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April 16, 2023

Zach Torrance-Smith
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RE: SP-24-0005

Dear Zach Torrance-Smith:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Notice of Application for the **Mohar Short Plat**. We have reviewed the application and have the following comment.

Water Quality

Dividing or platting a piece of property is often the first step in a proposed development. An NPDES Construction Stormwater Permit may be required if there is a potential for stormwater discharge from a construction site with disturbed ground. Ground disturbance includes all utility placements, and building or upgrading roads. The permitting process requires going through SEPA, developing a stormwater pollution prevention plan, submitting an application, and a 30-day public notice process. This may take 38-60 days. A permit and a stormwater plan are required prior to beginning ground-breaking activities.

Please contact Wendy Neet with the Department of Ecology, (509) 571-6733, with questions about this permit.

Water Resources

Your project is located within the boundaries of WAC 173-539A so it may be subject to the rule. If you plan 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 or would like to respond to these Water Resources comments, please contact Nathan Longoria at (509) 907-1752 or email at nathan.longoria@ecy.wa.gov.

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jessica Swift".

Jessica Swift

On behalf of SEPA Coordinator

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