



## EVERGREEN WATER-SEWER DISTRICT

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Dear David,

Evergreen Water-Sewer District 19 hereby submits the attached Resolution No. 3 – 2008 outlining our review and support for the proposed Foothills Subarea Plan as presented for adoption by the FSPAC. We ask that this correspondence become part of the public record and be made available for review at any hearing or proceeding pertaining to this matter.

The sections pertaining to our service area appear consistent with our Comprehensive Plan and long range planning goals and appear to encourage the creation of essential conditions that will be conducive to those goals. We find in our review that our resources appear adequate to ensure the efficient delivery of public services to accommodate projected growth throughout the planning period as contemplated in the proposed plan pursuant to chapter 36.70A.020 (12) RCW.

Our Water-Sewer District is committed to the highest standard of environmental integrity and as such, encourages responsible development in the Columbia Valley UGA to best ensure that conditions created prior to growth management planning do not become a detriment to our water resources in the future. Recent improvements in our District are a testament to this fact and the feasibility of additional long range improvements are currently being studied jointly with our neighboring Water-Sewer District No.13.

Evergreen Water-Sewer District 19 currently has approximately 1,200 aging septic systems within its service area. The Columbia Valley UGA soil has been identified as predominantly Winston silt loam (0-3%) with severe limitations for septic tank absorption fields due to rapid permeability in the subsoil. Evergreen Water-Sewer District 19 finds that the recommendations presented in the proposed Foothills Subarea Plan for the Columbia Valley UGA will provide the support and direction necessary to potentially rectify this condition, utilizing the best available science and with an emphasis on community revitalization, health and safety.

Evergreen Water-Sewer District 19 therefore finds compelling evidence to support the proposed Foothills Subarea Plan as presented by the FSPAC and encourages its adoption to best ensure the protection of our aquifer and the safety and health of our ratepayers and the general public.

Norma Otto, Chairperson

Richard Banel, Secretary

Linda Largent, Commissioner

**EVERGREEN WATER- SEWER DISTRICT 19  
WHATCOM COUNTY, WASHINGTON  
RESOLUTION NO. 03-2008**

A Resolution supporting the proposed Foothills Subarea Plan

**AUTHORITY**

- WHEREAS the Board of Commissioners of Evergreen Water-Sewer District 19 have reviewed the recommendations approved by the FSPAC and have found the proposed Foothills Subarea Plan to be protective of the rate payers, the community and the public welfare within and immediately surrounding our District's service area, AND
- WHEREAS the Board of Commissioners finds that the proposed Foothills Subarea Plan as adopted by the majority members of the FSPAC has been coordinated with District staff, adequately researched against District records and appears generally consistent with the District's comprehensive plan and long range planning goals, AND

**PURPOSE**

- WHEREAS the Board of Commissioners recognizes its duty to support and participate meaningfully in all local and/or county wide planning efforts affecting our service area to best represent the interests of the District and its rate payers, AND
- WHEREAS the Board of Commissioners finds pursuant to RCW 36.70A.020 (1), (11) & (12) that the District's resources and planning goals appear to be adequate and consistent with the proposed Foothills Subarea Plan and the District's intent to provide public services in an efficient and cost effective manner during the planning period,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Evergreen Water-Sewer District 19 hereby declares its support and approval of the proposed Foothills Subarea Plan as submitted by the majority members of the FSPAC and urges its adoption as presented.

ADOPTED by the Board of Commissioners at a regular meeting of Evergreen Water-Sewer District, Whatcom County, Washington, this 26<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2008.



EVERGREEN WATER-SEWER DISTRICT

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