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Subject: RE: SE-23-00006 Snoqualmie Pass Utility District - Transmittal of Comments
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Conner,

Thank you for your review of the Snoqualmie Pass SEPA application submitted for the Phase 2 MBR Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvements. Attached are documents to provide background and clarification of the existing conditions at the project site that we believe supports our position that a cultural resource subsurface survey and subsurface testing of the project site should not be required, and why section 13 of the SEPA checklist was completed as it was in the application.

In October 2019, a geotechnical site investigation was conducted by GN Northern (report attached). The findings indicate the location of the proposed wastewater treatment improvements show evidence of fill soils across the site, likely installed during the construction of the pre-existing Chicago, Milwaukee, St. Paul and Pacific Railroad (Iron Horse Trail), and original wastewater treatment plant facilities constructed prior to the existing lagoons. To adequately support the new facility, GN Northern proposed a grid pattern of rammed aggregate piers to stabilize the ground be installed. Phase 1 of the wastewater treatment plant improvements (completed in 2022) included installation of the rammed aggregate piers on 5-foot centers throughout the area of the planned improvements, including the areas where Phase 2 and future phase structures are needed to expand the facility to provide the capacity for the full buildout area of the District's service area.

SEPA and NEPA documents were prepared as part of the Phase 1 project and are attached along with the DNS of the Phase 1 SEPA review by Kittitas County. Since the area of the Phase 2 work has already been disturbed by the construction of the rammed aggregate piers, the Phase 2 work simply builds on top of these aggregate piers. Excavation for the building and tank footings will be included, but their depth is approximately 5-feet and the piers average about 12-feet in depth.

Please let me know if you have further questions or need additional information regarding this project.

Respectfully,

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Good morning,

Please see the attached correspondence regarding your SEPA application for the SPUD wastewater treatment plant improvements. I have also placed hard copies in the mail (please note that Public Works comments are not included in the mail version).

Let me know if you have questions.

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