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Dear Cedar River HCP Party Representatives:

Thank you for meeting with me, Jim Erckmann and Rand Little to discuss the proposed minor modifications to the HCP. This letter summarizes the minor modifications agreed upon by the HCP Implementation Agreement Parties representatives. Each representative's signature at the bottom of this letter will serve as the parties' written approval according to HCP Implementation Agreement Section 12.1(a).

### 1. Walsh Lake Restoration

<b>Reference</b>	HCP Section 4.4-51
<b>Minor modification</b>	Extend schedule for expending cost commitment from the end of HCP Year 4 to the end of HCP Year 12; remove the King County match requirement.

### 2. Riparian Conifer Under-planting

<b>Reference</b>	HCP Sec. 4.2-59, 142
<b>Minor modification</b>	Revise the Conifer Under-planting prescriptions from treating 424 acres with conifer under-planting to treating 201 acres (including 51 acres already planted) with a combination of conifer under-planting, conifer under-planting with understory clearing, and release of existing conifer seedlings (by thinning).

### 3. Bull Trout Weir

<b>Reference</b>	HCP Section 4.5.4. 4.5-22-26
<b>Minor modification</b>	Replace Bull Trout Adult Surveys (Experimental Fish Weir and Live-box Counts) with a combination of Bull Trout Spawning Surveys and Fry/Juvenile and Emergent Fry Studies (including PIT tagging) extended at least through 2017, reallocating unexpended cost commitment funds through HCP Year 8 from Bull Trout Adult Surveys for this purpose.

**4. Long-term Stream Monitoring**

**Reference** HCP Section 4.5.4, 4.5-19 through 22  
**Proposed change** Use under-expended cost commitment funds through HCP Year 8 from both Watershed Aquatic Habitat Restoration Monitoring (project monitoring) and Long-term Stream Monitoring (trend monitoring) for Long-term Stream Monitoring in order to be able complete the study design for the latter during years 2011-15.

**5. Downstream Habitat Protection and Restoration**

**Reference** Landsburg Mitigation Agreement (LMA) Sec. D.3; HCP Sec. 4.3-13; HCP Sec. 4.4-51  
**Proposed change** Extend schedule for expending cost commitment from the end of HCP Year 4 to the end of HCP Year 12.

**6. Water Quality Monitoring for the Effects of Fish Passage above Landsburg Dam**

**Reference** Landsburg Mitigation Agreement (LMA) Sec. E.2.d; HCP Sec. 4.5-12  
**Proposed change** Change commitment from conducting water quality monitoring in HCP Years 10, 15, 20 and 25 to conduct water quality data analysis in HCP Years 13, 18, 23 and 28.

On behalf of the agency I represent as a signatory to the Cedar River Watershed Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP) Implementation Agreement I hereby approve the above-described minor modifications to the HCP.

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