

TO: Members of the WRIA 15 Watershed Restoration and Enhancement Committee

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SUBJECT: Proposal for *Ex Officio* Membership on the WRIA 15 Watershed Restoration and Enhancement Committee

Introduction: Who is your organization or government? What is your mission?

Washington Water Service is one of several wholly owned subsidiaries held by California Water Service Group (The Group). The Group is comprised of California Water Service, Washington Water Service, New Mexico Water Service, Hawaii Water Service, HWS Utility Service and CWS Utility Services. These companies provide regulated and non-regulated water and wastewater utility services to more than 2 million families and businesses in four western states.

Our mission: to be the leading provider of water and wastewater services.

Our purpose: to enhance the quality of life for our customers, communities, employees and stockholders.

Our promise: Quality. Service. Value.

Relationship to the Watershed: What are some examples of your organization or government's past/ongoing work in the watershed?

Washington Water Service provides service to roughly 18,000 connections by operating approximately 350 potable groundwater wells throughout 7 counties of western Washington. Companywide, there is approximately a total of 450 miles of distribution piping. Our capital improvement program continually maintains and replaces assets including but not limited to: booster pumping station, groundwater wells, distribution pipelines, storage tanks and treatment facilities.

Interest in the Committee and the Watershed Restoration and Enhancement Plan: Why the process is relevant to your organization or government? Why is your organization or government interested in being involved in this planning process?

In 2003, the Washington State Legislature passed Engrossed Second Substitute House Bill (ESSHB) 1338 or better known as the Municipal Water Law (MWL). The MWL goal is for municipal water suppliers to use water more efficiently in exchange for certain Water Right flexibilities. Out of the MWL came the Water Use Efficiency (WUE) Program. The goal of the WUE Program is for the utility to continue being a

good steward of the state's water resources. This will contribute to long-term water supply reliability to meet current and future needs. Washington Water Service strives to be a member, partner or participant in a number of associations that promote and share efforts to enhance water resource tracking and stewardship.

Benefit to the Committee: How do you think your organization can help the Committee reach its goals? What specific skills, knowledge, or connections can you offer?

Washington Water Service provides a range of services, including meter reading, billing, customer service, water quality monitoring, and full water system engineering and operations. Our range of professional expertise will be utilized to assist the committee to reach its goals.