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“Building Partnerships – Building Communities”

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RE: Request for SEPA, Critical Areas Ordinance, and Shoreline Permit Exemptions for Schaake Levee Repair Project.

Dear Mr. Broadhead:

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

I am in receipt of your letter dated August 8, 2017 requesting SEPA, Critical Areas Ordinance, and Shoreline Permit exemptions for the Kittitas County Public Works Schaake Levee Repair 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 levee repair reconstruction will take place within the original levee footprint and to a level that does not exceed the original pre-erosion condition or use. 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:

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.

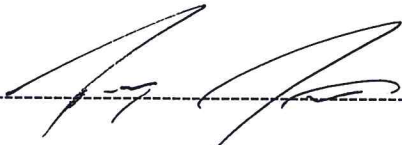
The proposed reconstruction is a result of damage caused by flood events and erosion from Yakima River. The reconstruction would be located within the original footprint. Therefore, the project is exempt from Kittitas County Critical Areas Ordinance review.

Shoreline Development Permit

On August 8, 2017, Kittitas County Public Works submitted an application for Shoreline Exemption (SX-17-00009). A determination for this application was issued August 31, 2017.

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

Sincerely,

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Administrator
Dan Carlson, AICP
Community Development Services Director

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Lucas Huck, P.E., Kittitas County Engineer