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**To:** "Gary Davis" <GDavis@co.whatcom.wa.us>  
**Date:** 10/6/2010 12:08 PM  
**Subject:** RE: Whatcom County Rural Element Update - September 28 meeting

Gary,

Thanks for finding that earlier notice. I scanned our records and had missed that one.

No, there is no need to provide a new 60-day notice on this work. We will associate these materials with the existing review item #14552.

Regarding our review, we are happy to review materials, but review assignments here have to go through Dave Anderson initially. He would be deciding if this is on my work bench or not. We have been told to make small communities our priority, and as Whatcom County is not on the "list", it is basically "as time allows."

I'll ask if he thinks the review is important.

Doug

-----Original Message-----

From: Gary Davis [mailto:GDavis@co.whatcom.wa.us]  
Sent: Wednesday, October 06, 2010 11:31 AM  
To: Peters, Doug (COM)  
Subject: RE: Whatcom County Rural Element Update - September 28 meeting

Hi Doug, attached is the acknowledgment letter we received last year, prior to the Planning Commission's public hearing on the rural element. Now there is a substantially different draft being reviewed by the Council -- do we need to submit a new 60-day notice, and to what extent would COM review or comment on the new draft?

Thanks

Gary

>>> "Peters, Doug (COM)" <doug.peters@commerce.wa.gov> 10/6/2010 11:21 AM >>>

Hi Gary,

I am behind in replying to your voicemail with the notice question for the Rural element. I checked to see if we already had a record of the County having notified us of the Rural Element and LAMIRD proposals, but did not find any record. Paul Johnson here said he will process your 9/27 notice on the draft of the Rural element update.

Let me know if you have any questions.

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My current work schedule is Mon-Thu: 7 am - 6 pm.

Our GMA website is located at: [www.commerce.wa.gov/growth](http://www.commerce.wa.gov/growth)

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360.725.4000.

Note: Our offices are open M-Th, 7a-6p. However, because of budget reductions, our offices will be closed on Monday, October 11.

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From: Gary Davis [mailto:GDavis@co.whatcom.wa.us]

Sent: Monday, September 27, 2010 11:51 AM

To: Undisclosed recipients

Subject: Whatcom County Rural Element Update - September 28 meeting

Good morning,

The Rural Element Update is scheduled to be discussed again on Tuesday, September 28 in the Council Chambers, 311 Grand Ave, Bellingham. This special Council Committee of the Whole meeting is scheduled to begin at 1:30 pm. At this work session, the Council will continue discussion of the new draft ordinance prepared by PDS based on Council direction given at previous meetings. A public hearing to consider adoption of the ordinance, and to receive public testimony, will be scheduled in the coming weeks.

The agenda for September 28 is posted at

<http://www.whatcomcounty.us/council/meetings/council/packet/agenda.pdf>

The packet materials, which include staff's memo and background information comparing the existing and proposed commercial and industrial zones, is posted at

<http://www.whatcomcounty.us/council/meetings/council/packet/ab2010-072a.pdf>

The draft ordinance (which includes proposed zoning maps and proposed zoning code and comprehensive plan text changes), and the PDS memo summarizing the changes made since the Planning Commission recommendation, can be downloaded from

<http://www.whatcomcounty.us/pds/plan/long/projects/lamird/proposed.jsp>.

If you have any questions regarding the meeting or the topic to be discussed, please let me know.

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