

**CLARK COUNTY  
STAFF REPORT**

**DEPARTMENT/DIVISION:** Environmental Services / Policy and Planning / Clean Water Program

**DATE:** October 29, 2013

**REQUEST:** Authorize the Environmental Services Director, pursuant to permit General Condition G19, to certify formal submittals required to comply with the 2013-2018 Clark County NPDES municipal stormwater permit issued by the Washington Department of Ecology.

**CHECK ONE:**                      Hearing     **X**     Consent                      Chief Administrative Officer

**BACKGROUND:** The phase I NPDES municipal stormwater permit requires Clark County to submit numerous pieces of information notifications to Ecology, such as selecting from monitoring program options and selecting watersheds for planning. Permit requirement G19 requires: "All formal submittals required by this Permit shall be signed by either a principal executive officer or ranking elected official...or by a duly authorized representative of that person. A person is a duly authorized representative only if: 1. The authorization is made in writing by (the principal executive officer or ranking elected official) and submitted to Ecology, and 2. The authorization specifies either an individual or a position having responsibility for the overall development and implementation of the stormwater management program." Board approval of submittals requires significant time and effort by staff and the Board. Delegation of certification authority will reduce the number of submittals brought to the Board for approval. Authorization to certify submittals is limited to the current permit term, which is from August 2013 to July 2018.

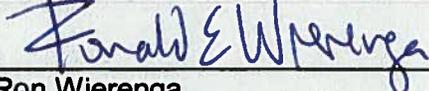
**COMMUNITY OUTREACH:** Permit required submittals such as the annual Stormwater Management Plan and code and manual revisions are subject to public outreach efforts.

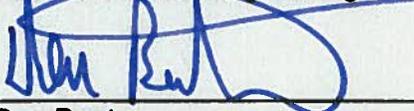
**BUDGET AND POLICY IMPLICATIONS:** The certification authorization does not create expenses and will reduce staff time preparing submittals to the Board. This action does not change the Board's authority to direct county policy on implementation of the stormwater permit and may be rescinded at the Board's discretion.

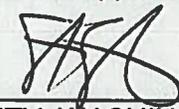
**FISCAL IMPACTS:**  Yes (see Fiscal Impacts Attachment)  No

**ACTION REQUESTED:** Authorize the Environmental Services Director, pursuant to permit General Condition G19, to certify formal submittals required to comply with the 2013-2018 Clark County NPDES municipal stormwater permit issued by the Washington Department of Ecology.

**DISTRIBUTION:** Please return original copies of the signed agreement and the approved staff report to Environmental Services Administration.

  
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Ron Wierenga  
Resource and Policy Manager

  
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Don Benton.  
Environmental Services Director

APPROVED:   
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CLARK COUNTY, WASHINGTON  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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