

FINDINGS, CONCLUSIONS AND DECISION  
OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SEATTLE

In the matter of:	)	C.F. 312839
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Council Conditional Use application of King	)	FINDINGS, CONCLUSIONS
County Department of Natural Resources and	)	AND DECISION
Parks, Wastewater Treatment Division, to	)	
install 1,200 square feet of tanks and	)	
equipment to upgrade a bio-gas fuel treatment	)	
system, located at 1400 Discovery Park	)	
Boulevard (DPD Project No. 3014631, Type	)	
IV)	)	

Introduction

This matter involves the Council Conditional Use application of King County Department of Natural Resources and Parks, Wastewater Treatment Division, to install 1,200 square feet of tanks and equipment to upgrade a bio-gas fuel treatment system, located at 1400 Discovery Park Boulevard (DPD Project No. 3014631, Type IV). The new biogas treatment system is proposed for installation by King County in order to comply with the terms of a settlement agreement with the Puget Sound Clean Air Agency (PSCAA).

Currently, the methane gas generated onsite as a by-product of the wastewater treatment process is used as fuel for the engines that pump wastewater into the treatment plant. The proposed biogas treatment system will reduce emissions produced by the engines in compliance with the settlement with PSCAA. The new equipment will be located next to existing equipment, entirely within the existing footprint of the West Point Treatment Plant.

On January 28, 2013, King County as State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) Lead Agency for the project, issued a determination that the project is categorically exempt under SEPA.

On June 6, 2013, the Director of the Department of Planning and Development (DPD) recommended approval of the Council Condition Use for the reconfiguration of the sewage treatment plant.

On, July 2, 2013, the City of Seattle's Hearing Examiner held an open record hearing on the petition. On July 8, 2013, the Hearing Examiner issued Findings and Recommendations recommending City Council approval of the requested Council Conditional Use. There was no appeal of the Hearing Examiner's recommendation to the City Council.

On September 25, 2013, the matter came before the Planning, Land Use, and Sustainability Committee (PLUS), which reviewed the Hearing Examiner's record and exhibits. At its September 25, 2013 committee meeting, PLUS voted to approve the Council Conditional Use and adopted these Findings, Conclusions and a Decision for this Clerk's File and referred the matter to full Council for a vote.

#### Findings of Fact and Conclusions

The Council hereby adopts the Hearing Examiner's Findings of Fact, Conclusions and Recommendation for C.F. 312839, dated July 8, 2013. All conditions in the Hearing Examiner's recommendation are adopted.

#### Decision

The Council hereby GRANTS the Council Conditional Use for the reconfiguration of the West Point sewage treatment plant.

Dated this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2013.

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City Council President