

1 3. A key part of my position with the Department is overall management
2 responsibility for the Sand Point Magnuson Park Drainage, Wetland/Habitat Complex and
3 Sports Fields/Courts Project (the Project). I am familiar with the history and ongoing processes
4 regarding the Project and the Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS) for the
5 Project.

6 4. The Final Environmental Impact Statement for the Project was issued on July 12,
7 2002. On July 26, 2002, Friends of Magnuson Park filed an appeal of the adequacy of the FEIS.
8 The hearing date for that appeal was set for September 23, 2002. A number of continuances
9 were granted and the hearing was not held until January 23-24, 2003. This was a delay of four
10 months.

11 5. The hearing examiner issued her ruling on the FEIS appeal on February 26, 2003
12 directing the Department to prepare a limited scope SEIS. The Department issued a Draft SEIS
13 on March 21, 2003 and the Final SEIS on May 16, 2003.

14 6. A delay in the hearing that is currently scheduled for July 28, 2003 in the appeal
15 of the Final SEIS for the Project will harm or otherwise prejudice the Department as discussed in
16 the following paragraphs.

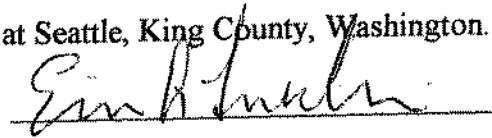
17 7. In November 2000, Seattle voters approved a \$198.2 million levy lid lift for Parks
18 and Recreation. The life of the levy is for a period up to 8 years. From the levy, the wetlands
19 and sports fields project will receive approximately \$12.3 million. Due to the process for Park
20 Board and City Council approval, the time constraints of the levy, and the timeframes for federal
21 and state environmental permit review, it is imperative that the Department continue to move
22 expeditiously through the process for approval of this project.

1 8. It was anticipated that the Board of Parks Commissioners would review and a
2 make a recommendation on the project by late 2002. Then the Superintendent of Parks and the
3 Mayor would present a proposal to the City Council for review and adoption in early 2003. This
4 schedule was delayed by the earlier hearing on the FEIS. It is currently anticipated that the
5 Board of Park Commissioners review can be completed by late summer 2003 and the City
6 Council review and adoption completed by late fall 2003. This approval process is necessary to
7 allow for the next stages of the project to proceed including developing more detailed project
8 drawings, updating cost estimates, developing permit applications, preparing applications for
9 external funding sources, etc. Delay's in this approval process jeopardizes the Departments
10 ability to maintain the levy project schedule.

11 9. The project schedule is in part dictated by the need to manage the availability of sports
12 fields at Magnuson Park. The existing fields will be closed during construction of the sports
13 meadow and the developed sports fields. Phase one of the project (the Sports Meadow) is
14 scheduled for completing design work and going to public works bid in October 2003. Phase
15 one will require closing approximately half of the existing fields. The current schedule allows it
16 to be completed and available for use prior to taking the other half of the existing fields out of
17 service for the construction of Phase two. Phase two will include construction of additional
18 sports fields and a portion of the wetland/habitat complex. A delay in the start of Phase one may
19 result in an overlap between phases one and two resulting in all of the existing fields at Sand
20 Point Magnuson Park being out of service at the same time and no available facilities for sports
21 activities.

22 I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of Washington that the
23 foregoing is true and correct.

EXECUTED this 17th day of July, 2003, at Seattle, King County, Washington.



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