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Jamey Ayling  
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**RE: LP-23-00004**

Dear Jamey Ayling:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Notice of Application for the Suncadia Social Plat. We have reviewed the application and have the following comment.

**Water Quality**

**Project with Potential to Discharge Off-Site**

If your project anticipates disturbing ground with the potential for stormwater discharge off-site, the NPDES Construction Stormwater General Permit is recommended. This permit requires that the SEPA checklist fully disclose anticipated activities including building, road construction and utility placements. Obtaining a permit may take 38-60 days.

The permit requires that a Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan (Erosion Sediment Control Plan) shall be prepared and implemented for all permitted construction sites. These control measures must be able to prevent soil from being carried into surface water and storm drains by stormwater runoff. Permit coverage and erosion control measures must be in place prior to any clearing, grading, or construction.

In the event that an unpermitted Stormwater discharge does occur off-site, it is a violation of Chapter 90.48 RCW, Water Pollution Control and is subject to enforcement action.

More information on the stormwater program may be found on Ecology's stormwater website at: <http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/wq/stormwater/construction/>.

Please submit an application or contact **Wendy Neet** at 509-571-6733 or [wnee461@ecy.wa.gov](mailto:wnee461@ecy.wa.gov), with questions about this permit.

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## **Water Resources**

### **New Uses in Upper Kittitas County**

Your project is located within the boundaries of WAC 173-539A so it may be subject to the rule. If you are planning on withdrawing groundwater for a new use within the boundaries of WAC 173-539A, your project must be water budget neutral. Before withdrawing or using any water please submit a *Request of Determination of Water Budget Neutrality* or an *Application for a New Water Right Permit*, depending on the size of your project either form may be required. If you have any questions, please contact the Water Resources Customer Service line at 509-575-2597.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joy Espinoza".

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