

Extension of Public Comment Period *

*** Please Note that the Public Comment Period for the following Determination of Nonsignificance has been extended to May 29th, 2008**

DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE Adoption of an Adaptive Management Strategy to Control Saltwater Intrusion

Proposal: Amendment of Comprehensive Plan to include an adaptive management strategy to control saltwater intrusion for water quality assurance in the San Juan County Lopez Village Urban Growth Area

Applicant: San Juan County Community Development & Planning Department

Tax Parcel: N.A./Nonproject Application

San Juan County, the lead agency for this proposal, has determined that this proposal will not have a probable significant adverse impact on the environment. An environmental impact statement (EIS) will not be required.

This determination was made after review of a completed environmental checklist and previously prepared documents that evaluate and disclose impacts of the current proposal. These documents are 1) the Draft and Final Supplemental Environmental Impact Statements for the San Juan County Comprehensive Plan Activity Center Plans on Orcas and Lopez issued on March 1, 2000 and April 14, 2000 respectively, and; 2) the San Juan County Activity Center Planning Preliminary Report issued in June, 1999, and; 3) the Final Environmental Impact Statement and Final Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement issued on October 10, 1996 and November 12, 1997 respectively, and; 4) the Lopez Village Groundwater Model Report prepared by Pacific Groundwater Group (June 2003), and; 5) the Lopez Village Water Supply Report and Recommendations & Abbreviated Coordinated Water System Plan prepared by the Lopez Village Water System Planning Committee (July 2003), and; 6) the Lopez Village Water System Analysis prepared by HDR/EES (May 2005), and; 7) the Addendum to the 1994 Engineering Report prepared by Sears-Brown (August 2003), and; 8) the Review of Engineering and Economic Issues Impacting the Fisherman Bay Sewer District prepared by Ron Mayo (May 10, 2004), and; 9) A Review of Sewage Issues Relative to the Proposed Lopez Village Urban Growth Area, Sewage Flows and BOD Loadings, prepared by Ron Mayo (February, 2007). Copies of these documents may be viewed during business hours at the Community Development and Planning Department in Friday Harbor.

This proposal will amend the existing County Comprehensive Plan, Section 2.3.A to include an identified adaptive management strategy to respond to signs of saltwater intrusion in wells in Lopez Village Urban Growth Area.

This determination is issued pursuant to WAC 197-11-340 (2). San Juan County will not act on this proposal for 14 days from the date of publication and mailing of this determination to agencies with jurisdiction. Comments must be submitted in writing to the Community Development and Planning Department no later than May 28th, 2008. For more information contact Colin Maycock, Senior Planner, at the CD&P office and or 360-370-7573.

Pursuant to RCW 43.21C.075(6)(c), appeals of this threshold determination must be filed in Superior Court after final action on this proposal, within the time period allowed for such appeal by RCW 36.32.330.

A copy of the current draft amendment is available online at the County's Website <http://www.sanjuanco.com/cdp/default.aspx?dept=cdp&listname=Lopez> Village and at San Juan County Community Development and Planning Office at the address below.

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