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Sean Gaffney, Pierce County SEPA Official
2401 South 35th St
Tacoma, WA 98409

Re: NOTICE OF ASSUMPTION OF LEAD AGENCY STATUS

Description of proposal: Shoreline Exemption request to remove invasive weeds (elodea) from the stream bottom of Clarks Creek using a Diver Assisted Suction Harvesting (DASH). The area of work includes areas in both Pierce County and the City of Puyallup. However, all of the work will be completed at the same time by the same City of Puyallup contractor, making a single, consolidated determination on SEPA more efficient for the project scope. Five (5) year permit approval is sought for these on-going weed management activities.

Permit Numbers: SEPA Standalone #PLSSP20230010 & Shoreline Exemption #PLSSE20230024

Proponent(s): City of Puyallup Public Works Department, Stormwater Division; Pierce County Surface Water Management

Location of proposal: Clarks Creek (12th Ave SW bridge to Puyallup River)

Initial lead agency: City of Puyallup

New lead agency: N/A

The proposed action is a continuation of an annual invasive weed management program related to Clarks Creek, which has been on-going for over 10 years. As with previous SEPA determinations regarding aquatic weed management actions in Clarks Creek, the City of Puyallup proposes to assume lead agency status for the entire project, with Pierce County concurrence. The proposal to manage the invasive weed growth has been modified slightly from years prior to include a diver assisted suction method in place of the traditionally used mechanical cutting method. In its initial review, the initial lead agency (City of Puyallup) has concluded that this proposal is not likely to have significant adverse impact on the environment and that the project appears to be in substantial conformance with a previous determination of non-significance dated December 13, 2007 (issued by the City of Puyallup). The previous DNS was issued for a 5 year permit. The current request is also for a 5-year permit approval.

In our determination, an Environmental Impact Statement is not required on the proposal. The City of Puyallup SEPA Official has preliminarily determined that this proposal will be processed as an addendum, pursuant to WAC 197-11-625, to the previous DNS (dated 12.13.07).

You are being notified of the City of Puyallup's intent to assume the responsibility of lead agency under SEPA for the weed management actions for the coming 5 years, including creek portions both within the city and in unincorporated Pierce County. The City of Puyallup requests Pierce County please respond to confirm acceptance of this lead status request.

Responsible Official
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A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Katie Baker". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Katie Baker, AICP

Date: May 22, 2023

Cc: Rachael Brown, Associate Planner, City of Puyallup
Paul Marrinan, Senior Civil Engineer, City of Puyallup
Hans Hunger, City Engineer, City of Puyallup