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To: East Bellevue Community Council

From: Don McQuilliams, Utilities Operations Manager – Regulatory Compliance

Subject: 2020 Draft Stormwater Management Program (SWMP) Update

At the Environmental Services Commission's (ESC) February 6 meeting, an overview of the City's Stormwater Management Program (SWMP) Plan was presented and comments were requested by the ESC and the public that was in attendance. The SWMP is a requirement of the City National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit that authorizes the City to discharge stormwater to waters of the state, our local streams and lakes.

Following the ESC meeting, EBCC Chair Betsi Hummer requested that staff bring the same or similar presentation to the EBCC.

As requested, staff will present the Draft 2020 SWMP Plan as well as identifying changes within the 2019-2024 NPDES permit that will affect the Utility into the future and our management strategies around these changes.

Following the presentation, staff will be inviting comments from the EBCC on the Draft SWMP.

Background

The City of Bellevue operates the Storm and Surface Water System under the NPDES Phase II Municipal Permit. This permit allows for the discharge of stormwater to 'waters of the state' (lakes and streams within Bellevue). Annually, staff are required to update the SWMP Plan and to invite public participation to comment on the Draft SWMP.

In August of 2019, the Department of Ecology issued a new Phase II permit for Western Washington introducing several new requirements within the 2019-2024 Phase II Permit. At the ESC meeting in February of 2019, some of these proposed changes were previewed.
