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MEMORANDUM

TO: Thurston County Planning Commission

FROM: Brad Murphy, Senior Planner

DATE: February 22, 2019

SUBJECT: SMP Draft Chapters for March 6th Planning Commission meeting

Attached are the working strike-thru versions of the SMP chapters and Appendix B, C and D. I will provide an overview of the changes, and start to discuss decisions needed by the Planning Commission on topics within the document, at the March 6th Planning Commission meeting. I wanted to get this information to you early so you have extra time to review before the meeting. The SMP will be a topic on your meeting agendas for the upcoming future so there will be many opportunities to discuss.

Included is a comment matrix where staff has tracked comments submitted to date. We continue to accept comments so the matrix will continue to be updated. You will receive hard copies of the documents early next week and they will be posted on-line before the March 6th meeting.

Numerous comments have been submitted on the different chapters but you'll see the proposed strike-thru changes are considerably fewer. The reasons for this include:

- The proposed change wasn't applicable, was counter to county or state regulations or policy, or would change the meaning of a statutory or regulatory term.
- Topics had conflicting comments so those topics will be brought to the Planning Commission for discussion/decision (i.e. buffers, nonconforming, etc.).
- In instances such as the goals and policies the proposed changes would make a policy too restrictive, too broad, or focused too much on only certain aspects of a goal or policy. Staff will bring discussion/decision points concerning Goals and Policies to the Planning Commission.
- The proposed change was already somewhere else in the document.
- We are still waiting for additional comments from some of the regulatory agencies on later chapters and appendices. We will be getting those comments to you as soon as we received them and are able to review and incorporate them into the document.

The draft Thurston County Shoreline Master Program document was based on language contained in other SMP's already approved and adopted by Ecology at the time it was written. The proposed strike-thru changes hopefully add some clarity to certain topics, help explain ideas or reasoning, or were corrections or changes based on regulatory agency comments.

I look forward to discussing these items with you as we move into this next step of review and decision making on the document. Please let me know if you have any questions.