



July 29, 2015

✓ Steve Van Valkenburg, Chair, Stillaguamish River Clean Water District Advisory Board  
Dale Shelton, Vice Chair, Stillaguamish River Clean Water District Advisory Board  
c/o Snohomish County Public Works  
Surface Water Management  
3000 Rockefeller Avenue  
Everett, WA 98201

Dear Chairs Van Valkenburg and Shelton:

The Snohomish Health District (SHD) received your letter of 29 June 2015 and is committed to furthering the partnership between SHD, the Clean Water District, and Snohomish County Surface Water Management (SWM). SHD staff are already meeting with SWM to develop a scope of work that addresses the recommendations and considerations of the 2016 work plan. We intend to incorporate that work plan and the associated proposed funding in our 2016 budget, which we are starting to develop.

The proposed resources from SWM can fund a staff position dedicated to water quality work in the Stillaguamish basin as well as other Snohomish County Watershed Management areas. We also intend to resume SHD representation on the Clean Water District Board to support your valued water quality endeavors. Multi-agency cooperation is high on our agenda as we move forward with continued refinements of our foundational public health services, including emphasis on community capacity building through partnerships and collaboration.

SHD values the SWM's Pollution Identification and Correction (PIC) program and the Puget Sound Partnership's Snohomish-Stillaguamish Local Integrating Organization (LIO). With the proposed dedicated and sustained resources, SHD will be positioned to resume our role in these efforts. We intend to have further details regarding the Scope of Work, SHD's 2016 work plan, and resourcing of these efforts in the coming months and will routinely update you as to our progress.

We appreciate your leadership and support in enhancing SHD's role regarding water quality in Snohomish County and look forward to furthering our partnership with your Board and the water quality partners you represent.

Sincerely,

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Director & Health Officer

cc: Greg Farris, Interim Co-Director of SWM  
Karen Kerwin, Interim Co-Director of SWM  
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