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RE: Request for SEPA, Critical Areas Ordinance, and Shoreline Permit Exemptions for West Kittitas County Public Works West Taneum Road Bank Stabilization Project

Dear Mr. Broadhead:

Thank you for the opportunity to assist you in this matter.

I am in receipt of your letter dated April 18, 2017 requesting SEPA, Critical Areas Ordinance, and Shoreline Permit exemptions for the Kittitas County Public Works West Taneum Road Bank Stabilization project. I have reviewed the documentation submitted with your letter, and have made the following determinations:

SEPA

According to Washington Administrative Code (WAC) 197-11-800, the repair, remodeling, maintenance, or minor alteration of existing public structures, facilities, and equipment – including transportation facilities involving no material expansions or changes in use beyond that previously existing – shall be categorically exempt from SEPA requirements. As proposed, the roadway would be reconstructed to an as-built condition that existed prior to erosion, with no changes in use to the previously existing conditions. Therefore, the project is exempt from SEPA review.

Critical Areas Ordinance

According to Kittitas County Code (KCC) 17.03.020, the following activities are exempt from Critical Areas Ordinance review:

3. Activities involving artificially created habitat, including but not limited to grass-lined swales, irrigation systems and drainage ditches, farm ponds, detention facilities such as ponds, and landscape features, including any adjacent riparian habitat created or resulting from these activities, except for wetlands or habitat areas created as mitigation.
5. Reconstruction as a result of destruction by a natural disaster or disintegration over time, maintenance, or remodeling of structures, provided that such reconstruction, maintenance, or remodeling does not involve an expansion of the structure's footprint when located within a critical area. Any such activity shall nevertheless comply with the county's flood damage prevention ordinance, No. 93-18.

The proposed reconstruction is a result of damage caused by flood events and erosion from Taneum Creek. The reconstruction would be located within the original footprint, and would create habitat and beneficially affect the shoreline area. Therefore, the project is exempt from Kittitas County Critical Areas Ordinance review.

Shoreline Development Permit

While it appears that this project would be exempt from shoreline permitting requirements, KCC 17B.07.030(3)(b) requires that any person claiming an exemption from a shoreline substantial development permit shall submit an application in manner prescribed by the Shoreline Administrator. On April 25, 2017, Kittitas County Public Works submitted an application for Shoreline Exemption (SX-17-00009). That application is currently under review.

Please let me know if you have questions or require any additional information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Dan Carlson".

Dan Carlson, AICP
Community Development Services Director

CC: Mark Cook, P.E., Kittitas County Public Works Director
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