BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF
SPokane COUNTY, WASHingleTON

IN THE MATTER OF ADOPTING THE 2014 )
COMPREHENSIVE WASTEWATER )
MANAGEMENT PLAN (CWMP) AS AN )
ELEMENT OF SPOKANE COUNTY’S )
GENERALIZED COMPREHENSIVE PLAN )

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, pursuant to the provisions of RCW 36.32.120(6) the Board of County Commissioners of Spokane County, Washington, (hereinafter the "Board") has the care of County property and the management of County funds and business; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the provisions of RCW 36.94.030, whenever the county legislative authority deems it advisable and necessary for the public health and welfare of the inhabitants of the county to establish, purchase, acquire, and construct a system of sewerage and/or water, the board shall adopt a sewerage and/or water general plan for a system of sewerage and/or water for all or a portion of the county as deemed necessary by the Board; and

WHEREAS, consistent with the provisions of chapter 36.70, chapter 36.70A and chapter 36.94 RCW, the Board in 2001 adopted a Comprehensive Wastewater Management Plan (2001 CWMP) as an element of the County's Comprehensive Plan; and

WHEREAS, the County’s wastewater management program has made significant strides since the adoption of the 2001 CWMP to include the elimination of many septic tanks within its service area as part of the Septic Tank Elimination Program, which is substantially complete as of the end of 2014; and

WHEREAS, the County has prepared the 2014 CWMP. The 2014 CWMP provides updates to County sewer plans and policies, evaluates regional approaches to wastewater management, and provides a basis for the coordination of wastewater management with other County efforts; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the provisions of RCW 36.70, the Board has created a Planning Commission (hereinafter the "Commission"); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the provisions of RCW 36.70.380, the Commission held a public hearing on February 26, 2015, to consider the 2014 CWMP, including the Determination of Non-Significance, as an element of the Comprehensive Plan; and

WHEREAS, after reviewing the 2014 CWMP and consideration of all public testimony, the Commission executed a Findings of Fact and Recommendation, on February 26, 2015, which recommended that the Board, in the best interests of Spokane County and its citizens, adopt the 2014 CWMP as an element of the Comprehensive Plan; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the provisions of RCW 36.94.050, a County Services Act Review Committee (CSARC) was formed to review, consider and make a recommendation to the Board relative to the adoption of the 2014 CWMP; and

WHEREAS, after reviewing the 2014 CWMP the CSARC prepared a Recommendation, dated March 17, 2015, to the Board wherein the CSARC members recommended adoption of the 2014 CWMP as an element of the Comprehensive Plan; and
WHEREAS, pursuant to the provisions of RCW 36.94.080, the Board held a public hearing on April 21, 2015, at 5:30 p.m., in the Assembly Room of the Board of County Commissioners of Spokane County; and

WHEREAS, after considering all public testimony submitted at said public hearing, the Determination of Non-Significance for the 2014 CWMP, the 2014 CWMP in and of itself, the Spokane County Planning Commission's Findings of Fact and Recommendation and the County Services Act Review Committee's Recommendation, the Board feels that the best interest of the public, the public health and welfare of the inhabitants of Spokane County as well as the physical, orderly development of Spokane County will be best served by the adoption of the 2014 Comprehensive Wastewater Management Plan as a Sewerage General Plan and as an element of the Spokane County Comprehensive Plan.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Spokane County, pursuant to the provisions of RCW 36.70.440 and 36.94.090, that the Board does hereby adopt the "Spokane County 2014 Comprehensive Wastewater Management Plan", subject to the approval of the document by the Department of Ecology. A copy of the 2014 CWMP is attached as Attachment "A" and incorporated herein by reference, as a Sewerage General Plan and as an element of the Spokane County Generalized Comprehensive Plan.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Spokane County that all agencies using the Spokane County Comprehensive Plan as well as the 2014 Comprehensive Wastewater Management Plan in their decision making process are directed to coordinate both documents using the most restrictive goals, objectives, and decision guidelines and directives between the two documents.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Spokane County that in adopting the 2014 CWMP as an element of the Spokane County Generalized Comprehensive Plan, the following findings of fact are hereby made:

1. That pursuant to RCW 36.94 and 36.70, the Board of County Commissioners of Spokane County has the legal authority to adopt a Sewerage General Plan.

2. That pursuant to chapter 43.21C RCW and WAC regulations promulgated thereunder, the Determination of Non-Significance, as prepared for the 2014 CWMP, is adequate and that the Spokane County responsible official circulated and advertised such in accordance with Spokane County Code Chapter 11.

3. That the Spokane County Planning Commission, after the appropriate legal notice of public hearing, executed a Findings of Fact and Recommendation on February 26, 2015, recommending that the Board adopt the 2014 CWMP as an element of the Spokane County Comprehensive Plan. A copy of the Findings of Fact and Recommendation is attached as Attachment “B” and incorporated herein by reference.

4. That the County Services Act Review Committee members executed a Recommendation dated March 17, 2015, recommending adoption of the 2014 CWMP as an element of the Spokane County Comprehensive Plan.

5. That the Board held a public hearing as required by law on April 21, 2015, regarding the adoption of the 2014 CWMP.

6. That the adoption of the 2014 CWMP is in the best interest of the public health and welfare of the citizens of Spokane County and conforms to the current Urban Growth Area boundaries, land use
policies and population projections in accordance with the Spokane County Comprehensive Plan and the Growth Management Act.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 21st day of April 2015.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF SPOKANE COUNTY, WASHINGTON

TODD MIELKE, CHAIR

SHELLY O'QUINN, VICE-CHAIR

ATTEST:

Ginna Vasquez, Interim Clerk of the Board

AL FRENCH, COMMISSIONER
ATTACHMENT “B”

(Planning Commission Findings of Fact and Recommendation)
BEFORE THE SPOKANE COUNTY
PLANNING COMMISSION

A RECOMMENDATION TO THE BOARD OF COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS IN THE MATTER OF ADOPTING THE
SPOKANE COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE WASTEWATER
MANAGEMENT PLAN

) FINDINGS OF FACT
) AND
) RECOMMENDATION

WHEREAS, pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 36.70 RCW, the Board of County Commissioners of Spokane County, Washington, hereinafter referred to as the "Board," has created a Planning Commission, hereinafter referred to as the "Commission"; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the provisions of Chapters 36.70 and 36.70A RCW the Commission may make recommendations concerning the adoption of comprehensive plans and official controls that implement comprehensive plans; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the provisions of Chapters 36.70 and 36.70A RCW, the Board may adopt a comprehensive plan for the unincorporated areas of Spokane County and may amend the same; and

WHEREAS, Policy CF.7.1 of the Spokane County Comprehensive Plan identifies the Comprehensive Wastewater Management Plan as a part of the Comprehensive Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Spokane County Utilities Division initiated preparation of the 2014 Comprehensive Wastewater Management Plan (CWMP) and said request is included herein as Attachment 'A'; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) and WAC 197-11, a Determination of Nonsignificance (DNS) was issued on February 16, 2015 for the proposed amendment; and

WHEREAS, after providing at least fifteen (15) days notice, the Commission held a public hearing on February 26, 2015 to consider the proposed 2014 CWMP for Spokane County; and

WHEREAS, Commission members present at the February 26, 2015 Commission hearing included Stephen Pohl, Joyce McNamee, Alene Lindstrand, Stanley Stirling and Mike Cummings; and

WHEREAS, at the February 26, 2015 public hearing before the Commission no comments were received in either favor or opposition to the proposed amendment; and

WHEREAS, after considering all public testimony received at the public hearing, as well as recognizing compliance with State Environmental Policy Act procedures, the Commission deliberated on the proposed amendment on February 26, 2015; and

WHEREAS, following discussion and deliberation the Commission voted 5-0 to approve the proposed 2014 CWMP on February 26, 2015; and as included herein as Attachment 'A'; and

WHEREAS, the Commission finds that the best interests of the public as well as its health, safety and welfare, will be met by adoption of the Commission's recommended 2014 CWMP included in Attachment 'A';
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Commission that, in making the hereinabove recommendation, the Commission does hereby enter the following Findings of Fact:

#1
Pursuant to the provisions of RCW Chapter 36.70 and 36.70A, the Commission has the legal authority to recommend changes to the Comprehensive Wastewater Management Plan for Spokane County.

#2
A Legal notice for the public hearing was published in the Legal Notice section of the Spokesman Review on January 23, 2015.

#3
The Commission considered public testimony related to the proposed amendment.

#4
The Commission considered relevant Comprehensive Plan goals and policies.

#5
Pursuant to the State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) and WAC 197-11, a Determination of Nonsignificance (DNS) was issued on February 16, 2015 for the proposed amendment; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Commission that it hereby recommends to the Board adoption of the proposed 2014 CWMP as included as Attachment ‘A’.

ADOPTED this 1st day of March, 2015

SPOKANE COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION

Stephen Pohl, Chair

Stanley Stirling

Alene Lindstrand

Joyce McNamee

Mike Cummings

ABSENT

Pete Rayner

ATTEST: John Pederson, Planning Director
Department of Building and Planning
AGENDA SHEET

SUBMITTING DEPARTMENT: Division of Utilities

CONTACT PERSON: Kevin R. Cooke, P.E.

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CHECK TYPE OF MEETING ITEM BELOW:

9:00 AM CEO MEETING: □

2:00 PM CONSENT AGENDA:
   BY LEAVE: □

5:30 PM LEGISLATIVE SESSION: X
   BY LEAVE: □

SPECIAL SESSION: □

BELOW FOR CLERK'S USE ONLY:

Clerk's Resolution No. 2015-0328
Approved: Majority/Unanimous
Denied: Majority/Unanimous
Renews/Amends No.
Public Works No.
Purchasing Dept. No.

AGENDA TITLE: In the matter of considering approval of the Spokane County 2014 Comprehensive Wastewater Management Plan (CWMP)

BACKGROUND: April 21, 2015 was set as the date for the Public Hearing before the Board of County Commissioners relative to the adoption of the Comprehensive Wastewater Management (CWMP), an element of the Spokane County Comprehensive Plan.

The 2014 CWMP reflects an update of County sewer planning, policies, and coordination with other County efforts, including evaluation of regional wastewater management considerations.

RECOMMENDATION: Attached is the 2014 CWMP and proposed resolution of adoption, submitted for your review and consideration.

SIGNATURES:

Kevin R. Cooke, P.E.
Utilities Director

DISTRIBUTION AFTER COMMISSIONER ACTION: Utilities

☐ This item will need to be codified in the Spokane County Code.