



TO: Mayor and Council

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**SUBJECT: WELLHEAD PROTECTION STORMWATER INFILTRATION
PROGRAM: STATUS UPDATE AND CONCEPTUAL RESOLUTION**

BACKGROUND

On November 22, 2011, stakeholders and staff met with Council to review progress to date on resolving issues surrounding the implementation of the Wellhead Protection Ordinance and in particular issues regarding the geology, hydrology and protection of the aquifer. Council at that time directed staff to continue to work to resolve the issues and to proceed with additional technical analysis in support of resolving the technical differences.

While staff and the stakeholders' Technical Advisory Group (TAG) have proceeded to provide and evaluate additional technical reports, City staff have also been working with the TAG to facilitate a permanent resolution to the situation. To that end staff have met with individual TAG members as well as with the entire TAG to develop a conceptual resolution. On April 25, 2012, City staff presented a new approach to the TAG which included substantial contributions by the City of Redmond to funding the requested on-site improvements as well as procedural changes to the administration of the Wellhead Protection Stormwater Infiltration Program. While positively received, there were a number of issues needing clarification and further resolution, which staff and the TAG committed to working on so that a conceptual plan could be brought forward to Council on May 22, 2012.

In general, we believe that we are close to having, in concept, an agreement that will resolve the wellhead protection issues. To that end we will be meeting with the TAG on Monday afternoon, May 21, 2012, with the intent to resolve outstanding issues. While it is our goal for your Study Session to present to you, with TAG representatives, the structure and rationale for the proposal, there are still issues to resolve. We believe it would be premature to describe the proposal until after the May 21, 2012, TAG meeting.

NEXT STEPS

Following our presentation to Council on May 22, we will respond to questions and if appropriate will seek direction to proceed in preparing all necessary supporting materials for Council to subsequently consider in order that you may take action on the proposal.

Should you have any questions in the interim, please contact us at your convenience.