March 30, 2019

Ms. Karla Kluge  
City of Tacoma  
Planning and Development Services Department  
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Tacoma, WA 98402

RE: I-5 M Street to Portland Avenue HOV and  
I-5 Portland Avenue to Port of Tacoma Road – SW Outfall  
(Clear Creek Riverside) Mitigation Site  
City of Tacoma Permits: WET2013-40000196124 and WET2010-40000143246

Dear Ms. Karla Kluge:

The Washington State Department of Transportation completed qualitative monitoring of the 005 Clear Creek Riverside mitigation site on August 15, 2018, to address Year 10 (2022) performance standards. Monitoring activities included vegetation observations and photo documentation. This Year 6 report is being issued for compliance with the reporting requirements of the Critical Areas Permit – City of Tacoma Permit Numbers: WET2013-40000196124 and WET2010-40000143246.

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1 Impact number sourced from March 2018 Olympic Region Mitigation Accounting Framework.  
2 Mitigation numbers sourced from WSDOT 2013.
Site development:

This site has developed well and is meeting all final-year (Year 10) vegetation performance standards in Year 6. Cover of native species is high and cover of invasive species is low.
Results for Performance Standard 1
(70% cover native woody species in the wetland shrub-forest community):

Cover of native woody species in the wetland is estimated at 95 percent (Photo 1). This exceeds the final-year performance standard target.

Results for Performance Standard 2
(50% cover native woody species in the upland shrub-forest community):

Cover of native woody species in the upland is estimated at 65 percent (Photo 2). This exceeds the final-year performance standard target.

Results for Performance Standard 3
(No Class A weeds or Class B weeds designated for control across the site):

No Washington State-listed or county-listed Class A weeds or Class B weeds designated for control observed at the time of monitoring.

Results for Performance Standard 4
(Less than 25% cover non-native blackberries, purple loosestrife, Scotch broom, and thistles in the re-established and rehabilitated/enhanced wetlands, and enhanced uplands):

Cover of Himalayan blackberry (Rubus armeniacus) and bull thistle (Cirsium vulgare) is estimated at less than one percent. This is below the performance standard threshold. No purple loosestrife, Scotch broom, or other thistle or blackberry species observed.

Performance Standard 5
(No Japanese knotweed, Himalayan knotweed, giant knotweed, or Bohemian knotweed across the site):

No knotweeds observed at the time of monitoring.
We welcome your questions or comments. Please contact me at 360/570-2588 or by e-mail at Kristen.Andrews@wsdot.wa.gov for questions about these mitigation sites.

Sincerely,

Kristen Andrews
Wetlands Program