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Re: CU-19-00002, SE-19-00004

Dear Chelsea Benner:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment during the optional determination of nonsignificance process for the Brightside Event Center, proposed by Heidi Bright. We have reviewed the documents and have the following comments.

WATER QUALITY

The proposed project is located within the program areas of two Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) programs. These TMDL programs address water quality limitations for suspended sediment, turbidity, pesticides and fecal coliform bacteria. Irrigation water (in canals, ditches, and other conveyances) is classified as a water of the state; this project will need to protect these waters from further degradation. Project planning, development, and use of the site needs to include water quality protection. Please contact **Jane Creech** (jton461@ecy.wa.gov , 509-454-7860) if you have questions about these TMDL programs.

WATER RESOURCES

The checklist noted that the proponent is working to get Group A Water System approval, however, there were no water rights specific to the parcel/address provided. Group A water use typically does not fall under permit exempt limits. In Washington State, prospective water users must obtain authorization from the Department of Ecology before diverting surface water or withdrawing ground water, with one exception. Ground water withdrawals of up to 5,000 gallons per day used for single or group domestic supply, industrial purposes, stock watering or for the irrigation of up to one-half acre of lawn and garden are exempt from the permitting process.

If the water is from a permitted source such as city water, water association, or an irrigation or reclamation district, then the water purveyor is responsible for ensuring that the proposed use(s)



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are within the limitations of its water rights. If the proposal's actions are different than the existing water right (source, purpose, the place of use, or period of use), then it is subject to approval from the Department of Ecology pursuant to Sections 90.03.380 RCW and 90.44.100 RCW.

If you have any questions or would like to respond to these Water Resources comments, please contact **Jolee Ramos** at (509) 454-4173 or email at jolee.ramos@ecy.wa.gov.

Sincerely,



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