MEMORANDUM

TO: Thurston County Planning Commission

FROM: Jeremy Davis, Associate Planner

DATE: March 3, 2010

SUBJECT: March 3, 2010 Public Hearing Items – Comprehensive Plan Amendments

The proposed changes include amendments to the Comprehensive Plan and the joint comprehensive plans the County has with the Cities of Olympia, Yelm, and Lacey for their respective Urban Growth Areas. The proposed amendments were first presented to the Planning Commission during the last half of 2009. Several of the amendments also involve changes to the Thurston County Zoning Ordinance (Title 20), the Zoning Ordinance for the Lacey Urban Growth Area (Title 21), the Tumwater UGA Zoning Ordinance (Title 22), and the Olympia UGA Zoning Ordinance (Title 23). All information previously presented to the Planning Commission has been placed on the Thurston County website. Please be prepared to enter a work-session following the public hearing.

Thurston County Comprehensive Plan

- Chapter 4 Housing and Homeless Encampment Regulations. Amendments to ensure consistency between the Thurston County Consolidated Plan for Housing and the Comprehensive Plan. Add health and safety requirements to the Thurston County Zoning Ordinance (Title 20), Zoning Ordinance of the Lacey Urban Growth Area (Title 21), Tumwater UGA Zoning Ordinance (Title 22), and the Olympia UGA Zoning Ordinance (Title 23) for homeless encampments. For more information go to:

  www.co.thurston.wa.us/planning/comp_plan/comp_plan_housingencamp.html

- Chapter 3 Natural Resources. Minor amendments to support the implementation of the proposed Working Lands Strategic Plan. For more information go to:

  www.co.thurston.wa.us/permitting/agriculture-advisory-committee/working-lands-strategic-plan.htm
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City of Olympia Joint Plan

• 3-A City of Olympia Parks and Open Space Chapter Update. This is a minor amendment to the Comprehensive Plan for the City of Olympia and the Olympia UGA one how park impact fees are calculated. This item was first presented to the Planning Commission on June 17, 2009. No issues or questions were raised at that time. For more information, including the staff report and supporting documents, please go to:

http://www.co.thurston.wa.us/permitting/jointplanamendment/index.htm#3AOlympia

City of Lacey Joint Plan

• 3-D City of Lacey Updates – Land Use, Housing, and Utilities Elements. There are several amendments to the City of Lacey Land Use, Housing and Utilities Elements that affect the unincorporated portion of the Lacey Urban Growth Area. These amendments were first presented to the Planning Commission on September 16, 2009. Two minor issues were raised during the worksession including the location of a gas line along Carpenter Road outside of the Urban Growth Area, and a source citation. The City of Lacey has submitted the attached letter and corrected page for the proposed amendment. For more information, including the staff report and supporting documents, please go to:

http://www.co.thurston.wa.us/permitting/jointplanamendment/index.htm#3DLacey

City of Yelm

• 3-B Yelm Transportation Plan Update. The update to the transportation plan was introduced to the Planning Commission on September 16, 2009. Staff sent the proposed amendment to the Thurston County Public Works Department, and no comments have been noted at this time. There are no further updates at this time. For more information, including the staff report and supporting documents, please go to:

http://www.co.thurston.wa.us/permitting/jointplanamendment/index.htm#3BYelm