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Linda Bremer, Director  
Washington State Department of General Administration  
PO Box 41000  
Olympia, WA 98504-1000

Re: Capitol Lake Adaptive Management Plan Comments

Dear Ms. Bremer:

The City of Olympia appreciates the opportunity to be involved in the State's decision about the future of Capitol Lake and the Deschutes River Estuary. As you know, the City has been participating in this work at the Council and staff level for several years. As we have absorbed the information and options throughout the Steering Committee process, we have come to appreciate how complex and interdependent this issue is for the State and other affected interests.

At our June 16, 2009 Olympia City Council meeting we provided direction to our CLAMP representative, Councilmember Joe Hyer, regarding the City of Olympia's interests and issues related to Capitol Lake and the Deschutes River Estuary. The City has created an informational matrix, which articulates the issues and interests of a wide variety of Olympia constituents having to do with your decision. For Olympia, the key to success of any course of action is your plan for and commitment to implementation.

More specifically, we strongly recommend that the State put in place a reliable, financially supported, and thorough implementation plan as you move forward with any of the options. The City of Olympia believes that the most important elements of your decision should include improved sediment management, improved water quality, and improved social and economic conditions. Furthermore, the City urges the State to use the framework that we have provided to help identify the best way to implement a plan and to make sure that it is executed completely. This must include a long term financial commitment to achieve the outcomes listed above.

It is clear that comprehensive, successful, and responsible implementation of the mitigations associated with a preferred option will best serve the community and the State.

Councilmember Hyer will be forwarding our issues and interests to the next CLAMP Steering Committee. We thank you again for allowing our participation.

Sincerely,

Doug Mah  
Mayor



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