Skagit County Planning Commission's Recorded Motion Regarding the Amendments to Stormwater Management Standards, Skagit County Code 14.04, 14.18, 14.22, and 14.32

Proposal publish date:

May 3, 2022

Proposal name:

Amendments to Stormwater Management Standards, Skagit

County Code 14.04, 14.18, 14.22, and 14.32

Documents available at:

www.skagitcounty.net/stormwater2022

Public hearing body:

Skagit County Planning Commission

Public hearing date:

Tuesday, May 24, 2022, at 6 p.m.

Written comment deadline:

Tuesday, May 24, 2022, at conclusion of public hearing

PC deliberations:

Tuesday, May 24, 2022

The Planning Commission held four work sessions on the amendments to the Skagit County stormwater management standards on March 22, April 12, April 26, and May 10, 2022.

On May 5, 2022, the Planning and Development Services Department published a Notice of Availability (including SEPA determination of nonsignificance and notice of written comment period and public hearing) and staff report, and transmitted a 60-day Notice of Intent to Adopt to the Department of Commerce.

The Staff Report published on May 5, 2022, contains additional findings related to process, public notice, and department recommendations.

The public comment period is open from May 5, 2022, until May 24, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.

The Planning Commission deliberated on the docket on May 24, 2022, and June 14, 2022.

After considering the written and spoken comments and considering the record before it, the Planning Commission enters the following findings of fact, reasons for action, and recommendations to the Board of County Commissioners.

Findings of Fact and Reasons for Action

- 1. The Department has provided thorough analysis of the proposed amendments and included community input in the code language.
- 2. It is reasonable to evaluate regional stormwater systems after twenty years to consider new best management practices and other new regulations overseeing stormwater facilities.

- 3. Development pressure will continue in Skagit County, there is a need for predictable stormwater management. This will help mitigate impacts to sensitive downstream resources by increased runoff.
- 4. The code updates are required to maintain compliance with the NPDES Phase II Municipal Stormwater Permit by June 30, 2022.
- 5. The updates provide clarity and ease for the public applying for development permits.
- 6. The code language is compatible and consistent with shoreline, critical areas, stormwater, and land disturbance codes. Also, these topics are cohesive and comprehensive.

Recommendation

The Planning Commission recommends that the Board of County Commissioners **approve** the amendments to the Stormwater Management Standards, Skagit County Code 14.04, 14.18, 14.22, and 14.32 with the recommended changes provided by the Department in the June 10, 2022, supplementary staff report addendum:

- 1. SCC 14.32.040(2)
- 2. SCC 14.32.150(4)-(6)

This recorded motion approved June 14, 2022

Commission Vote	Support	Oppose	Absent	Abstain
Tim Raschko, Chair			х	
Tammy Candler, Vice Chair	х			
Kathy Mitchell	х			
Vince Henley	х			
Mark Knutzen			х	
Amy Hughes	х			
Martha Rose	х			
Joe Woodmansee			х	
Jennifer Hutchison	х			
Total	6	0	3	0

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Hal Hart, Secretary

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