group B Water System boundaries shall be made to and considered by the County Legislative authority; **NOW THEREFORE**,

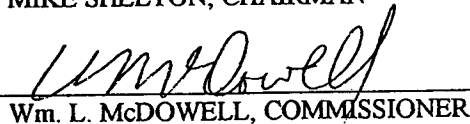
BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the Board of Island County Commissioners that the Island County Health Department shall review and approve Group B water system boundaries except in the case of an appeal of a Health Department decision regarding review and approval of a Group B Water System and/or requests for reduction of existing Service Areas.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 3rd day of March, 1997.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF
ISLAND COUNTY, WASHINGTON

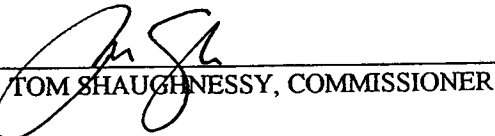


MIKE SHELTON, CHAIRMAN



Wm. L. McDOWELL, COMMISSIONER

ATTEST:


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& Ex-Officio Clerk of the Board
TOM SHAUGHNESSY, COMMISSIONER