



Thurston County Board of Commissioners Work Session Summary

Date of Work Session:	April 6, 2017
Time:	3:00 p.m.
Office/Department:	Resource Stewardship
Subject:	Title 26
Staff Contact/Author:	Name/Title: Mike Kain Phone: x5471
Attendees:	Commissioners Present: Bud Blake, Gary Edwards
Attendees:	County Manager: Ramiro Chavez; Asst. County Manager: Robin Campbell
Attendees:	Other Staff: Brent Butler, Kraig Chalem
Discussion Points:	<p>This briefing is a follow-up to the February 8, 2017 briefing. Title 26 aids in the County's efforts to protect public health, safety, private property values, quality of life, and the environment. The intent of the briefing was to discuss potential amendments to Title 26; including, revisiting use of the term "egregious" in compliance policies.</p> <p>Possible amendments discussed were:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Provision for good faith efforts and reasonable timelines 2. Limit civil penalties to 30 days maximum accrual 3. Provisions for voluntary compliance agreements. 4. Allow permit denial on subsequent sites for a repeat offender 5. Add Environmental Health code violation as reason to deny permit 6. Upon Notice of Violation, allow 30 days to initiate action. 7. Remove the term "egregious" from the Compliance Policy <p>With respect to the term "egregious", possibly change to, "imminent threat to public health, safety and general welfare". Examples of Imminent Threats:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Active grading in a wetland • Active soil disturbance on a hazardous slope or shoreline • Cutting of protected trees • On-going construction of an unpermitted residence or business • Hazardous fluids leaking onto soil or water <p>Commissioner Edwards asked what is being done to assist in efforts to clean up properties with piles of garbage. It was explained that solid waste was handled by Environmental Health and was Enterprise funded. Therefore rate payer monies cannot be used to pay for disposal of waste on private property. However, the county does pay for disposal of solid waste deposited in public rights-of-way.</p>
Results/Board Direction:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staff should work toward providing strikethrough and underline draft of proposed revisions.