## BEFORE THE SKAGIT COUNTY HEARING EXAMINER

## FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATION

**Applicant:** Robert Coffey and Deborah North

**Address:** 2136 Swan Road

Mount Vernon, WA 98273

File No: C/U Open Space Land App#6-2020

**Request:** To transfer 7.0 acres from Current Use Farm and Agriculture

to Current Use Open Space Land.

**Location:** Portion of S1/2NE1/4 Sec. 10, T34N, R4E, W.M.

(See Staff Report for full description)

Assessor's No: P24441

**Public Hearing:** After reviewing the report of the Assessor's Office, the Hearing

Examiner conducted a public hearing on December 9, 2020.

**Recommendation:** Approval

## **FINDINGS**

- 1. Robert Coffey and Deborah North seek to transfer 7.0 acres from Current Use Farm and Agriculture to Current Use Open Space Land.
- 2. The property is a portion of S1/2NE1/4 Sec. 10, T34N, R4E, W.M. The Staff Report contains a complete description. The property is bordered on the south by Nookachamps Creek. The Assessor's account number is P24441.
- 3. The property does not now meet the income requirements for the Farm and Agriculture classification.
- 4. The new classification would protect streams, stream corridors, wetlands, and natural shorelines.
- 5. The hearing was held after due notice. There was no public testimony. There were no written comments.
  - 6. The Examiner admitted the exhibits submitted by Staff.
  - 7. The Examiner fins that the property meets the definition of the classification sought.
  - 8. The Staff recommends approval. The Examiner concurs with Staff.

## RECOMMENDATION

The Examiner recommends approval of the application.

Wick Dufford, Hearing Examiner

Date: December 16, 2020

Copies transmitted to Applicants, Assessor's Office and County Commissioners,

December 16, 2020.

Attachment: Staff Report and Exhibits