

**DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE
ISSUED BY
DOUGLAS COUNTY TRANSPORTATION & LAND SERVICES**

Description of proposal: Revisions to the Douglas County Regional Shoreline Master Program including:

- Revisions to Section 1.11 Prior development and nonconformance to ensure consistency with the proposed amendments to Section 5.12 Residential;
- Revisions to Section 5.12 Residential to include nonconforming standards for residential uses and structures and to recognize legally established structures that do not meet the bulk and dimensional standards of the shoreline master program as conforming;
- Revisions to Section 5.13 Shoreline bulk and dimensional standards to include specific critical area and buffer standards for lots within subdivisions and short subdivisions in all shoreline environment designations;
- Revision to Section 8 Definitions to change definition number 17 from "appurtenant" to "appurtenant structure."

Proponent: Douglas County Board of Commissioners

Location of proposal: Douglas County

Lead Agency: Douglas County Transportation and Land Services. The lead agency for this proposal has determined that it does not have a probable significant adverse impact on the environment. An environmental impact statement (EIS) is not required under RCW 43.21C.030(2)(c). This decision was made after review of a completed environmental checklist and other information on file with the lead agency. This information is available to the public on request.

There is no comment period for this DNS

This DNS is issued after using the optional DNS process in WAC 197-11-355. There is no further comment period on this DNS.

This DNS is issued under WAC 197-11-340(2); the lead agency will not act on this proposal for 14 days from the date below. Comments must be submitted by 5:00 p.m. on October 6, 2014.

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Date: August 5, 2014 **Signature:** Stephen Neuenschwander

ENVIRONMENTAL CHECKLIST

Purpose of Checklist:

The State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA), chapter 43.21C RCW, requires all governmental agencies to consider the environmental impacts of a proposal before making decisions. An environmental impact statement (EIS) must be prepared for all proposals with probable significant adverse impacts on the quality of the environment. The purpose of this checklist is to provide information to help you and the agency identify impacts from your proposal (and to reduce or avoid impacts from the proposal, if it can be done) and to help the agency decide whether an EIS is required.

Instructions for Applicants:

This environmental checklist asks you to describe some basic information about your proposal. Governmental agencies use this checklist to determine whether the environmental impacts of your proposal are significant, requiring preparation of an EIS. Answer the questions briefly, with the most precise information known, or give the best description you can.

You must answer each question accurately and carefully, to the best of your knowledge. In most cases, you should be able to answer the questions from your own observations or project plans without the need to hire experts. If you really do not know the answer, or if a question does not apply to your proposal, write "do not know" or "does not apply". Complete answers to the questions now may avoid unnecessary delays later.

Some questions ask about governmental regulations, such as zoning, shoreline and landmark designations. Answer these questions if you can. If you have problems, the governmental agencies can assist you.

The checklist questions apply to all parts of your proposal, even if you plan to do them over a period of time or on different parcels of land. Attach any additional information that will help describe your proposal or its environmental effects. The agency to which you submit this checklist may ask you to explain your answers or provide additional information reasonably related to determining if there may be significant adverse impact.

Use of checklist for non-project proposals:

Complete this checklist for non-project proposals, even though questions may be answered "does not apply". IN ADDITION, complete the SUPPLEMENT SHEET FOR NON-PROJECT ACTIONS (part D). For non-project actions, the references in the checklist to the words "project", "applicant" and "property or site" should be read as "proposal", "proposer" and "affected geographic area" respectively.

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A. BACKGROUND	
1. Name of proposed project, if applicable: Amendments to the Douglas County Regional Shoreline Master Program.	
2. Name of applicant: Douglas County Board of Commissioners	
3. Address and phone number of applicant and contact person: Contact: Stephen Neuenschwander Douglas County Trans. & Land Services 140 19 th Street NW Suite A East Wenatchee, WA 98802 509/884-7173	
4. Date checklist prepared: August 5, 2014	

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<p>5. Agency requesting checklist: Douglas County</p>	
<p>6. Proposed timing or schedule (including phasing, if applicable): Public hearings tentatively scheduled for November or December 2014.</p>	
<p>7. Do you have any plans for future additions, expansion, or further activity related to or connected with the proposal? If yes, explain.</p> <p>The Shoreline Master Program is required to be reviewed and updated by 2021.</p>	
<p>8. List any environmental information you know about that has been prepared, or will be prepared, directly related to this proposal.</p> <p>Douglas County prepared an integrated plan/EIS for the adoption of the 2009 Shoreline Master Program.</p>	
<p>9. Do you know whether applications are pending for governmental approvals of other proposals directly affecting the property covered by your proposal? If yes, explain.</p> <p>The limited amendment to the Shoreline Master Program must be approved by the Department of Ecology.</p>	
<p>10. List any government approvals or permits that will be needed for your proposal, if known.</p> <p>Ordinance or resolution adoption by the Board of Commissioners following a public hearing and a recommendation by the planning commission.</p>	
<p>11. Give brief, complete description of your proposal, including the proposed uses and the size of the project and site. There are several questions later in this checklist that ask you to describe certain aspects of your proposal. You do not need to repeat those answers on this page. (Lead agencies may modify this form to include additional specific information on project description).</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Revisions to Section 1.11 Prior development and nonconformance to ensure consistency with the proposed amendments to Section 5.12 Residential; 2. Revisions to Section 5.12 Residential to include nonconforming standards for residential uses and structures and to recognize legally established structures that do not meet the bulk and dimensional standards of the shoreline master program as conforming; 3. Revisions to Section 5.13 Shoreline bulk and dimensional standards to include specific critical area and buffer standards for lots within subdivisions and short subdivisions in all shoreline environment designations; 4. Revision to Section 8 Definitions to change definition number 17 from "appurtenant" to "appurtenant structure." 	
<p>12. Location of the proposal. Give sufficient information for a person to understand the precise location of your proposed project, including a street address, if any, and section, township and range, if known. If a proposal would occur over a range of area, provide the range or boundaries of the site(s). Provide a legal description, site plan, vicinity map, and topographic map, if reasonably available. While you should submit any plans required by the agency, you are not required to duplicate maps or detailed plans submitted with any permit applications related to this checklist.</p> <p>Lands within the jurisdiction of the Shoreline Management Act within unincorporated portions Douglas County.</p>	

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<p>B. ENVIRONMENTAL ELEMENTS</p> <p>1. Earth</p> <p>a. General description of the site (circle one): Flat, rolling, hilly, steep slopes, mountainous, other _____.</p> <p>N/A, the amendments are text changes to the Shoreline Master Program.</p>	
<p>b. What is the steepest slope on the site (approximate percent slope)?</p> <p>N/A, the amendments are text changes to the Shoreline Master Program.</p>	
<p>c. What general types of soils are found on the site (for example: clay, sand, gravel, peat, muck)? If you know the classification of agricultural soils, specify them and note any prime farmland.</p> <p>N/A, the amendments are text changes to the Shoreline Master Program.</p>	
<p>d. Are there surface indications or history of unstable soils in the immediate vicinity? If so, describe.</p> <p>N/A, the amendments are text changes to the Shoreline Master Program.</p>	
<p>e. Describe the purpose, type and approximate quantities of any filling or grading proposed. Indicate source of fill.</p> <p>N/A, the amendments are text changes to the Shoreline Master Program.</p>	
<p>f. Could erosion occur as a result of clearing, construction, or use? If so, generally describe.</p> <p>N/A, the amendments are text changes to the Shoreline Master Program.</p>	
<p>g. About what percent of the site will be covered with impervious surfaces after project construction (for example, asphalt or buildings)?</p> <p>N/A, the amendments are text changes to the Shoreline Master Program.</p>	
<p>h. Proposed measures to reduce or control erosion, or other impacts to the earth, if any:</p> <p>N/A, the amendments are text changes to the Shoreline Master Program.</p>	
<p>2. Air</p> <p>a. What types of emissions to the air would result from the proposal (i.e.: dust, automobile odors, industrial wood smoke) during construction and when the project is completed? If any, describe and give approximate quantities if known.</p> <p>N/A, the amendments are text changes to the Shoreline Master Program.</p>	
<p>b. Are there any off-site sources of emissions or odor that may affect your proposal? If so, generally describe.</p>	

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N/A, the amendments are text changes to the Shoreline Master Program.	
<p>c. Proposed measures to reduce or control emissions or other impacts to air, if any:</p> <p>N/A, the amendments are text changes to the Shoreline Master Program.</p>	
<p>3. Water</p> <p>a. Surface</p> <p>1) Is there any surface water body on or in the immediate vicinity of the site (including year-round and seasonal streams, saltwater, lakes, ponds, wetlands)? If yes, describe type and provide names. If appropriate, state what stream or river it flows into.</p> <p>The amendments are applicable on lands within the jurisdiction of the Shoreline Management Act within unincorporated portions Douglas County.</p>	
<p>2) Will the project require any work over, in, or adjacent to (within 200 feet) the described waters? If yes, please describe and attach available plans.</p> <p>N/A, the amendments are text changes to the Shoreline Master Program.</p>	
<p>3) Estimate the amount of fill and dredge material that would be placed in or removed from surface water or wetlands and indicate the area of the site that would be affected. Indicate the source of fill material.</p> <p>N/A, the amendments are text changes to the Shoreline Master Program.</p>	
<p>4) Will the proposal require surface water withdrawals or diversions? Give general description, purpose and approximate quantities if known.</p> <p>N/A, the amendments are text changes to the Shoreline Master Program.</p>	
<p>5) Does the proposal lie within a 100-year floodplain? If so, note location on the site plan.</p> <p>N/A, the amendments are text changes to the Shoreline Master Program.</p>	
<p>6) Does the proposal involve any discharges of waste materials to surface waters? If so, describe the type of waste and anticipated volume of discharge.</p> <p>N/A, the amendments are text changes to the Shoreline Master Program.</p>	
<p>b. Ground</p> <p>1) Will ground water be withdrawn, or will water be discharged to ground water? Give general description, purpose and approximate quantities if known.</p> <p>N/A, the amendments are text changes to the Shoreline Master Program.</p>	
<p>2) Describe waste material that will be discharged into the ground from septic tanks or other sources, if any (for example: domestic sewage; industrial, containing the following chemicals....., agricultural: etc.). Describe the general size of the system, the number of such systems, the number of houses to be served (if applicable), or the number of animals or humans the system(s) are expected to serve.</p>	

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<p>c. Water Runoff (including storm water):</p> <p>1) Describe the source of runoff (including storm water) and method of collection and disposal, if any (include quantities, if known). Where will this water flow? Will this water flow into other waters? If so, describe.</p> <p>N/A, the amendments are text changes to the Shoreline Master Program.</p>	
<p>2) Could waste materials enter ground or surface waters? If so, generally describe.</p> <p>N/A, the amendments are text changes to the Shoreline Master Program.</p> <p>d. Proposed measures to reduce or control surface, ground, and runoff water impacts, if any:</p> <p>N/A, the amendments are text changes to the Shoreline Master Program.</p>	
<p>4. Plants</p> <p>N/A</p> <p>a. Check or circle types of vegetation found on the site:</p> <p>_____ deciduous tree: alder, maple, aspen, other</p> <p>_____ evergreen tree: fir, cedar, pine, other</p> <p>_____ shrubs</p> <p>_____ grass</p> <p>_____ pasture</p> <p>_____ crop or grain</p> <p>_____ wet soil plants: cattail, buttercup, bulrush, skunk cabbage, other</p> <p>_____ water plants: water lily, eelgrass, mil foil, other</p> <p>_____ other types of vegetation</p>	
<p>b. What kind and amount of vegetation will be removed or altered?</p> <p>N/A, the amendments are text changes to the Shoreline Master Program.</p>	
<p>c. List threatened or endangered species known to be on or near the site.</p> <p>Unknown</p>	
<p>d. Proposed landscaping, use of native plants, or other measures to preserve or enhance vegetation on the site, if any.</p> <p>N/A, the amendments are text changes to the Shoreline Master Program.</p>	
<p>5. Animals</p> <p>N/A</p> <p>a. Circle any birds and animals which has been observed on or near the site or are known to be on or near the site:</p> <p><u>Birds:</u> hawk, heron, eagle, songbirds, other: _____</p> <p><u>Mammals:</u> deer, bear, elk, beaver, other: _____</p> <p><u>Fish:</u> bass, salmon, trout, herring, shellfish, other: _____</p>	
<p>b. List any threatened or endangered species known to be on or near the site.</p> <p>Unknown</p>	

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<p>c. Is the site part of a migration route? If so, explain.</p> <p>Unknown</p>	
<p>d. Proposed measures to preserve or enhance wildlife, if any:</p> <p>N/A, the amendments are text changes to the Shoreline Master Program.</p>	
<p>6. Energy and Natural Resources</p> <p>a. What kinds of energy (electric, natural gas, oil, wood stove, solar) will be used to meet the completed project's energy needs? Describe whether it will be used for heating, manufacturing, etc.</p> <p>N/A, the amendments are text changes to the Shoreline Master Program.</p>	
<p>b. Would your project affect the potential use of solar energy by adjacent properties? If so, generally describe.</p> <p>N/A, the amendments are text changes to the Shoreline Master Program.</p>	
<p>c. What kinds of energy conservation features are included in the plans of this proposal? List other proposed measures to reduce or control energy impacts, if any:</p> <p>N/A, the amendments are text changes to the Shoreline Master Program.</p>	
<p>7. Environmental Health</p> <p>a. Are there any environmental health hazards, including exposure to toxic chemicals, risk of fire and explosion, spill, or hazardous waste, that could occur as a result of this proposal? If so, describe.</p> <p>N/A, the amendments are text changes to the Shoreline Master Program.</p>	
<p>1) Describe special emergency services that might be required.</p> <p>N/A, the amendments are text changes to the Shoreline Master Program.</p>	
<p>2) Proposed measures to reduce or control environmental health hazards, if any:</p> <p>N/A, the amendments are text changes to the Shoreline Master Program.</p>	
<p>b. Noise</p> <p>1) What types of noise exist in the area which may affect your project (for example: traffic, equipment, operation, aircraft, other)?</p> <p>N/A, the amendments are text changes to the Shoreline Master Program.</p>	
<p>2) What types and levels of noise could be created by or associated with the project on a short-term or a long-term basis (for example: traffic, construction, operation, other)? Indicate what hours noise would come from the site.</p> <p>N/A, the amendments are text changes to the Shoreline Master Program.</p>	
<p>3) Proposed measures to reduce or control noise impacts, if any:</p>	

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N/A, the amendments are text changes to the Shoreline Master Program.	
<p>8. Land and Shoreline Use</p> <p>a. What is the current use of the site and adjacent properties?</p> <p>N/A, the amendments are text changes to the Shoreline Master Program.</p>	
<p>b. Has the site been used for agriculture? If so, describe.</p> <p>N/A, the amendments are text changes to the Shoreline Master Program.</p>	
<p>c. Describe any structures on the site.</p> <p>N/A, the amendments are text changes to the Shoreline Master Program.</p>	
<p>d. Will any structure be demolished? If so, what?</p> <p>N/A, the amendments are text changes to the Shoreline Master Program.</p>	
<p>e. What is the current zoning classification of the site?</p> <p>N/A, the amendments are text changes to the Shoreline Master Program.</p>	
<p>f. What is the current comprehensive plan designation of the site?</p> <p>N/A, the amendments are text changes to the Shoreline Master Program.</p>	
<p>g. If applicable, what is the current shoreline master program designation of the site?</p> <p>N/A, the amendments are text changes to the Shoreline Master Program.</p>	
<p>h. Has any part of the site been classified as an "environmentally sensitive" area? If so, specify.</p> <p>N/A, the amendments are text changes to the Shoreline Master Program.</p>	
<p>i. Approximately how many people would reside or work in the completed project?</p> <p>N/A, the amendments are text changes to the Shoreline Master Program.</p>	
<p>j. Approximately how many people would the completed project displace?</p> <p>N/A, the amendments are text changes to the Shoreline Master Program.</p>	
<p>k. Proposed measures to avoid or reduce displacement impacts, if any:</p> <p>N/A, the amendments are text changes to the Shoreline Master Program.</p>	
<p>l. Proposed measures to ensure the proposal is compatible with existing and projected land uses and plans, if any:</p> <p>Review for consistency with the Countywide Comprehensive Plan.</p>	
<p>9. Housing</p> <p>a. Approximately how many units would be provided, if any? Indicate whether high, middle or low-income housing.</p> <p>N/A, the amendments are text changes to the Shoreline Master Program.</p>	

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<p>b. Approximately how many units, if any, would be eliminated? Indicate whether high, middle or low-income housing.</p> <p>N/A, the amendments are text changes to the Shoreline Master Program.</p>	
<p>c. Proposed measures to reduce or control housing impacts, if any:</p> <p>N/A, the amendments are text changes to the Shoreline Master Program.</p>	
<p>10. Aesthetics</p> <p>a. What is the tallest height of any proposed structure(s), not including antennas, what is the principal exterior building material(s) proposed?</p> <p>N/A, the amendments are text changes to the Shoreline Master Program.</p>	
<p>b. What views in the immediate vicinity would be altered or obstructed?</p> <p>N/A, the amendments are text changes to the Shoreline Master Program.</p>	
<p>c. Proposed measures to reduce or control aesthetic impacts, if any:</p> <p>N/A, the amendments are text changes to the Shoreline Master Program.</p>	
<p>11. Light and Glare</p> <p>a. What type of light or glare will the proposal produce? What time of day would it mainly occur?</p> <p>N/A, the amendments are text changes to the Shoreline Master Program.</p>	
<p>b. Could light or glare from the finished project be a safety hazard or interfere with views?</p> <p>N/A, the amendments are text changes to the Shoreline Master Program.</p>	
<p>c. What existing off-site sources of light or glare may affect your proposal?</p> <p>N/A, the amendments are text changes to the Shoreline Master Program.</p>	
<p>d. Proposed measures to reduce or control light and glare impacts, if any:</p> <p>N/A, the amendments are text changes to the Shoreline Master Program.</p>	
<p>12. Recreation</p> <p>a. What designated and informal recreational opportunities are in the immediate vicinity?</p> <p>N/A, the amendments are text changes to the Shoreline Master Program.</p>	
<p>b. Would the proposed project displace any existing recreational uses? If so, describe.</p> <p>N/A, the amendments are text changes to the Shoreline Master Program.</p>	
<p>c. Proposed measures to reduce or control impacts on recreation, including recreation opportunities to be provided by the project or applicant, if any:</p> <p>N/A, the amendments are text changes to the Shoreline Master Program.</p>	

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<p>13. Historic and Cultural Preservation</p> <p>a. Are there any places or objects listed on, or proposed for, national, state or local preservation registers known to be on or next to the site? If so, generally describe.</p> <p>Unknown</p>	
<p>b. Generally describe any landmarks or evidence of historic, archaeological, scientific or cultural importance known to be on or next to the site.</p> <p>N/A, the amendments are text changes to the Shoreline Master Program.</p>	
<p>c. Proposed measures to reduce or control impacts, if any:</p> <p>N/A, the amendments are text changes to the Shoreline Master Program.</p>	
<p>14. Transportation</p> <p>a. Identify public streets and highways serving the site, and describe proposed access to the existing street system. Show on site plans, if any:</p> <p>N/A, the amendments are text changes to the Shoreline Master Program.</p>	
<p>b. Is site currently served by public transit? If not, what is the approximate distance to the nearest transit stop?</p> <p>N/A, the amendments are text changes to the Shoreline Master Program.</p>	
<p>c. How many parking spaces would the completed project have? How many would the project eliminate?</p> <p>N/A, the amendments are text changes to the Shoreline Master Program.</p>	
<p>d. Will the proposal require any new roads or streets, or improvements to existing roads or streets, not including driveways? If so, generally describe (indicate whether public or private).</p> <p>N/A, the amendments are text changes to the Shoreline Master Program.</p>	
<p>e. Will the project use (or occur in the immediate vicinity of) water, rail or air transportation? If so, generally describe.</p> <p>N/A, the amendments are text changes to the Shoreline Master Program.</p>	
<p>f. How may vehicular trips per day would be generated by the completed project? If known, indicate when peak volumes would occur.</p> <p>N/A, the amendments are text changes to the Shoreline Master Program.</p>	
<p>g. Proposed measures to reduce or control transportation impacts, if any:</p> <p>N/A, the amendments are text changes to the Shoreline Master Program.</p>	
<p>15. Public Services</p> <p>a. Would the project result in an increased need for public services (for example: fire protection, police protection, health care, schools, other)? If so, generally</p>	

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<p>describe.</p> <p>N/A, the amendments are text changes to the Shoreline Master Program.</p>	
<p>b. Proposed measures to reduce or control direct impacts on public services, if any.</p> <p>N/A, the amendments are text changes to the Shoreline Master Program.</p>	
<p>16. Utilities</p> <p>a. Circle utilities currently available at the site: electricity, natural gas, water, refuse service, telephone, sanitary sewer, septic system, other.</p> <p>N/A, the amendments are text changes to the Shoreline Master Program.</p>	
<p>b. Describe the utilities that are proposed for the project, the utility providing the service, and the general construction activities on the site or in the immediate vicinity which might be needed.</p> <p>N/A, the amendments are text changes to the Shoreline Master Program.</p>	

C. SIGNATURE

The above answers are true and complete to the best of my knowledge. I understand that the lead agency is relying on them to make its decision.

Signature: Stephen Nevenschwander

Date submitted: August 5, 2014

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D. SUPPLEMENTAL SHEET FOR NONPROJECT ACTIONS

(Do not use this sheet for project actions)

Because these questions are very general, it may be helpful to read them in conjunction with the list of the elements of the environment.

When answering these questions, be aware of the extent the proposal, or the types of activities likely to result from the proposal, would affect the item at a greater intensity or at a faster rate than if the proposal were not implemented. Respond briefly and in general terms.

1. How would the proposal be likely to increase discharge to water; emissions to air; production, storage, or release of toxic or hazardous substances; or production of noise?

The proposed amendments are procedural in nature and will not result in the increase of any of the listed items. Increases in all of these, as a consequence of development at any scale, may be analyzed and mitigated as necessary as development occurs.

Proposed measures to avoid or reduce such increases are: N/A
Existing standards, codes and laws would be applied to mitigate impacts. N/A

2. How would the proposal be likely to affect plants, animals, fish, or marine life?

The proposed amendments are procedural in nature and will not result in impacts to plants, animals, fish, or marine life. Impacts could occur, again as a consequence of additional development, at which time impacts would be analyzed and mitigated provided.

Proposed measures to protect or conserve plants, animals, fish, or marine life are: N/A

The body of existing laws would be relied upon to mitigate impacts. N/A

3. How would the proposal be likely to deplete energy or natural resources?

Unknown

Proposed measures to protect or conserve energy and natural resources are:

N/A

4. How would the proposal be likely to use or affect environmentally sensitive areas or areas designated (or eligible or under study) for governmental protection; such as parks, wilderness, wild and scenic rivers, threatened or endangered species habitat, historic or cultural sites, wetlands, floodplains, or prime farmlands?

The proposed amendments are procedural in nature.

Proposed measures to protect such resources or to avoid or reduce impacts are: N/A

The body of existing laws would be relied upon to mitigate impacts. N/A

5. How would the proposal be likely to affect land and shoreline use, including whether it would allow or encourage land or shoreline uses incompatible with existing plans?

The proposed amendments are procedural in nature and will not result in the increase of any of the listed items. Increases in all of these, as a consequence of development at any scale, may be analyzed and mitigated as necessary as development occurs.

Proposed measures to avoid or reduce shoreline and land use impacts are: N/A

6. How would the proposal be likely to increase demands on transportation or public services and utilities?

The proposed amendments are procedural in nature and will not result in the increase of any of the listed items. Increases in all of these, as a consequence of development at any scale, may be analyzed and mitigated as necessary as development occurs.

Proposed measures to reduce or respond to such demand(s) are: N/A

7. Identify, if possible, whether the proposal may conflict with local, state, or federal laws or requirements for the protection of the environment.

None known.