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LISA H. FREUND – Director

March 22, 2019

Department of Ecology Central Regional Office
David Bowen
1250 West Alder Street
Union Gap, WA 98903

Re: Lower Yakima Valley Groundwater Management Program

Dear David Bowen:

Yakima County submits the following comments for the Lower Yakima Valley Groundwater Management Program (Program).

Yakima County cannot accept the designation of lead agency for the Program as suggested in the recommended actions.

Please find attached the previously submitted letter to Ecology from the Board of County Commissioners regarding this item.

Sincerely,

Lisa Freund, Director
Yakima County Public Services

cc: Board of Yakima County Commissioners
Director Sage Park, Department of Ecology

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Director Sage Park
1250 West Alder Street
Union Gap, WA 98903

Re: Lower Yakima Valley Groundwater Management Program – Lead Agency Designation

Dear Director Park:

After considerable thought, we have concluded that Yakima County cannot accept the designation of lead agency for the Lower Yakima Valley Groundwater Management Program (Program) as suggested in the Program recommended actions. We appreciate the opportunity and confidence bestowed by the GWAC in recommending that Yakima County serve as lead during the implementation phase. However, Yakima County lacks the necessary resources to implement the health and environmental actions recommended to the lead agency of the Program.

Please be assured that Yakima County will continue to serve as lead agency for the Program through the adoption process. We remain committed to the GWMA Program's implementation and will support the lead agency ultimately selected.

Sincerely,

Michael D. Leita, Chairman
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cc: David Bowen, Department of Ecology