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Notice of Planning Commission Public Hearing and Determination of Nonsignificance on a draft Ordinance Regarding Critical Area Regulations; Amending Ordinance Nos. 2-2014 and X-2014 and San Juan County Code 18.30.110, 18.50.150 And 18.30.160

Notice is hereby given that the San Juan County Planning Commission will conduct a public hearing regarding amendments to the critical area regulations. The amendments are proposed to comply with the Growth Management Hearings Board’s August 20, 2014, decision regarding compliance with the Growth Management Act and a February 17, 2015 compliance deadline.

In ordinance section 1, SJCC 18.30.110.C.3.a, the exemption for utility construction in existing development areas (SJCC 18.20.040) is amended to require compensatory mitigation consistent with the requirements of SJCC 18.30.110.E.7 and to provide specific mitigation steps.

In ordinance section 2, SJCC 18.30.150 Table 3.5.u.ii is amended to prohibit the construction of drainfield lines in a wetland.

In ordinance section 3, a scriveners error is corrected in SJCC 18.30.160 Tale 3.8 item (g)

The hearing will begin at or after 8:45, Friday October 17, 2014, in the County Council Chambers, 55 Second Street, Friday Harbor. Interested parties are encouraged to attend and provide comment. To allow for distribution to Planning Commissioners, written comments submitted prior to the hearing should be received by 1:00 p.m. October 15, 2014. Please provide 11 copies of written copies provided after that time.

State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) Review. An Environmental Checklist for the proposed code amendments was prepared. It was determined that adoption of the proposed amendments will not have a significant adverse impact on the environment, and an environmental impact statement is not required under RCW 43.21C.030(2)(c). Under WAC 197-11-340(2), a Determination of Nonsignificance was issued on October 1, 2014. Comments on this determination must be submitted by October 15, 2014. Following a final decision this determination may be appealed with the underlying action to the Growth Management Hearings Board as provided in RCW 36.70A.290. The appeal period is 60 days from publication of the notice of ordinance adoption.

Copies of the proposed amendments, SEPA checklist, SEPA Determination & associated documents are available from the County web site at http://www.sanjuanco.com/cdp/default.aspx?dept=CDP&listname=PlanningCommAgendas. For more information or to submit comments contact Linda Kuller AICP, San Juan County CD&P, PO Box 947, Friday Harbor, WA, 98250, (360) 370-7572, LindaK@sanjuanco.com