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MEMORANDUM

TO: Thurston County Planning Commission

FROM: Olivia Story, Assistant Planner
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DATE: March 9, 2011

SUBJECT: Chapter 20.54.070 Special use permits (**mineral extraction**)

As the Planning Commission, you completed a review of the Mineral Lands Task Force Letter of Recommendation. Additionally, a Planning Commission sub-committee was formed to research the issues relating to the permitting of gravel mines. There were work sessions throughout 2009 and 2010, as well as a public hearing on April 21, 2010. On May 5, 2010, you had a follow up work session to review the public comment from the hearing.

The attached draft ordinance (Attachment A) reflects all your requested changes to date. However there are a few unresolved issues relating to this matter. During our next meeting on March 16, I will go over the background, review these unresolved issues, staff's recommendation, and consider the public comments (Attachment B) taken at the hearing. After a discussion and any changes are made, a recommendation may be made to the Board of County Commissioners.

Attachments:

- A. Draft mineral extraction special use permits Chapter 20.54.070 (21)
- B. Public comment from the April 21, 2010 hearing

CC: Scott Clark, Long Range Planning Manager
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