



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 especially commend Carrie Sessions and Dave Christensen for their outstanding work in facilitating the advisory group meetings and for producing such a thorough document. These are sensitive and complex matters and I'm encouraged by the Legislature's and Ecology's swift and thoughtful approach over the past year.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kristina Ribellia", written in a cursive style.

Kristina Ribellia
Founder & Director of Operations
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