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Subject: FW: Fossil and Renewable Fuels Facilities Evaluation Worksheet
Attachments: SEPA Worksheet Process.pdf

Hello everyone,

Please see the email and attachment from Mark.

Thank you,

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From: Mark Personius
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Commissioners,

Commissioner Deshmane had inquired at the last Planning Commission meeting about the likely process PDS would engage in to complete the Fossil and Renewable Fuels Facilities Evaluation Worksheet proposed in Exhibit B of your packet, WCC 16.08.090.E.

Please see the attached description of that likely process. We can discuss further at your meeting tomorrow night.

Thank you,

Mark Personius
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WCC 16.08.090 Environmental Checklist

E. SEPA Evaluation Worksheet for Fossil and Renewable Fuel Facilities

Note: PDS conferred with Cascadia Law Group and the County's Chief Civil Deputy Prosecutor this week. Cascadia indicated that the Worksheet for Fossil and Renewable Fuel Facilities is an administrative form to be developed by the SEPA Responsible Official. The SEPA Official may consult with advisory committees, stakeholders, and/or governmental agencies when developing the form. However, it is not a legislative action requiring Planning Commission review or County Council approval.

Likely PDS process for developing the proposed Fossil and Renewable Fuel Facilities Evaluation Worksheet:

- Research issues, identify gaps in current checklist, define intent/purpose/context for evaluation worksheet coverages.
- Consult with outside agencies (e.g., NW Clean Air and Ecology), subject matter experts, industry and related stakeholders (e.g., advisory committees or interest groups) to define scope of work and/or identify appropriate or applicable models to utilize, if applicable.
- Determine if development of evaluation worksheet can be completed with local resources (see above) or if it requires outside consultant assistance and expertise.
 - If consultant needed, then initiate budget amendment process to get budget authority from Council to hire consultants.
 - Develop scope of work/RFP for consultants (including tasks for consulting with affected agencies, stakeholders and the public)
 - Issue RFP/Interview qualified responsive bidders/Hire consultant/Contract approval from Executive and Council
- Consultant /PDS develop Evaluation Worksheet to address issues 1-5 in proposed WCC 16.08.090.E. Evaluation Worksheet for Fossil and Renewable Fuel Facilities.
- Consultant/PDS coordination and review with affected stakeholders/interest groups/advisory committees, etc.
- SEPA Official adopts new Evaluation Worksheet as an administrative function.

Likely Timelines: Anywhere from 4-12 months depending upon complexity of issues to be addressed.