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January 28, 2026

Kyle Amoroso
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Tacoma, WA 98411-0007

Email: KAmaroso@tacoma.gov

Re: Extension of Temporary Use of Water Permit No. G2-30865

Dear Kyle Amoroso:

Your e-mail request dated January 14, 2026, for an extension of the temporary use of groundwater to supply water for current and project future demands at the City's Central Wastewater Treatment Plant (CTP) is **APPROVED** as follows:

Purpose: The CTP's existing groundwater certificate – 3999-A – authorizes an instantaneous quantity (Qi) of 350 gpm and an annual quantity (Qa) of 560 acre-ft per year. The CTP's current demand is 1,000 gpm and 840 acre-feet per year.

The objective of water right application G2-30865 is for the City of Tacoma to maintain compliance with Washington State Water law and to reduce the CTP's reliance on potable water purchases from Tacoma Water by increasing authorized groundwater withdrawals at the facility.

To allow the City to satisfy current demand from its existing well, a temporary permit for an additional Qi and Qa during the period while application G2-30865 is drafted, reviewed and processed is authorized.

Duration: Effective April 1, 2026, on an "as-needed" basis, until April 1, 2028.

Instantaneous Withdrawal Rate (Qi): 650 gallons per minute (gpm)

Annual Withdrawal Amount (Qa): 280 acre-feet per year (AFY)

Project Location: The well is located on the property of the City of Tacoma's CTP on the west side of the Puyallup River about 250 feet inland from the edge of the Puyallup River at approximately River Mile (RM) 1.5.

Legal: The Point of Withdrawal (POW): the POD is Well 1, which is located on Pierce County Parcel 4715010060, at coordinates 47.247100 N, 122.412549 W, within Section 3, Township 20 North, Range 3 East of the Willamette Meridian.

The Place of Use (POU) is the CTP facility, located at 2201 East Portland Avenue in the Tacoma Tideflats area adjacent to the Puyallup River. The CTP facility covers all or current portions of Pierce Country parcels:

0320033031, 0320034064, 4715010020, 4715010030, 4715010060, 4715010110, 4715010151, 4715010170, 4715010210, and 8950000330.

Source: Unit E Aquifer of the Puyallup Valley Alluvial Aquifer. Well #1 is completed to a depth of 534 feet below ground surface (bgs) with a 12-inch diameter casing. This well was constructed in April 1960. Static water level is at a depth of 11 feet bgs. Well #1 was pump tested for a period of 48 hours with 40 feet of drawdown at 1,000 gpm.

Water System Description: Water from Well #1 is pumped into a water tank on the CTP property. This water tank has a capacity of 520,000 gallons. From the water tank, water is distributed to the facility for various processes including cooling water, process water, chlorinator injectors, sprays, general washdown, and garden irrigation.

For this Project, the Property Owner is:

The City of Tacoma – Central Wastewater Treatment Plant

2201 East Portland Avenue

Tacoma, WA 98411

Contact:

Ben Lee

Landau Associates, Inc.

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Tacoma, WA 98402

Contact information

Please direct all questions about this letter to:

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Staff Hydrogeologist-Permit Writer
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Your right to appeal

You have a right to appeal this decision to the Pollution Control Hearings Board (PCHB) within 30 days of the date of receipt. The appeal process is governed by chapter 43.21B RCW and chapter 371-08 WAC. "Date of receipt" is defined in RCW 43.21B.001(2).

To appeal, you must do all of the following within 30 days of the date of receipt of this decision:

- File your notice of appeal and a copy of this decision with the PCHB (see filing information below). "Filing" means actual receipt by the PCHB during regular business hours as defined in WAC 371-08-305 and -335. "Notice of appeal" is defined in WAC 371-08-340.
- Serve a copy of your notice of appeal and this decision on the Department of Ecology by mail, in person, or by email (see addresses below).

You must also comply with other applicable requirements in chapter 43.21B RCW and chapter 371-08 WAC.

Filing an appeal

Filing with the PCHB

For the most current information regarding filing with the PCHB, visit: <https://elaho.wa.gov/> or call: 360-664-9160.

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More information

- **Pollution Control Hearings Board Website**
<https://elaho.wa.gov/>
- **Chapter 43.21B RCW – Environmental Hearings Office – Pollution Control Hearings Board**
<http://apps.leg.wa.gov/RCW/default.aspx?cite=43.21B>
- **Chapter 371-08 WAC – Practice And Procedure**
<http://apps.leg.wa.gov/WAC/default.aspx?cite=371-08>
- **Chapter 34.05 RCW – Administrative Procedure Act**
<http://apps.leg.wa.gov/RCW/default.aspx?cite=34.05>
- **Ecology’s Laws, Rules & Rulemaking**
<https://www.ecology.wa.gov/About-us/How-we-operate/Laws-rules-rulemaking#ws>

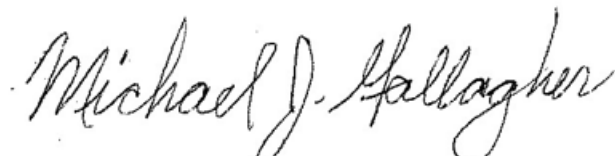
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Signature

Sincerely,



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SWRO Water Resources

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