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Mr. Gasawski,

I am submitting the attached letter on behalf of the Easton Water District (also known as KCWD#3). It is the desire of the district to be included on all opportunities for input as the process proceeds.

Thanks,

Mike Gerber
Commissioner/President
Easton Water District

April 22, 2026

To: Mr. Bradley Gasawski

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Kittitas County Community Development Services

Subject: Easton Travel Center SEPA Checklist (SE-26-00001) Public Comment

Mr. Gasawski,

I am providing the following comments on SE-26-00001 on behalf of the Easton Water District (also known as KCWD#3).

As of this date, the Easton Water District (EWD) has not been contacted by the proponent of this project, nor have we received any information from the County related to the project despite the fact that EWD is identified as the water service provider. I have provided the EWD contact information below and request that we be included on all further communications issued by the County related to permitting for the project.

My comments on behalf of the EWD at this stage of your review are largely focused on the preservation of the aquifer that provides clean and untreated drinking water to our customers from our three wells. EWD well #2, as noted in the Critical Aquifer Recharge Area Hydrogeologic Assessment submitted by the applicant, is located down gradient, approximately 1,800' southeast of the property. Several assumptions are made in the assessment regarding the geological makeup of the aquifer, and these are used to determine theoretical travel time for any contaminant to reach the well head. Although our other wells are farther away from the proposed project, they are within walking distance and down gradient from the project.

It is the position of the EWD that any decisions by the County regarding land use that have the potential to greatly increase the risk of contamination to aquifers and wellheads in the upper-County should be very carefully considered. The contamination of an aquifer could

be catastrophic to the future of the existing residents and businesses. The assessment also makes no mention of the dozens of other private wells located near the project which are likely drawn from the same aquifer.

The proposed project is on a parcel that is not in the Retail Service Area or Future Service Area of the Easton Water District. In previous attempts to develop this site for use as a "Travel Center" the EWD has stated its position regarding the protection of the aquifer and the availability of potable water from the district. The EWD reserves the right to comment further on any matters related to this project and protection of the aquifer.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Mike Gerber".

Mike Gerber

Commissioner/President

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