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Thurston County Board of Commissioners
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Subject: Planning Commission Recommendation on Forest Conversion Code Update

The Thurston County Planning Commission has completed its review of the Forest Conversion Code Updates (Chapter 17.25 TCC and supporting code sections). The Planning commission held two (2) work sessions, on June 7 and September 20, 2023, and a noticed public hearing on August 16, 2023. A total of 8 comments were received thought the Planning Commission review.

During the September 20 work session, the Planning Commission requested staff draft two recommendations to the Board of County Commissioners, as follows:

The Planning Commission recommends that the Board of County Commissioners adopt the updated code as revised.

The Thurston County Planning Commission voted to support this recommendation. (5-yea, 2-nay)

Planning Commission recommends that the Board of County Commissioners review program to incentivizing usage of permits and deterrents for tree conservation including but not limited to fee and fine structures.

Thurston County Planning Commission voted to support this recommendation. (6-yea, 1-nay)

Thank you for the opportunity to review and comment on the proposed amendment. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

Eric Casino
Eric Casino (Oct 26, 2023 08:36 PDT)

Eric Casino, Chair