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RE: LP-22-00005

Dear Kelly Bacon,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Notice of Application for the Suncadia Phase 2 Division 8. We have reviewed the application and have the following comment.

## WATER RESOURCES

In Washington State, prospective water users must obtain authorization from the Department of Ecology before diverting surface water or withdrawing ground water, with one exception. Ground water withdrawals of up to 5,000 gallons per day (GPD) used for single or group domestic supply, industrial purposes, stock watering or for the irrigation of up to one-half acre of lawn and garden are exempt from the permitting process. Water use under the RCW 90.44.050 exemption establishes a water right that is subject to the same privileges, restrictions, laws and regulations as a water right permit or certificate obtained directly from Ecology. Additionally, in WRIA 49, RCW 90.94 further restricts the limits identified in RCW 90.44.050 for domestic and non-commercial lawn or garden to a maximum annual average of up to 3,000 GPD per connection.

If you have any questions or would like to respond to these Water Resources comments, please contact Christopher Kossik at (509) 379-1826 or email at <a href="mailto:christopher.kossik@ecy.wa.gov">christopher.kossik@ecy.wa.gov</a>.

Sincerely,

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