

Connected Community Enhanced Livability Environmental Sustainability

May 5, 2021

Laurie Morgan Washington State Department of Ecology PO Box 47600 Olympia, WA 98504-7600

Re: Comments on Draft Critical Aquifer Recharge Area Guidance

Dear Ms. Morgan:

This letter is in response to the request for comments on the draft Critical Aquifer Recharge Area guidance. The City of Redmond appreciates your consideration of our comments. The comments are included in an Excel file as a separate attachment. The City is committed to protection of our CARA, as our aquifer is shallow and unconfined and provides 40% of Redmond's drinking water.

Additionally, the City recognizes and appreciates that Ecology incorporated many of our suggestions from the 2018 request for comments into this draft guidance.

If you would like clarification on any of the comments the City has submitted, please reach out to Jessica Atlakson, City of Redmond Environmental Geologist, at jatlakson@redmond.gov or 425-556-2874.

Sincerely,

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Steve Hitch, PE Engineering Manager City of Redmond