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July 14, 2026

The Honorable Theresa Richardson
City of Richland
625 Swift Boulevard, MS-04
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Re: Final Ecology Approval of the City of Richland Shoreline Master Program Periodic Review Amendment

Dear Mayor Richardson:

The Washington State Department of Ecology is pleased to announce final approval of the City of Richland's Shoreline Master Program (SMP) periodic review amendment. Congratulations to you, your staff, and the Richland community for completing the periodic review of your SMP. We appreciate your commitment to comprehensive land-use planning for Washington's unique and valuable shorelines.

As you know, the following correspondence regarding the recent SMP periodic review took place between Ecology and the City:

- February 23, 2024 – Ecology accepted your locally-adopted SMP (Ordinance No. 2023-35) submittal as complete.
- July 9, 2026 – Ecology conditionally approved the City's SMP periodic review amendment with recommended changes.
- July 10, 2026 – The City sent an email to Ecology accepting all Ecology's recommended changes.

Ecology therefore approves the City's periodic review amendment, which includes the recommended changes. This action represents Ecology's final decision and there shall be no further modifications to the City's proposal.

The effective date of the City's SMP periodic review amendment is 14 days from the date of this letter, Ecology's final approval letter. This 14-day period was established by legislative action in 2011 and is intended to provide lead time for the City to prepare to implement the amended SMP.

Ecology is required to promptly publish notice that your SMP amendment has received final approval. The notice, in the form of a legal ad, will begin a 60-day appeal period. We will provide a copy of the notice to the City for its records.

Finally, please integrate the changes referenced in this correspondence into a final clean copy version of the complete approved SMP, including the appendices, within 30 days. When this is complete, please forward one digital copy of the complete approved SMP to Ecology.

Thank you again for your significant work and leadership in completing this SMP periodic review. If you have any questions, please contact our Regional Planner, Chelsea Wilson, at Chelsea.Wilson@ecy.wa.gov or 509-571-4155.

Sincerely,

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