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**TO:** Growth Management Coordinating Council  
**FROM:** Technical Advisory Group  
**RE:** July 1<sup>st</sup> recommendations

The Technical Advisory Group met today to review the information included in the Growth Management Coordinating Council packet. We have the following recommendations:

1. Urban Growth Area Review Paper

We have reached consensus on the paper that is attached. However, we have left for your review and discussion the allocation of population and employment in Tables 3 and 4. While we reached agreement on many of the allocation requests, there still remain issues of requests outside the range of EIS alternatives and the at least proposal of Bellingham.

2. Future of Growth Management Coordinating Council

We have recommended that we at least temporarily suspend the work of the Coordinating Council. The TAG believes that it may prove difficult to pass amendments to the County-wide Planning Policies, so it might be necessary to first discuss the framework or process for decision-making. County staff also need to focus on two major GMA actions in the next six months (UGA and LAMIRD), and do not have time available to support this effort.

The TAG would like to reconvene in January to review County-wide Planning Policies and implementation issues related to Urban Growth Areas. The full GMCC could be asked to reconvene sometime later in 2010.