November 25, 2013

Councilmember Dembowski
King County Council
516 Third Ave, Room 1200
Seattle, WA 98104

RE: Name Change from Shoreline Water District to North City Water District

Dear Councilmember Dembowski:

At a meeting of the Shoreline Water District Board of Commissioners on September 3\textsuperscript{rd}, 2013, the Board adopted resolution 2013.09.36 to change the name of Shoreline Water District to North City Water District. Copies of the meeting minutes and signed resolution are enclosed.

In accordance with RCW 57.04.065, the District is asking the name change be approved by the King County Council to become effective January 1, 2014. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Diane Pottinger, PE
District Manager

Cc: Council Chair Larry Gossett
Clerk of the King County Council
Shoreline Water District Board of Commissioners
Background

1. Shoreline Water District (the "District") was created by vote of the people in 1933 under the name of King County Water District No. 42. At the time of its creation, the District was located in unincorporated King County.

2. In 1961, the City of Lake Forest Park was incorporated in the easternmost portion of the District. The District continued to serve customers in both Lake Forest Park and unincorporated King County.

3. Because of its name, over the years, many people had the mistaken impression that the District was affiliated with, or a division of, King County. Therefore, in 1991, the District was renamed from King County Water District No. 42 to Shoreline Water District. The name “Shoreline” was chosen because that term was commonly used to generally describe the area north of the City of Seattle and south of the King-Snohomish County line.

4. When the District’s name was changed to Shoreline Water District in 1991, the City of Shoreline did not exist. In 1995, four years after the District changed its name to Shoreline Water District, the unincorporated area of King County north of the City of Seattle was incorporated as the City of Shoreline. Since that time, the District provided service to customers in both cities of Lake Forest Park and Shoreline.

5. Since incorporation of the City of Shoreline, the use of the word “Shoreline” in the District’s name has created confusion because many people mistakenly believed that the District is affiliated with, or a division of, the City of Shoreline. Also, many District customers living in the City of Lake Forest Park developed the mistaken impression that the District was now part of the new City of Shoreline. Citizens, vendors, consultants, and other governments all regularly contact the City of Shoreline concerning Shoreline Water District matters about which the City of Shoreline has no control, and vice versa.

6. The District currently serves approximately 6000 accounts within the City of Shoreline, and approximately 2200 accounts within the City of Lake Forest Park.

7. The remaining (western) portion of the City of Shoreline not served by the District receives water service from City of Seattle Public Utilities ("SPU"). The remaining (generally eastern) portion of the City of Lake Forest Park not served by the District receives water service from one of three other water purveyors, SPU, Northshore Utility District, or Lake Forest Park Water District. The existence of multiple water providers within the cities of Shoreline and Lake Forest Park has contributed to the confusion citizens have about the District’s location and service area, and the District's existence as a separate and distinct local government entity. This confusion has been apparent as many of District customers and other residents in the City of Shoreline incorrectly believe that the District will be buying the SPU water system in the western part of the City of Shoreline following the passage of a ballot measure in 2012.
8. Much of the District’s service area is within the boundaries of a community unofficially known as “North City.” The District’s administrative headquarters and maintenance facilities have been located in North City for decades, and thus the District’s customers know that the District has an historical relationship with North City. Thus, the words "North City" most closely and unambiguously identifies the location of the District.

9. RCW 57.04.065, establishes a procedure by which a water district may change its name. The statute requires approval of the name change first by the District Board of Commissioners and then by the King County Council.

Action

IT IS RESOLVED THAT:

10. The Board of Commissioners elects to rename the District from “Shoreline Water District” to “North City Water District.”

11. The District Manager is directed to apply to the King County Council to change the District’s name to "North City Water District."

12. If the King County Council approves the name change, the District Manager is directed to use up existing stocks of stationery, and other papers bearing the Shoreline Water District name and logo, and to keep the cost of changing the District’s name to a minimum.

ADOPTED by the Board of Commissioners of Shoreline Water District at a regular open public meeting this 3rd day of September, 2013.

ATTEST:

Larry Schoonmaker, President

Charlotte Haines, Vice President

Andrew Maron, District Attorney

Ron Ricker, Secretary