March 16, 2010

The Honorable Gary Clark, Mayor
City of Zillah
503 First Avenue
Zillah, WA 98953

Re: Approval of changes to the City of Zillah’s Shoreline Master Program
Comprehensive Update

Dear Mayor Clark:

The Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology) is required to notify the local
government and all interested parties of the effective date of a Shoreline Master Program (SMP)
Amendment.\(^1\) As you know, the following correspondence regarding the Shoreline Master
Program Amendment took place between Ecology and the City of Zillah (City):

- On December 18, 2009 - Ecology approved the City of Zillah’s SMP Comprehensive
  update with specific required changes.
- On March 04, 2010 – Ecology received a letter from the City agreeing to all of Ecology’s
documented changes to the SMP, except for proposing an alternative map reflecting
updated FEMA mapping.

Ecology finds the proposed alternative map is consistent with the purpose and intent of the map
changes originally proposed by Ecology, Shoreline Management Act (SMA) policy, and the
applicable guidelines. Additionally, Ecology finds the incorporation of the new FEMA map
consistent with the purpose, the regulatory text and the intent of the original SMP, as submitted
July 2008, and, therefore, consistent with SMA policy and the applicable guidelines. In
conclusion, Ecology approves the alternative map and per WAC 173-26-120(7)(b)(ii), the
**effective date of the City of Zillah’s SMP is the date of this letter.**

\(^1\) WAC 173-26-120(7)(b)(ii)
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As a reminder, shoreline procedural rules\(^2\) require the City to publish a notice that Ecology has taken final action on this amendment. **This notice will initiate a 60-day appeal period.**

Finally, please forward two clean, hard copies of the SMP with changes integrated, and one digital copy of the SMP which includes your map and jurisdictional GIS shape files to Ecology within 60 days.

**To summarize, please:**  
1. Publish a notice that Ecology has taken final action. This notice will begin the appeal period.  
2. Forward two clean, hard copies (including new map sets), with changes integrated, and one digital copy including maps to Ecology.

Congratulations and thank you again for your efforts. If you have any questions, please contact our Regional Planner, Clynda Case at **clynda.case@ecy.wa.gov**/(509) 457-7125.

Sincerely,

\[Signature\]

Ted Sturdevant,  
Director  

**Enclosures**  

**By certified mail [7006 2760 0000 7716 6649]**

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   Ardelle Steele, Planner - City of Zillah  
   Tom Tebb, Central Regional Director  
   Gordon White, Ecology HQ SEA Program Director  
   Interested Parties

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\(^2\) WAC 173-26-120(9)