#### APPENDIX E: REGIONAL BASIN PLANNING GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

On September 11, 1990, the Technical Advisory Committee comprised of the stormwater managers from Olympia, Lacey, Tumwater and Thurston County established goals and objectives for all basin plans undertaken in Thurston County. The complete text follows:

#### **BASIN PLAN GOALS**

- Preserve and/or enhance water quality, stream morphology, wetlands, groundwater, fisheries/wildlife habitat, and aesthetic amenities.
- Promote sustainable development within each basin (i.e. minimum impact on water resources and habitat).
- Promote public interest and involvement in water resource management.
- Establish short-term and long-term solutions to existing and future stormwater quality and quantity problems.
- Promote a regional approach for financing, ownership, and operation/maintenance of regional facilities and programs.

#### **BASIN PLAN OBJECTIVES**

As a result of completing a drainage basin plan the following will have been accomplished:

- 1. There will be a rational basis for making decisions about capital expenditures, financing options, land use regulation, source reductions, and stormwater facility location, design, and maintenance. Decision-making information and tools generated by the basin plan will include:
  - Data base on water quality, hydrology, and habitat.
  - Data base on existing and potential pollution sources.
  - Predictive model for testing effects of alternate decisions.
  - Prioritized list of structural and non-structural projects.
  - Recommended development controls (regulations/incentives).
  - Recommended program for continued monitoring of facility performance and resource conditions.
- 2. There will be active ongoing public involvement in stream restoration, enhancement, and education activities addressing problems identified in the plan.
- 3. The public will understand and support plan recommendations.

- 4. Responsible jurisdictions will have agreed on a common implementation and financing strategy for the drainage basin including:
  - Schedule for implementing recommended projects.
  - Revenue sources and methods of financing.
  - Cost allocations.
  - Responsibility for owning and operating capital facilities.
  - Enforcement of development controls and other regulations.
  - Ongoing coordination of plan implementation.
  - Ongoing coordination of public involvement and education activities.

# APPENDIX F: ANIMALS OF MCALLISTER BASIN AND THE NISQUALLY DELTA1

#### **BIRDS**

#### Common Name

Common Loon Red-throated Loon

Arctic Loon Western Grebe

Red-necked Grebe Horned Grebe Eared Grebe

Pied-billed Grebe
Double-crested Cormorant

Pelagic Cormorant
Brandt's Cormorant<sup>2</sup>
Great-blue Heron
Green Heron

American Bittern
Great Egret<sup>3</sup>
Whistling Swan<sup>2</sup>
Canada Goose
Black Brant

White-fronted Goose

Snow goose Mallard Gadwall Pintail

Green-winged Teal
Cinnamon Teal
Blue-winged Teal
Garganey Teal<sup>2</sup>
European Widgeon
American Widgeon
Northern Shoveler

Wood Duck Redhead

Ring-necked Duck Canvasback

Greater Scaup Lesser Scaup Bufflehead

Common Goldeneye Barrow's Goldeneye

## Scientific Name

Gavia immer Gavia stellata Gavia arctica

Aechmorphus occidentalis

Podiceps grisegena
Podiceps auritus
Podiceps nigricollis
Podilymbus podiceps
Phalacrocorax auritus
Phalacrocorax pelagicus
Phalacrocorax penicillatus

Ardea herodias
Butorides virescens
Botaurus lentiginosus
Casmerodius albus
Olor columbianus
Branta canadensis
Branta nigicans
Anser albifrons
Chen caerulescens
Anas platyrhynchos

Anas strepera
Anas acta
Anas crecca
Anas cyanopters
Anas discors
Anas querquedula
Anas penelope
Anas americana
Anas clypeata
Aix sponsa

Aythya americana Aythya collaris Aythya valisineria Aythya marila Aythya affinis Bucephala albeola Bucephala clangula Bucephala islandica

Oldsquaw

White-winged Scoter

Black Scoter<sup>2</sup> Surf Scoter Ruddy Duck

Hooded Merganser Common Merganser Red-breasted Merganser

Turkey Vulture White-tailed Kite Cooper's Hawk

Goshawk

Sharp-shinned Hawk Red-tailed Hawk Rough-legged Hawk

Bald Eagle

Northern Harrier

Osprey Merlin

Peregrine Falcon American Kestrel California Quail Ring-necked Pheasant

Blue grouse<sup>2</sup>
Ruffed Grouse
Sandhill Crane
Virginia Rail

Sora

American Coot Mongolian Plover<sup>2</sup> Semipalmated Plover

Killdeer

American Golden Plover Black-bellied Plover

Common Snipe Whimbrel

Spotted Sandpiper Solitary Sandpiper<sup>2</sup> Wandering Tattler

Greater Yellowlegs Lesser Yellowlegs Sharp-tailed Sandpiper

Pectoral Sandpiper

# Scientific Name

Clangula hyemalis Melanitta deglandi Melanitta njara

Melanitta nigra
Melanitta perspicillata
Oxyura jamaicensis
Lophodytes cucullatus
Mergus merganser
Mergus serrator
Cathartes aura
Elanus leucurus
Accipiter cooperi
Accipiter gentilis
Accipiter striatus

Haliaeetus leucocephalus

Circus cyaneus
Pandion haliaetus
Falco columbarius
Falco peregrinus
Falco sparverius

Buteo jamaicensis

Buteo lagopus

Lophortyx californicus Phasianus colchicus Dendragapus obscurus Bonasa umbellus

Grus canadensis
Rallus limicola
Porzana carolina
Fulica americana
Charadrius mongolus
Charadrius semipalmatus
Charadrius vociferus

Pluvialis dominica Pluvialis squatarola Capella gallinago Numenius phaeopus Actitus macularia Tringa solitaria

Heteroscelus incanus Tringa melanotos Tringa flavipes Calidris acuminata Calidris melanotos

Baird's Sandpiper Marbled Godwit

Long-billed Dowitcher

Red Knot

Least Sandpiper Sanderling Dunlin

Western Sandpiper Wilson's Phalarope Parasitic Jaeger Glaucous-winged Gull

Glaucous Gull Herring Gull California Gull

Ring-billed Gull Mew Gull Heerman's Gull

Franklin's Gull Bonaparte's Gull Thayer's Gull Common Tern Caspian Tern

Common Murre

Pigeon Guillemot Rhinoceros Auklet Marbled Murrelet

Ancient Murrelet<sup>2</sup> Band-tailed Pigeon

Rock Dove Mourning Dove Saw-whet Owl Great Horned Owl

Snowy Owl<sup>2</sup> Screech Owl Short-eared Owl

Barn Owl

Common Nighthawk

Vaux's Swift

Anna's Hummingbird Rufous Hummingbird Belted Kingfisher Common Flicker Pileated Woodpecker

#### Scientific Name

Calidris bairdii Limosa fedoa

Limnodromus scolopaceus
Calidris canutus rufa
Calidris minutilla
Calidrid alba
Calidris alpina
Calidris mauri
Steganopus tricolor
Stercorarius parasiticus

Larus glaucescens Larus hyperboreus Larus argentatus Larus californicus Larus delawarensis

Larus canus
Larus heermanni
Larus pipixcan
Larus philadelphia
Larus thayeri
Sterna hirundo
Hydroprogne caspia

Uria aalge

Cepphus columba

Cerorhinca monocerata Brachyramphus marmoratum Synthliboramphus antiquus

Columba fasciata Columba livia Zenaida macroura Aegolius acadicus Bubo virginianus Nyctea scandiaca

Otus asio Asio flammeus Tyto alba

Chordeiles minor Chaetura vauxi Calypte anna Selasphorus rufus Megaceryle alcyon Colaptes auratus Dryocopus pileatus

Yellow-bellied Sapsucker Hairy Woodpecker Downy Woodpecker Willow Flycatcher Western Flycatcher Western Wood Pewee Olive-sided Flycatcher Violet-green Swallow

Tree Swallow

Rough-winged Swallow

Barn Swallow Cliff Swallow Steller's Jay Scrub Jay<sup>2</sup>

Western Kingbird Purple Martin Common Raven Common Crow

Black-capped Chickadee Chestnut-backed Chickadee

**Bushtit** 

Brown Creeper

Red-breasted Nuthatch

Winter Wren Bewick's Wren

Long-billed Marsh Wren

American Robin
Varied Thrush
Hermit Thrush
Swainson's Thrush
Golden-crowned Kinglet
Ruby-crowned Kinglet

Water Pipit
Cedar Waxwing
Bohemian Waxwing
Northern Shrike

Starling

Red-eyed Vireo Warbling Vireo Hutton's Vireo

Orange-crowned Warbler

Yellow Warbler

Yellow-rumped Warbler

#### Scientific Name

Sphyrapicus varius
Dendrocopos villosus
Dendrocopos pubescens
Empidonax traillii
Empidonax difficilis
Contopus sordidulus
Nuttallornis borealis
Tachycineta thalassina
Iriodoprocne bicolor
Stelgidopteryx ruficollis

Hirundo rustica

Petrpchelidon pyrrhonota

Cyanocitta stelleri

Aphelocoma coerulescens

Tyrannus verticalis Progne subis Corvus corax

Corvus brachyrhyncos Parus atricapillus Parus rufescens Psaltriparus minimus Certhia familiaris Sitta canadensis

Troglodytes troglodytes Thryomanes bewickii Telmatodytes palustris Turdus migratorius Ixoreus naevius Catharus guttata Catharus ustulata Regulus satrapa Regulus calendula Anthus spinoletta Bombycilla cedrorum Bombycilla garrulus Lanius excubitor Sturnus vulgaris Vireo olivaceous Vireo gilvus Vireo huttoni Vermivora celata Dendroica petechia Dendroica coronata

Black-throated Grey Warbler Townsend's Warbler

MacGillivray's Warbler Common Yellowthroat

Wilson's Warbler Western Meadowlark

Yellow-headed Blackbird

Red-winged Blackbird Northern Oriole

Brewer's Blackbird Brown-headed Cowbird

Western Tanager Evening Grosbeak Black-headed Grosbeak

Purple Finch House Finch Pine Siskin

American Goldfinch Rufous-sided Towhee

Vesper Sparrow Savannah Sparrow

Tree Sparrow Chipping Sparrow Dark-eyed Junco

White-throated Sparrow

Harris' Sparrow

White-crowned Sparrow Golden-crowned Sparrow

Fox Sparrow Lincoln's Sparrow Song Sparrow Snow Bunting<sup>2</sup>

# Scientific Name

Dendroica nigrescens Dendroica townsendi Oporornis tolmiei Geothlypis trichas

Wilsonia pusilla Sturnella neglecta

Xanthocephalus xanthocephalus

Agelaius phoeniceus Icterus galbula bullockii Euphagus cyanocephalus

Molothrus ater
Piranga ludoviciana
Hesperiphona vespertina
Pheucticus melanocephalus
Carpodacus purpureus
Carpodacus mexicanus

Spinus pinus Spinus trisis

Pipilo erythrophthalmus Pooecetes gramineus Passerculus sandwichensis

Spizella arborea
Spizella passerina
Junco hyemalis
Zonotrichia albicollis
Zonotrichia querula
Zonotrichia leucophyrs
Zonotrichia atricapilla
Passerella iliaca

Passerella iliaca Melospiza lincolnii Melospiza melodia Plectrophenax nivalis

# **MAMMALS**

#### Common Name

Masked shrew Vagrant shrew Shrew species Shrew-mole Townsend mole

# Scientific Name

Sorex cinerus Sorex vagrans Sorex sp.

Neurotrichus gibbsi Scapanus townsedii

Mole species
Bat species

Eastern cottontail
Mountain beaver
Townsend chipmunk
Western gray squirrel
Eastern gray squirrel

Northern flying squirrel Beaver Porcupine Deer mouse Townsend vole Oregon vole

Vole (mouse) species

Muskrat House mouse

Pacific jumping mouse

Coyote Racoon

Longtail weasel

Mink River otter

Western Spotted Skunk

Striped Skunk Opossum

Mule (Black-tailed) deer

Harbor seal

# Scientific Name

Scapanus sp. Myotis sp.

Sylvilagus floridanus Aplodontia rufa Eutamias townsendii Sciurus griseus

Glaucomys sabrinus
Castor canadensis
Erethizon dorsatum
Peromyscus maniculatus
Microtus townsendi
Microtus oregoni
Microtus sp.
Ondatra zibethica
Mus musculus
Zapus trinotatus
Canis latrans
Procyon lotor
Mustela frenata
Mustela vison
Lutra canadensis

Spilogale gracilis (or putorius)

Mephitis mephitis Didelphis marsupialis Odocoileus hemionus

Phoca vitulina

# REPTILES AND AMPHIBIANS

#### Common Name

Rough-skinned newt

Western long-toed salamander

Western toad Pacific tree frog

Bullfrog

Red-legged frog Western pond turtle Northern alligator lizard

Garter snake

#### Scientific Name

Taricha granulosa

Ambystoma macrodactylum

Bufo boreas Hyla regilla Rana catesbeiana Rana aurora

Clemmys marmorata Gerrhonotus coeruleus

Thamnophis sp.

#### MARINE INVERTEBRATES

#### Common Name

Burrowing ghost shrimp

False mya, clam Corrugated worm

Oregon mud-crab

Threadworm species
Tiny pink clam

Bent-nosed clam

Mud clam, soft-shelled clam

Blue mussel

Clamworm, sandworm

Little-neck clam, hard-shell clam

Kelp crab

Mud-shrimp

# Scientific Name

Callianassa californiensis

Cryptomya californica

Glycera rugosa

Hemigrapsus oregonensis

Lumbreneris sp.

Macoma inconspicua

Macoma nasuta

Mya arenaria

Mytilus edulis

Nephtys sp.

Nereis virens

Phyllodocidae family

Polynoidae family

Protothaca staminea

Pugettia productus

Styllodurus abdominalis

Upogebia pugettensis

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> This list is compiled from a variety of sources, including A. Wiedemann; M.E. Burg et al; S.A. Klotz et al; Washington Department of Wildlife; Washington Department of Fisheries; and the Nisqually National Wildlife Refuge.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Uncommon or rare occurrence

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Accidental occurrence

#### APPENDIX G: HYDROLOGIC MODEL ASSUMPTIONS

The hydrologic modeling performed by Brown and Caldwell was based on the following assumed characteristics:

# Lake St. Clair basin area

Eaton Creek sub-basin:

8,000 acres

Lake St. Clair sub-basin:

2,400 acres

TOTAL:

10,400 acres

#### Soil hydrologic classes

Eaton Creek sub-basin:

Class A

5,000 acres

Class D

3,000 acres

Lake St. Clair sub-basin:

Class A

2,400 acres

# 100-year, 7-day storm event

Synthesized from storm of January 3 - January 9, 1990.

Actual storm: 8.6" in 7 days.

Synthesized storm: 12" in 7 days.

Storm was synthesized by increasing hourly rainfall totals of real storm by 40%.

#### Hydrologic characteristics

Shown in Table G-1 on next page, based on EPA Storm Water Management Model (SWMM) calibrations for an area south of Tacoma.

These calculations probably err toward underestimating the total runoff.

Table G-1: Assumed Hydrologic Characteristics in Lake St. Clair Runoff Analysis

Parameter	Undeveloped	Low Density 1-2du/5ac	Medium Density Idu/acre	Suburban Density 4-5 du/acre	High Density/multi family	
Effective impervious area - %	0	4	10	. 23	48	
Disturbed land area - %	. 0	0 40 75 100		100		
Pervious area depression storage - inches	0.25	0.19	0.14	0.10	0.10	
Impervious area depression storage - inches	_	0.03	0.03	0.03	0.03	
Mannings friction factor-impervious	· —	0.014	0.014	0.014	0.014	
Mannings friction factor-pervious	0.20	0.20	0.20	0.20	0.20	
Infiltration rate decay and regeneration - 1/sec	0.001 0.0001	0.001 0.0001	0.001 0.0001	0.001 0.0001	0.001 0.0001	
Horton infiltration parameters <sup>1</sup>						
SCS Class A soils Fo - in/hr Fc - in/hr	3.0 0.4	2.2 0.34	1.5 0.2	1.0 0.1	1.0 0.1	
SCS Class D soils Fo - in/hr Fc - in/hr	0.6 0.06	0.5 0.04	0.4 0.04	0.3 0.03	0.3 0.03	
Alderwood complex soils Fo - in/hr Fc - in/hr	2.0 0.40	1.6 0.28	1.25 0.08	1.0 0.10	1.0 0.10	

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Fo and Fc are respectively the maximum and minimum Horton infiltration rates

#### APPENDIX H: GROUND WATER RISK MODEL DESCRIPTION

Adolfson Associates, Inc. and Sweet-Edwards/EMCON performed the risk analysis under sub-contract with Brown and Caldwell. The study divided the McAllister Springs GSA, as it was designated in 1988, into 20 separate source areas depending on land use, surface drainage, and ground water table gradient (see Map 10 in Appendix A), and considered potential contamination sources and targets in each area.

All existing Class 1 and 2 wells (10-99 connections and 100 or more connections) were mapped in each source area. Thirty-two of these systems are within or adjacent to the study area. The consultant conducted traffic surveys of each source area to provide accurate information on the hazardous materials and containers currently being transported through the area.

The hydrogeology of the area was developed from a variety of sources, including the Washington State Division of Water Resources water supply bulletin (Noble, 1966), well logs, existing cross-sectional information, and preliminary potentiometric surface mapping conducted by Golder and Associates.

The Thurston Regional Planning Council provided population projections for developing future land use and traffic estimates. These provided a "future scenario" for the basin in the year 2010. "Virtual wells", or theoretical wells representing future development, were mapped for each source area at the midpoint of the down-gradient side of the area. The virtual wells show a slightly higher susceptibility to contamination because they are located at the focus of ground water flow paths for each source area. The virtual wells give a reliable method for comparing the relative risks of different source areas.

Potential contaminants were grouped into three broad categories, based on their physical properties when dissolved into water. HM-1 included highly water-soluble material that moves directly into the water column or aquifer with the first rain. Nitrates, soluble solvents, and antifreeze are typical of this group. HM-2 included light, slightly water-soluble petroleum products that float on top of the water column. Gasoline, kerosene, and petroleum-based solvents are typical of this group. HM-3 included heavy, slightly water-soluble solvent materials that sink to the bottom of the water column. Chlorinated solvents and the pesticide 2,4-D are typical of this group.

To estimate the potential health hazards posed by each contaminant type, the consultant chose a representative contaminant or group of contaminants from each category, with an associated water quality standard. These categories of contaminants have distinctly different behaviors in combination with ground water. The study considered an exceedance to have occurred whenever the model showed contamination levels above the water quality standards. The representative constituents are shown in Table H-1.

The consultant set chronic loading levels for stormwater, septic tanks and agricultural runoff according to an extensive review of the current literature. Records of reported spills for the

period from 1986 through 1989 yielded probabilities of on-site spills related to transfer of hazardous materials on commercial or industrial sites.

All these factors were entered into a computer model designed to calculate the risk of ground water contamination in each source area from all three contaminant types for existing conditions as of 1988, and future conditions in the year 2010. The computer model projected spills and chronic loading over a series of one-year periods, and calculates the likelihood of resulting water quality exceedances. The model also considered lateral movement of contaminant "plumes" in the ground water over time. A "hit", or exceedance, was an occasion when the model predicts that the concentration of a hazardous material at any target well exceeds the established criterion for that material. Table 3-3 shows the number of drinking water standard exceedances for each source area under existing and future conditions. The final column shows the source areas at risk from chronic stormwater and septic system loading under existing and future conditions.

Table H-1: Representative constituents of ground water contaminant categories

Contaminant Category	Criteria	Representative Constituent	Regulatory Level
HM-1	10.0 mg/L	NO <sub>3</sub> -N	10.0 mg/L
HM-2	0.01 mg/L	benzene toluene gasoline	0.005 mg/L 0.10 mg/L 0.05 mg/L <sup>1</sup>
HM-3	0.01 mg/L	1,1,1-trichloroethane trichloroethylene perchloroethylene	0.070 mg/L 0.005 mg/L 0.005 mg/L <sup>2</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Approximate taste threshold

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Recommended level

# **APPENDIX I: PROJECT RANKING WORKSHEET**

# STORM & SURFACE WATER REMEDIAL ACTION/CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

# SPOT IMPROVEMENTS EVALUATION CRITERIA

Project:			Project No.		
			Date of Evaluation		
Prot	olem:	Total Score			
			APPROVED:		
Prop	posed Solution:				
			County Engineer		
		Ranking Criteria			
1.	What is endangered by the l	Score			
	-Property only	5			
	-Natural systems	10			
	-Building or roads	12			
	-Human safety	15			
2.	How often does the problem	How often does the problem occur?			
	-Once	. 0			
	-Every few years	3			
	-Every year	7			
	-Several times each year	11	,		
3.	To what extent will the proje	ect solve the problem:	Score		
	(including the need for main	(including the need for maintenance)?			
	-No effect	0			
	-Some relief	5			
	-Much relief	9			
	-Complete relief	12			
4.	How many homes or businesses will be positively		Score		
	impacted by the project?				
	- 0 - 2				
	- 3 - 6				
	- 7 - 30				
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	Significant Negative Impact*	Negative Impact	No Impact	Positive Impact	Significant Positive Impact
What impact will the project have on:					
5. The local drainage system	-10	-5	. 0	8	15
6. County liability	-10	-5	0	8	15
7. Fish habitat	-10	-5	0	6	10
8. Water quality	-10	-5	0	6	10
*Projects having significant r impacts in any of these areas be carefully considered for e	Т	otal Score			

What is the projects total estimated cost?

## APPENDIX J: GSA RESOLUTIONS

# RESOLUTION NO. <u>H3-90</u>

A RESOLUTION relating to groundwater protection, establishing a geologically sensitive area in the area east of Lacey, and adding a new Section 30 to Article IV of the Thurston County Sanitary Code.

The Thurston County Board of Health makes the following findings of fact:

- 1. The aquifer lying under the area described in Section 1 of this Resolution (McAllister aquifer) is one of the most important sources of drinking water in Thurston County. Approximately 5,800 persons in the unincorporated County obtain their drinking water from wells drilled into this aquifer. Approximately 47,000 persons in the cities of Olympia and Lacey obtain their drinking water from springs fed by this aquifer. This aquifer is capable of providing water to twice these numbers and will be the major source of drinking water in Thurston County well into the future.
- 2. This aquifer consists primarily of coarse sands and gravels, with approximately five to ten percent less permeable glacial till. These coarse sands and gravels allow relatively rapid infiltration and transmission of water and have high percolation rates. These soils are also generally poor at binding, trapping and filtering contaminants. Consequently, they have low potential to treat and retain pollutants.
- 3. There are likely six different soil layers in the McAllister aquifer. All of these layers or aquifer levels are connected. Consequently, a pollutant introduced into the surface aquifer can migrate through all aquifer levels.
- 4. The McAllister aquifer is often very shallow, as demonstrated by well depths that are often less then fifty feet. The soil above the top aquifer level is also coarse, thus affording reduced protection from pollution.
- 5. The physical characteristics described in findings 2 through 4, together with the fact that the McAllister aquifer receives its water from the infiltration of rainwater and runoff, demonstrate that the McAllister aquifer is quite susceptible to pollution. This conclusion has also been reached by several recent independent, technical studies of the aquifer.

- 6. United States census figures show that from 1980 to 1989 Thurston County was one of the fastest growing counties in the state. The part of the County experiencing the highest growth rate is the area lying south of I-5, west of the Nisqually River, east of Lacey, and north of the Yelm Highway. The vast majority of the growth in this area is in the form of residences using on-site sewage disposal systems. Much of this high growth area is situated directly over the McAllister aquifer.
- 7. Land use activities, principally residential and agricultural, are already causing increased levels of pollution in the McAllister aquifer. Wells drilled into the aquifer have significantly higher nitrate levels than other wells sampled in the north Thurston County area. McAllister Springs, which is fed by the McAllister aquifer, is experiencing a strong trend of increasing nitrate levels. Pesticides, often at concentrations exceeding existing or proposed maximum contaminant levels, have been detected in wells along Lake St. Clair and Pattison Lake.
- 8. Nitrates are a pollutant, capable of causing, at elevated levels, a blood disorder in infants known as methemoglobinemia, or blue baby syndrome. More importantly, nitrates are a product of common land use activities, such as sewage disposal and fertilization of crop lands. Consequently, an increase in nitrate levels is an accepted indicator of probable increase in other pollutants, such as disease-causing organisms and household hazardous waste.
- 9. The low natural level of nitrates in McAllister area groundwater indicates that the increasing nitrate trends now being detected are the result of land use activities.
- 10. A recent study shows that a substantial number of years must pass before water and pollutants introduced at the ground's surface will migrate through the McAllister aguifer to reach McAllister Springs. It is estimated that vertical travel time from the surface to the aquifer's main water-bearing Salmon Springs formation takes from two to ten years. Once within the Salmon Springs formation, water may take over fifty years to reach McAllister Springs. Consequently, the increasing level of pollution at McAllister Springs is the result of land use activities occurring years ago, before the recent higher level of development in the area. The current levels of pollution at the Springs do not yet reflect the intensification of land use activities occurring in the years leading up to the partial development moratorium in the McAllister area adopted in 1988.
- 11. Recent independent studies show that on-site sewage disposal systems (septic systems), agricultural practices, stormwater runoff and lawn fertilization are the

most significant contributors to nitrogen and other pollutants to the McAllister aquifer. A study also indicates that the risk of spills and accidents involving hazardous materials poses a potentially high threat to the area's groundwater.

- 12. The boundaries of the McAllister aquifer were derived first by calculating the elevation above mean sea level of the water level in numerous wells throughout the area. Water levels of the same elevation were connected to give groundwater contour lines. Groundwater flow lines were then determined by recognizing that groundwater flows perpendicular to the contour lines, from higher to lower elevations. The hydrologic boundaries of the aquifer were determined using this contour and flow information and were further refined by use of a computer model or program developed by Golder Associates for the McAllister aquifer. The area included in the McAllister GSA established by this Resolution is the area overlying the McAllister aquifer as determined by the methods summarized in this finding.
- By Resolution No. H-5-88, adopted September 28, 13. 1988, this Board imposed a moratorium on the issuance of most building site approvals and on the filing of most building site applications in the area then thought to lie over the McAllister aquifer. The Board took these actions because evidence of increasing pollution of the groundwater indicated that the McAllister aquifer might be irreparably damaged by the time a number of groundwater studies then commencing were completed. The data from those and other studies commissioned by the County is now available. data, the essential features of which are summarized in these findings, shows that it is necessary in the public health, safety and welfare to enact permanent measures to protect this aquifer of great importance to the people of Thurston County. These measures must be adopted before the restrictions of Resolution H-5-88 expire on August 15, 1990.
- 14. In order to halt the trend of increasing pollution of the McAllister aquifer, avoid the spread of disease and unsanitary conditions and prevent the creation of a public nuisance, it is necessary for the preservation of the public health, welfare and safety to adopt the measures contained in this Resolution and to amend the zoning ordinance as proposed in this Resolution. The brief moratorium on building site applications and approvals for development at densities greater than one dwelling unit per five acres established by this Resolution is necessary to afford the Planning Commission and Board of County Commissioners adequate opportunity to consider the zoning changes recommended herein.
- 15. The Board recognizes the necessity of protecting and preserving all of the County's groundwater resources. County departments shall continue and intensify their

efforts to identify aquifers which may be vulnerable to pollution and shall propose appropriate measures to combat such threats.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE THURSTON COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH as follows:

Section 1. A new section 30 is hereby added to Article IV of the Thurston County Sanitary Code to read as follows:

# SECTION 30: MCALLISTER GEOLOGICALLY SENSITIVE AREA.

- 30.1 Creation of Geologically Sensitive Area. Pursuant to Chapter 70.05 RCW and Article IV, Section 15 of the Thurston County Sanitary Code, the area described in subsection 30.2 of this Section 30 constitutes a geologically sensitive area to be known as the McAllister Geologically Sensitive Area (McAllister GSA).
- 30.2 Area of McAllister GSA. The McAllister GSA comprises the territory shown on the parcel specific map entitled "McAllister Geologically Sensitive Area, August 13, 1990" with a notation referring to this Resolution in the custody of the Thurston County Public Health and Social Services Department.
- 30.3 Sewage Disposal Regulations. In addition to any other requirements imposed by this Code, the following requirements shall apply within the McAllister GSA:
- (a) Any on-site sewage disposal system for which a permit to install, connect, repair, alter, extend or relocate is issued on or after August 15, 1990
- (i) shall contain a pressure distribution system in accord with state Department of Health Technical Review Committee Guidelines;
- (ii) shall have SSAS trenches or beds no deeper than thirty (30) inches below the surface of the ground;
- (iii) shall have at least thirty-six (36) inches of separation between the bottom of any SSAS trenches or beds and the maximum seasonal groundwater elevation or any impermeable layer. The health officer may require greater vertical separation pursuant to Section 5.2.2 of this Article IV. However, notwithstanding the provisions of Section 5.2.2 the health officer may not reduce the thirty-six (36) inch vertical separation required by this Section.
- (b) An operational permit is required for any onsite sewage disposal system for which a permit to install, connect, repair, alter, extend or relocate is issued on or after August 15, 1990, or which is part of a sale of property on or after August 15, 1990. The operational permit may be revoked when:
- (i) the on-site system fails to meet the maintenance and operational conditions or requirements of the permit, or
- (ii) the on-site system fails to meet any standard or requirement imposed by law.

The operational permit shall be revoked when any dwelling unit or other premises where sewage originates is required to connect to public sewer pursuant to subsection 30.3(c), below. Unless inconsistent with this section, all other provisions of Article IV, Section 10.6 of this Code shall apply to operational permits.

- (c) Whether or not an operational permit is required, any dwelling unit or other premises where sewage originates within two hundred (200) feet of a public sewer system shall be connected to the sewer system pursuant to Article IV, Sections 6.1 through 6.1.4 and 6.2 through 6.6.2 of this Code.
- (d) Building site approvals may be issued for uses other than single or multi-family residential only if
   (i) the designed sewage flow is no greater than 450 gallons per five acres per day, and

(ii) the waste entering the on-site system is equivalent in quality to typical residential waste.

- 30.4 Agriculture. (a) The Thurston County Cooperative Extension Office is requested annually to review best management practices for the use of pesticides and fertilizers within the McAllister GSA. The procedures used in this review should be submitted to the Board of Health for approval by January 1, 1991.
- (b) The health officer shall work with the North Thurston School District and any public or private agency owning or operating parks within the McAllister GSA to obtain better compliance with best management practices for pesticides and fertilizers.
- 30.5 Stormwater and Hazardous Materials. (a) Pesticides shall not be used to maintain any County property in the McAllister GSA.
- (b) The health officer shall send letters to the director of the State Department of Transportation and to the governing officials of the Fort Lewis Military Reservation, Nisqually Indian Reservation and Puget Power requesting that chemical methods not be used to maintain any rights-of-way located within the McAllister GSA or over groundwater which the health officer deems is connected to the aquifer underlying the McAllister GSA.
- (c) The health officer shall write a letter to the director of the State Department of Ecology requesting that applications for the use of aquatic pesticides in Lake St. Clair be granted only upon a finding by the health officer that the proposed use will not likely threaten groundwater.
- (d) The health officer shall advise Burlington Northern Railroad and Amtrak of the vulnerable nature of groundwater in the McAllister GSA and request that each:
- (i) cease discharging sewage and wastewater along tracks within the McAllister GSA, and
- (ii) cease using chemical methods to maintain rights-of-way within the GSA.

The health officer shall also request Burlington Northern and Amtrak to coordinate emergency management

procedures with the County for spills and accidents within the McAllister GSA.

- (e) By December 31, 1990 the health officer shall review existing and proposed requirements for stormwater management governing public or private developments. If the health officer deems such requirements insufficient to protect groundwater in the McAllister GSA, he shall propose stormwater management requirements which are sufficient to that end.
- 30.6 Education. The Office of Water Quality and Resource Management shall conduct a public education program in the McAllister GSA. The purpose of this program shall be to protect groundwater by instructing residents in proper lawn care and gardening practices, septic system maintenance, and handling and disposal of household hazardous waste.
- Section 2. The Board of Health requests the Thurston County Groundwater Advisory Committee (GWAC) to propose special area regulations to the state Department of Agriculture restricting the use of pesticides, especially leaching pesticides, in the McAllister GSA. If these proposed regulations are insufficient to protect the groundwater, the Board of Health will develop and propose additional measures to the state.
- Section 3. The health officer shall request the appropriate state and local officials to adopt rules restricting truck traffic within the McAllister GSA to major arterials, such as the Yelm Highway and State Route 510, except for local deliveries. The health officer shall request the responsible agencies to give such designated truck routes high priority for road improvements and maintenance work. The health officer shall also request the proper agencies to install stormwater systems with containment capabilities at any high-risk intersections along such designated truck routes.
- Section 4. The Board of Health requests the Thurston County Planning Commission and Board of County Commissioners to consider and adopt the following changes to the Thurston County Zoning Ordinance for property within the McAllister GSA:
- (a) Establish a residential density of one unit per five acres applicable to development which is not connected to public sewer. Residential densities established otherwise in the Thurston County Zoning Ordinance should apply only to development connected to public sewer and served by stormwater facilities meeting all applicable state and local standards. The clustering of residential development should be encouraged in that part of the McAllister GSA lying within the long-term urban growth area boundary.

- (b) Commercial activities which use, handle or store hazardous substances or dangerous wastes as defined in WAC 173-303-040 should not be allowed.
- (c) No permit under the Thurston County Zoning Ordinance should be issued for any activity involving the use, handling or storage of hazardous materials as so defined.
- (d) No additional area should be zoned for commercial or industrial purposes.
- (e) Mining, mineral extraction, and soil removal should be prohibited.
- (f) Existing land uses which become nonconforming or which would not be allowed to be sited as a result of zoning ordinance revisions regarding the use, handling or storage of hazardous materials as so defined or mining or mineral extraction should not be allowed to expand or intensify.
- (g) Any land uses which include major uses of fertilizer should be subject to restrictions on the use of fertilizer adequate to protect the groundwater from deterioration in quality.
- Section 5. On the basis of the above findings and the evidence of aquifer vulnerability and groundwater contamination which has been presented to it, the Board declares the need to accelerate public sewer service to areas in the McAllister GSA where groundwater is likely at risk due to the presence of on-site sewage disposal systems. These are the areas east and southeast of Long Lake, including the Seasons and Eagle Crest subdivisions. This section shall have the effect of a declaration of sewerage need under Sanitary Code Article IV, Section 6.8.
- Section 6. The health officer shall request the Technical Review Committee of the state Department of Health to develop as quickly as possible septic system guidelines for systems which enhance nitrogen removal.
- <u>Section 7</u>. (a) Subject to the exceptions in subsection (b) of this section, the health officer shall neither issue building site approvals nor accept building site applications for any residential use at a density greater than one dwelling unit per five acres in the McAllister GSA.
- (b) The prohibition in subsection (a) does not apply to building site approvals or applications for
- (i) lots which received final subdivision approval or otherwise were legally in existence on or before August 15, 1988; or
- (ii) lots which are included in an unexpired, fully completed application for preliminary subdivision, short subdivision or large lot subdivision approval submitted to the Thurston County Planner on or before August 15, 1988. The requirements for submittal of a fully

completed application are set out in Title 18 of the Thurston County Code.

- (c) For purposes of this section, the density of residential uses which are part of a subdivision for which final approval has been granted shall be the average density of the entire subdivision or subdivision phase.
- (d) The provisions of this section 7 shall expire on February 1, 1991.

Section 8. Severability. If any provision of this Resolution or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of the Resolution or the application of the provision to other persons or circumstances is not affected.

ADOPTED: august 13, 1990.

ATTEST:

BOARD OF HEALTH
Thurston County, Washington

Clerk of the Board

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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# RESOLUTION NO. 9534

A RESOLUTION relating to internal County management and temporarily directing the Planning Director not to accept certain subdivision applications.

The Board of Thurston County Commissioners makes the following findings of fact:

- 1. The Thurston County Board of Health has this date adopted a resolution creating a Geologically Sensitive Area known as the McAllister GSA.
- 2. This Board of Health resolution adopts a number of measures designed to protect the McAllister aquifer from pollution from land use activities. The resolution also recommends that the County adopt a number of changes to its zoning ordinance, among which is the establishing of a residential density of one dwelling unit per five acres throughout the McAllister GSA. The Board of Health recommends that this density apply to all residential development until connected to public sewer and served by adequate stormwater facilities.
- 3. In order to afford the Planning Commission and this Board adequate opportunity to consider the recommended zoning changes, the Board of Health imposed a moratorium on the filing of building site applications and issuance of building site approvals for development at a density greater than one dwelling unit per five acres. This moratorium expires on February 1, 1991.
- 4. Because a building site approval is necessary to install a septic system, it would be an improper use of both public and private resources to commence the subdivision approval process for property which must rely on septic systems, but which cannot obtain a building site approval.
- 5. Therefore, to avoid the commencement of a futile process, it is necessary to direct the Thurston County Planning Director not to accept the submission or filing of preliminary subdivision applications, short subdivision applications or large lot subdivision applications for developments which will rely on septic systems and which are subject to the Board of Health moratorium on the filing of building site applications or the issuance of building site approvals.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF THURSTON COUNTY, that

- (1) The Thurston County Planning Director is directed not to accept for submission or filing preliminary subdivision applications, short subdivision applications or large lot subdivision applications for any development within the McAllister GSA as defined by the Board of Health resolution of this date subject to the moratorium on the filing of building site applications or the issuance of building site approvals established by such Board of Health resolution.
- (2) However, the Planning Director may accept the subdivision applications listed in section (1), above, if
- (a) the property is wholly within the short-term Urban Growth Management boundary as established in the memorandum of understanding by Thurston County and the Cities of Olympia, Lacey and Tumwater of June 20, 1988 as it may be amended;
- (b) sanitary sewer is the proposed method of waste disposal; and
- (c) the application is accompanied by a letter stating that sanitary sewer will be available within three years of preliminary subdivision approval. Such letter shall be signed by the director of the utility or department providing the sewer.

(3) The provisions of this Resolution shall expire on February 1, 1991.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

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Thurston County,

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ADOPTED: august 13, 1990.

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