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Dear Property Owner,

Here is the information packet that our office has put together to help you decide whether to participate in the March 6th, 2001 hearing on new guest house construction before the Western Washington Growth Management Hearings Board (WWGMHB). The issue at the hearing is whether or not the WWGMHB Order banning new guest house construction also bans the construction of a principal residence when the property already has a guest house.

On November 30, 2000 the WWGMHB issued an Order on Recision of Invalidity and Compliance/Invalidity which stated that the allowance of new guesthouse construction in rural and resource lands is determined to be invalid. (See page 15 of the Order, attached as Exhibit A). This Order essentially bans new guest house construction in San Juan County.

Because it was not clear whether or not the WWGMHB Order also bans the construction of a principal residence when the property already has a guest house, the County has asked the WWGMHB to clarify its Order. On January 11, 2001 San Juan County filed a Petition for Declaratory Ruling with the WWGMHB requesting clarification of the finding of invalidity on guest house construction. (See page 2 of Petition for Declaratory Ruling, attached as Exhibit B).

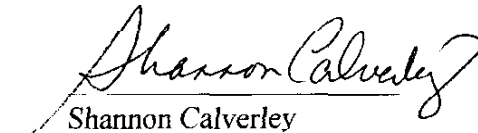
On January 24, 2001 the WWGMHB issued its Order Re: Petition for Declaratory Ruling (attached as Exhibit C) in which the Board took several actions that you, the property owner, may want to respond to. These actions are:

1. A hearing date for argument of the request for Declaratory Ruling has been set for March 6, 2001.
2. Those property owners wishing to participate in the hearing must file a motion for intervention by noon, February 9, 2001 and serve the motion on the WWGMHB and all parties listed in the case (see Exhibit C).

If you wish to intervene (appear in this ongoing case), you may either represent yourself or hire legal counsel. We have included in this packet relevant regulations (Title 242 WAC, attached as Exhibit D) that will answer basic questions about Growth Board interventions, requirements for motions, and petitions for declaratory ruling. The County is already representing itself in this case and cannot offer legal counsel to individual property owners.

If we can answer any other questions, please let us know.

Very Truly Yours,


Shannon Calverley
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Enclosures