



# City of Kelso

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Bill Moore  
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RE: Letter of Support for Regional Monitoring in Southwest Washington

Dear Mr. Moore:

The City of Kelso supports ongoing work with other southwest Washington Phase II Municipal Stormwater NPDES Permittees and Clark County to investigate developing a regional approach for monitoring surface waters influenced by urban stormwater.

A proposal is being developed by the permittees and Clark County that would consider Southwest Washington's varied conditions and differences from other parts of western Washington, yet be compatible with the Stormwater Workgroup (SWG) strategy for the Puget Sound area.

We appreciate Ecology's spirit of cooperation with local agencies and willingness to consider regional approaches while formulating regulatory criteria for water quality monitoring in the next permit. We look forward to continued cooperation with Ecology to protect surface water in a way that is both affordable and effective for all permittees. Feel free to contact Van McKay at 360-423-6590 if wish to discuss this further.

Sincerely,

Dennis Richards,  
City Manager

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cc. Karen Dinicola, Ecology, Stormwater Work Group Liaison  
Van McKay, PE, City of Kelso