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**FOOTHILLS SUBAREA PLAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE
RECORD OF DECISIONS & RECOMMENDATIONS
FOR THE 2/21/07 MEETING**

Date: February 22, 2007
To: Foothills Subarea Plan Advisory Committee
From: Matt W. Aamot, Whatcom County Planning & Development

At the February 21, 2007 meeting, the Foothills Subarea Plan Advisory Committee made the following decisions and recommendations relating to the **Columbia Valley Urban Growth Area**:

1. **2027 Population Projection** - The Committee recommended utilizing the following 2027 projection of year-round population for the Columbia Valley Urban Growth Area (this recommendation supersedes the recommendation made at the January 17, 2007 meeting):

<i>Area</i>	<i>Recommended 2027 Population Projection</i>	<i>Population Increase from 2006-2027</i>	<i>ECONorthwest Growth Assumption*</i>	<i>Committee Vote</i>
UGA	7,053	3,200	Between the Baseline and High	6-4 (with 1 committee member absent)

* Note: Consulting firm ECONorthwest provided low, baseline, and high growth projections in a report of December 1, 2006. The Foothills Subarea Plan Advisory Committee recommended a projection between ECONorthwest's baseline and high growth assumptions for the UGA.

2. **UGA Expansion** – The Committee recommended, by a 7-3 vote (with 1 member absent), to change the Comprehensive Plan designation of the 40-acre Holly & Associates/S.C. Goshen site from Rural to Urban Growth Area (UGA). This site is adjacent to the east side of the existing UGA and can generally be described as:
 - The W ½ of the NE ¼ of the NE ¼ of section 22, T40N, R5E, W.M.; and
 - The W ½ of the SE ¼ of the NE ¼ of section 22, T40N, R5E, W.M.

A map of the “Foothills Subarea Plan Advisory Committee Recommended Land Use Alternative – 2/21/2007” for the Columbia Valley UGA and adjacent lands (which incorporates recommendations from the 1/3/07, 1/17/07 and 2/21/07 Advisory Committee meetings) is attached.

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