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MEMORANDUM

TO: Thurston County Planning Commission
FROM: Andrew Deffobis, Associate Planner
DATE: November 23, 2011
SUBJECT: Critical Areas Ordinance (CAO) Update – Changes to Draft CAO

Last week, “public hearing draft” versions of CAO chapters were posted on the Planning Department’s website, at http://www.co.thurston.wa.us/planning/critical_areas/criticalareas-dec10-hre.html. These documents show each draft as a clean copy, with all edit marks removed. Revisions were made to some chapters since they were last shown to the Planning Commission, and prior to posting on the web. The attached documents represent the most recent drafts of those chapters that have changed since the last time the Planning Commission saw them. Any chapters not included moved directly from the last version the Planning Commission saw into the “public hearing draft” versions posted online.

The changes shown in Chapter 24.10 TCC, Critical Aquifer Recharge Areas, are for the most part the same edits reflected in the November 2, 2011 draft. Minor text amendments were made for clarification in the most recent draft.

The following chapters are included:

- 24.01 General Provisions
- 24.03 Definitions
- 24.10 Critical Aquifer Recharge Areas
- 24.15 Geologic Hazards
- 24.20 Frequently Flooded Areas
- 24.25 Fish and Wildlife Habitat Conservation Areas
- 24.30 Wetlands
- 24.50 Nonconforming Uses, Structures, and Lots
- 24.55 Subdivision in Critical Areas
- 24.65 Critical Area Tracts and Easements
- 24.70 Surety Agreements
- 24.92 Enforcement, Violations, and Penalties