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Sent: Monday, June 3, 2013 4:27 PM
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Subject: ECA DNS comment

Melonie,
I am sending in comments on the city's DNS for the ECA update. Please confirm receipt.
Thank you,
Erica Tiliacos
Kamuron Gurol  
City of Sammamish  
Community Development Department  
801 – 228th Avenue SE  
Sammamish, WA 98075  
June 3, 2013

Dear Kamuron,

RE: Corrected Determination of Non-significance (DNS) and Adoption of Existing Environmental Document for ECA Amendments to the Sammamish Municipal Code.

The following comments are submitted by Friends of Pine Lake, a local, all volunteer non-profit group founded in 1998 to protect the waters of Sammamish’s lakes and streams. We have made continuous efforts to preserve the integrity of our natural environment on the Sammamish Plateau and to protect property owners from the risks of downstream impacts.

I offer comments concerning the subject Corrected DNS and Adoption of Existing Environmental Documents for the Environmentally Critical Areas Amendments.

We have reviewed the DNS and think that it has been issued in error. Proposed changes have the potential to put at risk the health of our local wetlands and streams, the landslide portions of the western plateau draining into Lake Sammamish, and especially the northern and southern tributary streams and Lake Sammamish itself. This is to become the city’s legally required statutory update under GMA, and therefore should include a full EIS.

We have also reviewed the letter dated June 3, 2013 prepared by Richard Aramburu representing Wally Pereyra detailing extensive legal deficiencies in the DNS and calling for an Environmental Impact Statement of the proposed Amendments to the ECA. We agree with Mr. Aramburu’s argument and incorporate his letter by reference in these comments from Friends of Pine Lake.

Friends of Pine Lake requests that the DNS be withdrawn and enter a determination of significance (DS). We further request that the City prepare an EIS. The EIS should include analysis on how the resource is functioning given the last update, what degradation, if any, has occurred, what success mitigation has had and whether the regulation should be changed or retained due to the reviewed impacts or improvements that have been observed. The EIS should also include a cumulative impact analysis.

Thank you for your consideration of our comments.

Yours truly,
Erica Tiliacos  
President, Friends of Pine Lake