



Memorandum

**TO:** Councilmember Sally Bagshaw, Chair  
Seattle Public Utilities and Neighborhoods Committee

**FR:** Ray Hoffman, Director  
Seattle Public Utilities Director

**Subject:** Seattle Stormwater Code Best Available Science

**Date:** August 13, 2015

Mayor Murray on August 3 transmitted legislation to the City Council relating to the implementation of the 2016 Seattle Stormwater Code update. Pursuant to RCW 36.70A.172 cities and counties must “include the best available science in developing policies and development regulations to protect the functions and values of critical areas.”

Attached is a detailed summary of the Best Available Science which I am attaching to fulfill the requirements of the law. Additionally, I am providing a portable USB drive which contains the literature referenced in the attachment in the event City Council members desire to review it. If you or your colleagues have questions, please feel free to contact me or Seattle Public Utilities’ City Council Liaison Bob Hennessey.

Attachments:

Environmentally Critical Areas: Best Available Science Review, *August 15, 2015*

USB Drive