

Public Hearing

Guemes Island

Seawater Intrusion Amendment

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Current Seawater Intrusion Requirements

- Currently, per SCC 14.24.380(2), an application proposing use of a well must include the following:
 - A site plan (including inland well site location)
 - Estimated depth of well
 - Estimated land elevation of the well
 - Depth and chloride levels of surrounding wells
 - Drilling plan
 - Applicable fees



Proposed SSA Seawater Intrusion Requirements

- The petition would add language to SCC 14.24.380(2) to require the following information to be submitted prior to drilling in an SSA:
 - A site plan (including inland well site location)
 - Estimated depth of well
 - Estimated land elevation of the well
 - Depth and chloride levels of surrounding wells
 - Drilling plan
 - Applicable fees



Proposed Seawater Intrusion Requirements

- The new proposed language would require an applicant who wishes to drill a well in a SSA (Guemes Island) to submit an application regardless of the type of development application.
- Siting, depth and other information can protect the applicant and neighboring properties against seawater intrusion.



Next Steps

- June 11th 6:00 PM – PC Deliberations
- July 1st 10:00 AM – BOCC Work Session
- July 23rd 10:00 AM– BOCC Deliberations

Supporting Documents can be found at:
<https://www.skagitcounty.net/Departments/PlanningAndPermit/Seawater.htm>



How to Comment

- Public comment period will close on Thursday, May 30th, 2024 at 4:30pm.
- Three options – mailing, emailing, or commenting today at public hearing.
- Mail to 1800 Continental Place, Mount Vernon, WA
 - Email to pdscomments@co.skagit.wa.us
- Please provide your full name and address for any submitted comments.

