



November 15, 2020

Mary Verner, Program Manager
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Dear Ms. Verner,

Thank you for the opportunity to review and comment on the document titled, *Water Trust, Banking, and Transfers in Washington State: Findings and Recommendations Informed by Ecology's Advisory Group on Water Trust, Banking, and Transfers* (October 2020).

Based on my professional experience as a project manager for Washington Water Trust and now as a neutral water market operator, I largely support the findings and recommendations set forth in this document. Further, as an active participant in the Advisory Group on Water Trust, Banking, and Transfers, I feel confident this document reflects the deep concerns and expert opinions shared and discussed during the six public advisory group meetings.

I'm encouraged by the Legislature's and Ecology's swift and thoughtful response to these sensitive and complex matters. And I especially want to commend Carrie Sessions and Dave Christensen for their outstanding work in facilitating the advisory group meetings and for producing such a thorough document. I'm hopeful we will do better for our water resources and communities because of your collective leadership.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Kristina Ribellia", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Kristina Ribellia
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