CITY OF MEDICAL LAKE City Council Regular Meeting and Public Hearing

6:30 PM

February 7, 2023

MINUTES

Council Chambers 124 S. Lefevre Street

NOTE: This is not a verbatim transcript. Minutes contain only a summary of the discussion. A recording of the meeting is on file and available from City Hall.

COUNCIL AND ADMINISTRATIVE PERSONNEL PRESENT

Councilmembers

Chad Pritchard
Art Kulibert (via Zoom)
Heather Starr
Tony Harbolt (via Zoom)
Bob Maxwell

Administration/Staff

Terri Cooper, Mayor
Sonny Weathers, City Administrator
Koss Ronholt, Finance Director/City Clerk
Sean King, City Attorney
Scott Duncan, Public Works Director
Elisa Rodriguez, City Planner
Steve Cooper, WWTP Director
Roxanne Wright, Admin. Assistant

1. CALL TO ORDER, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE, ROLL CALL

- A. Mayor Cooper called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm, led the pledge of allegiance, and conducted roll call. Position #2 is vacant, councilmembers Kulibert and Harbolt were present on Zoom, councilmembers Pritchard, Starr, and Maxwell were all present in person.
- B. Absences Councilmember Kennedy, approved at the January 17, 2023, council meeting.

2. AGENDA APPROVAL

A. Motion to approve agenda made by councilmember Starr, seconded by councilmember Maxwell, motion carried 5-0.

3. INTERESTED CITIZENS: AUDIENCE REQUESTS AND COMMENTS

- A. Tammy Roberson 424 W Brooks Rd Shared commentary on CAO and Council Agenda. See attached.
- B. Scott Holbrook 424 W Brooks Rd Shared commentary on the anatomy of a wetland. See attached.
- C. Diane Nichols 425 Frederick Ave commented her support for the changes proposed by community member Tammy Roberson. See attached.

4. ANNOUNCEMENTS / PROCLAMATIONS / SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS - No items listed

5. REPORTS

- A. City Council & Council Committee Reports
 - i. Finance Committee Councilmember Starr reported that they reviewed claims and warrants as usual and Mr. Ronholt will share the budget update.
 - ii. Parks and Recreation Committee Councilmember Starr provided update on youth basketball. Shared about the return of AARP tax help to City Hall, including the process to help citizens that may not be mobile.

B. Council Comments

- Councilmember Pritchard HCDAC will be meeting again tomorrow. There will be another Waterfront Park walk in April, more details to come. STEM career night with Medical Lake School District will be held May 3, 2023, at Medical Lake Middle School.
- ii. Councilmember Starr no report
- iii. Councilmember Maxwell no report
- iv. Councilmember Kulibert no report
- v. Councilmember Harbolt no report
- C. Mayor Cooper no report
- D. City Administrator & City Staff
 - i. 2022 Budget Update Koss Ronholt, Finance Director
 - 1. Gave presentation on Quarter 4 Final Review. See attached.
 - ii. Sonny Weathers, City Administrator
 - Reminded everyone that the Washington State Legislature is in session and
 encouraged citizens and council members to reach out to our representatives.
 Shared that he is working on a one page document to outline the topics of interest
 and will provide to council for their convenience. The document will also be
 available on the city's website for the public.
 - 2. WWTP lab accreditation was renewed on January 20, 2023.
 - 3. Staff Update: Code Enforcement Officer application period is now closed, and interviews are being scheduled. Parks and Recreation Director position is open through February 28, 2023, with three applicants so far.
 - iii. FD3 update Chief Rohrbach gave update on response times. Proposed a later start for the annual Fisherman's Breakfast that the Fire Department provides. They would like to start two hours before sunrise rather than midnight as has been the standard. Mayor shared that they are thankful for the service and would like to schedule it however it works best for the volunteers. Council in agreement.

6. WORKSHOP DISCUSSION

- A. No items listed
- 7. EXECUTIVE SESSION Scheduled per RCW 42.30.110(h) (City Council candidate(s) qualifications)
 - A. Session scheduled for ten minutes to review qualifications of applicants for council seat #2. Session began at 7:06 pm. Due to technical difficulties, an additional ten minutes was needed.
 - B. Session ended at 7:28 pm and Mayor Cooper gave an update on session.

- i. Applicants for Council Seat #2 are: Kelli Shaffer, Patrick Flaherty, Theodore Olson, Lance Speirs, and Shirley Maike.
- ii. Councilmember Pritchard motioned to move Lance Speirs to the interview process, seconded by councilmember Maxwell, carried 5-0.
- iii. Councilmember Harbolt motioned to move Ted Olson to the interview process, seconded by councilmember Maxwell, carried 5-0.
- iv. Councilmember Starr motioned to move Kelli Shaffer to the interview process, seconded by councilmember Pritchard, carried 5-0.

8. ACTION ITEMS

- A. Consent Agenda
 - i. Approve January 17, 2023, minutes.
 - 1. Motion to approve made by councilmember Pritchard, seconded by councilmember Maxwell, carried 5-0.
 - ii. Approve February 07, 2023, Claim Warrants 42113 through 42156 in the amount of \$66,134.92, and 13th Month Claim Warrants 42100 through 42112 in the amount of \$59,676.48.
 - 1. Finance committee reviewed and recommended approval. Motion to approve made by councilmember Starr, seconded by councilmember Maxwell, carried 5-0.

9. RESOLUTIONS

- A. 23-568 Maintenance Journeyman and Lead Requirements
 - i. Motion to approve made by councilmember Pritchard, seconded by councilmember Starr, carried 5-0.
- B. 23-569 Credit/Fuel Card Policy and Procedure
 - i. Motion to approve made by councilmember Starr, seconded by councilmember Maxwell, carried 5-0.
- C. 23-570 Sole Source Public Works Vehicle Purchase Vactor
 - i. Motion to approve made by councilmember Pritchard, seconded by councilmember Starr, carried 5-0.
- D. 23-571 Sole Source Public Works Vehicle Purchase Multi-Hog
 - Mayor Cooper shared the need to adjust language to replace the word blower with tractor.
 Motion to amend made by councilmember Pritchard, seconded by councilmember Starr, carried 5-0.
 - ii. Motion to approve resolution as amended made by councilmember Harbolt, seconded by councilmember Maxwell, carried 5-0.
- E. 23-572 Construction Contract for Reclaimed Water Main Leak
 - i. Motion to approve made by councilmember Starr, seconded by councilmember Pritchard, carried 5-0.

10. PUBLIC HEARING / APPEALS - Critical Areas Ordinance

- A. Mayor Cooper opened the Public Hearing at 7:37 pm.
 - City Planner, Elisa Rodriguez, summarized the proposed CAO and the process thus far.
 Explained that the Planning Commission wanted to have our legal counsel and City Council review Section 17.10.040 A.16. regarding the appeals process.
 - ii. Legal counsel, Sean King, provided council with the options regarding the language in this section. Council could choose to leave the current language as proposed or change it to

make it more "user friendly". Discussion was held and Mr. King answered questions from council members.

iii. Public comments

- 1. Tammy Roberson 424 W Brooks Rd. shared commentary regarding the wetlands and her concerns and suggestions for the current proposed language for the CAO. Gave input regarding the Stanley Apartments. See attached.
- 2. Judy Wilson 851 S Hallett Street shared commentary regarding the effects that building projects have had on the wildlife in her area and her personal dwelling.
- B. Mayor Cooper closed the Public Hearing at 7:52 pm.

C. Council questions or comments

- i. Councilmember Kulibert asked Mrs. Rodriguez and Mr. King two questions; If the city denies building due to critical areas, is the city then required to purchase the land? Would the ordinance prevent the Medical Lake School District from building, specifically on the High School's sports fields, since there are wetlands on the property? These questions will be researched and answers provided at the next meeting.
- ii. Mayor Cooper commented on the appeal process and that she is in favor of the proposed language as it now enables citizens to go directly to a judge for appeals.
- iii. Councilmember Pritchard discussed his concerns on various sections of the proposed CAO.

 Mrs. Rodriguez answered questions.
- iv. Discussion of the proposed CAO continued between councilmembers, Mayor Cooper, and Mrs. Rodriguez.

11. ORDINANCES

- A. First Read 1108 Critical Areas Ordinance
 - i. Motion to continue first read to the next council meeting on February 21, 2023, made by councilmember Starr, seconded by councilmember Maxwell, motion carried 5-0.

12. EMERGENCY ORDINANCES - No items listed

13. UPCOMING AGENDA ITEMS

- A. North Park
- B. Asset Management Policy Workshop
- C. EFT Policy workshop
- D. Council Policy and Procedure Manual update
- E. Community Garden discussion next meeting

14. INTERESTED CITIZENS: AUDIENCE REQUESTS AND COMMENTS

- A. Tammy Roberson 424 W Brooks Rd. requested ten to fifteen minutes at the next council meeting to give a presentation on wetlands.
- B. Councilmember Maxwell thanked everyone for coming and sharing their thoughts and concerns.

15. CONCLUSION

A. Motion to conclude the meeting made by councilmember Pritchard, seconded by councilmember Maxwell. Motion carried 5-0 and meeting was concluded at 8:20 p.m.

Terri Cooper, Mayor

Koss Ronholt, Finance Director/City Clerk

Attachments to February 7, 2023, City Council Minutes

- Budget Update Document
- Public Comments



2022 - Quarter 4 Final Review

Revenues

Fund	2022	Fiscal	Variance	Variance
	Budget	Activity		Percentage
General	\$3,127,346	\$3,283,889	\$156,543	5%
Streets	\$515,340	\$542,027	\$26,687	5%
Wtr/Swr	\$1,559,150	\$1,924,777	\$365,627	23%
Garbage	\$601,010	\$661,466	\$60,642	10%

Revenue Notes:

A positive variance indicates that revenues exceed the budget, while a negative variance indicates that revenues are short of the budget.



2022 - Quarter 4 Final Review

Expenditures

Fund	2022	Fiscal	Remaining	Percent
	Budget	Activity		Remaining
General	\$3,089,703	\$2,991,993	897,709	3%
Streets	\$515,340	\$508,342	86,997	1%
Wtr/Swr	\$1,772,107	\$1,636,217	\$135,889	7%
Garbage	\$709,200	\$705,925	\$3,274	%0

Expenditure Notes:

A positive percent remaining indicates how much budgeted expenditures are available for use, while a negative variance indicates that expenditures exceed budget.

02/07/2023 Public Comment regarding WetLand / Critical Areas Ordiance

To: City Officials and City Council and Planning Members:

Each of you will determine the future and the role of the critical wetlands in our community and ultimately the future of Medical Lake as a whole entity and the future of Medical Lake short term and long after each of us are long gone. I hope that each of you look at the "exceptions" made in the past and act to not to make them the "new normal". This is your opportunity to do what is right for the environment and the future of Medical Lake. Your decisions will be permanent and it will be too late. Allowing minimal or no buffers or eliminating additional buffers to protect these vital resources and disrupting the natural ecosystems will ultimately destroy Medical Lake. It will no longer be a day trip or vacation or stop over destination. The new apartments at "the Park" will challenge "Mother Nature" based on how the humans choose to protect it or not.

Tammy and Trevor Matthews have graciously provided you with expert knowledge, recommendations and steps to preserve these vital assets to our area. It's a lot of information but based on previous and current actions, these vital lands need all the protection they can get. The Attorney's letter was spot on with the best practices for the city to follow to ensure the best protection of these vital lands!

Please do what needs to be done, it's been drafted for you, it gets the job done ... but it needs your support and your blessing and finally your vote.

What happens when the lakes, ponds, and native grounds are poliuted by humans and garbage and domestic animal feces and they dry up and there's nothing special about this area, except festivals and celebrations? Where was our local government who holds the future of the city and community in their hands, as well as jeopardize the long term health of our environment. You can not go back, you don't get a do over. We can't even get people to respect our city enough to pick up their trash or dog feces, which ultimately goes into our water sources and ground.

This will literally determine the future of Medical Lake. No one person should be the decision maker. By bending rules, changing rules and ignoring the rules that are to protect these sensitive ecosystems, we as a community have failed. It is going to be challenging enough to keep what's left of the wetlands and ecosystem alive. The City should require it to be resurveyed and refenced and any applicable fines should be sent to the developer. The current fencing is not where it should be or removed, land was buildozed in the designated wetland, and no one cares. The housing development at the south end of town and the demise of those wetlands set the tone, same developer and same builder.

As far as the public not coming out and screaming about the dangers you are proposing to our current wetlands and the supporting ecosystems and growth, the world has changed and humans are not invested in the community, unless it involves them personally, eg expanding the city limits onto their homes and land. So many residents live here but don't pay taxes, vote or participate in our community, except for what is of current benefit and importance to them at this time. They aren't invested in Medical Lake or the long term effects of actions or loss of protections.

Your job is to ensure the overall health of this community is not diminished by accepting rules that were ignored, changed or jeopardized in the past at the greed of a shady city official and the smooth talking of a developer who has no interest beyond what he/she wants in their pocketbook. There is truly something to living in the community you serve.

We have already seen the rules and regulations bent, ignored, and literally changed before our very eyes. We have individuals who talk support and then vote against the very items they proposed.

The Items that have been proposed based on professional experience and knowledge and the legal counsel summarizing the actions needed are crucial to save our community and the uniqueness and history that this town has to offer.

I urge you to carefully consider and implement the recommendations Tammy Roberson and Steve Matthews have submitted and to amend the CAO Accordingly. I second Diane's Comment, "We need to make sure that one unelected official in city government does not have the power to decide wetland boundaries or waive requirements without

oversight by the Mayor, City Council and Planning Commission. We need to make sure that the Council and the Mayor do not decrease protection of our wetlands."

The time is now ... Get the CAO right. The future of Medical Lake depends on it!

Thank you for your time and commitment!

Respectfully,

Barb Baumann

1009 N Stanley St, Medical Lake, WA 99022

Comments – February 7, 2023 City Council Meeting (Interested Citizens) (As Of: 7 Feb 2023)

Good evening, Mayor, City Council members and City Officials.

Please refer to City of Medical Lake, Spokane County, WA Ordinance No. 1108, page 70 in your Agenda packet (paragraphs 2 and 3).

I am somewhat confused on why it states "...it is the City Council expectation that this Ordinance will not be published as required by law until it is <u>approved by the WA State Department of Ecology</u>" and also "...once the Department of Ecology approves the Ordinance, then it may be published as required by law."

According to Dept of Ecology's Wetland Guidance for Critical Areas Ordinance (CAO) Updates (dated Oct 2022) on page 8:

- 1. Ecology's role in a CAO revision and adoption process is advisory when independent of the SMP.
- 2. However, the SMP is a joint document of Ecology and the local government that requires Ecology approval.

According to the Dept of Ecology's Wetland Policy Lead (Mr. Rick Mraz): (per email dated 3 Feb 2023)

- 1. "We do not have approval authority over CAOs when adopted pursuant to the Growth Management Act."
- 2. "They are local regulations and considered valid upon local adoption."
- 3. "We do, however, have review authority over critical area regulations in shoreline jurisdiction, i.e., when the SMP regulates them."
- 4. "When reviewing an SMP, we look at the critical area regulations to ensure they will achieve no net loss of shoreline ecological functions."

Please enlighten me to what these paragraphs in the Ordinance # 1108 are actually stating since I am not understanding them. Maybe these two paragraphs should state "reviewed by" versus "approved by" the Dept of Ecology folks.

I have also noticed there is no mention of SEPA being covered in Ordinance # 1108. Per DOE's current CAO Updates Guidance (page 4), SEPA is the primary mechanism used to regulate the impacts of wetland development related to climate change. Should not SEPA be mentioned somewhere here?

One last question, why is there a 1st read on the very same day (not to mention right afterwards) as the CAO Public Hearing? This would seem to indicate that the City is trying to push the CAO through quickly without having proper time to ponder about the comments received from her residents. In my viewpoint, this is NOT a good strategy.

Please now refer to City of Medical Lake, Spokane County, WA Ordinance No. 1108, page 69 in your Agenda packet (last paragraph).

This para states, "Whereas, the City Council determined that the proposed amendments are in accord with the Comprehensive Plan, will not adversely affect the public health, safety, or general welfare, and are in the best interest of the citizens and property owners of the City; and"

The Comprehensive Plan (2019 Update) states the following:

- 1. Page 103: Aquifer Recharge Area "The city's critical areas ordinance addresses development occurring over the aquifer and within the aquifer recharge area."
- 2. Page 105: Geologically Hazardous Areas "The city has some wind erosion of exposed soils."
- 3. Page 101: Natural Resource Lands: Agricultural Lands, Forestlands, and Mineral Resource Lands
 - a) Page 101: "Agricultural activity within Medical Lake is distributed on the state land to the west, north, and south."
 - b) Page 103: Forest Lands "The city does not have commercially viable forests lands within or adjacent to its boundaries." This is incorrect per email dated 10/10/2022 from the Dept of Natural Resources. The Ring Lake Estates is within the City limits. DNR's definition of forest land is "as all land which is capable of supporting a merchantable stand of timber and is not being actively used for a use which is incompatible with timber growing." The City Planner was made aware of this via email dated 11 Oct 2022.
 - c) Page 103 Mineral Resource Lands "Mining activities with long-term commercial significance in Medical Lake is limited."

Based on these statements, I am wondering why it states then that the CAO is in accord with the Comprehensive Plan since there are no sections dealing with Aquifer Recharge Area or Geologically Hazardous Areas or Natural Resource Lands in this CAO? Or maybe the Comprehensive Plan is incorrect (which was recently updated in 2019)? There was no mention of this information in the City Planner's Staff Report given to City Council members.

BTW – the Comprehensive Plan also states that one of Medical Lake Policies (#4) is to design new development in compliance with the critical areas ordinance (page 21). This particular policy is pretty high up on the priority list... Whereby, policies regarding the natural environment starts at #58 (page 25).

According to the Comprehensive Plan, one of Medical Lake's community issues is the community's wetlands, lakes, and shorelines which are vulnerable to encroachment and misuse, requiring dedicated enforcement of conservation policies and regulations.

As always, thank you so much for your time and attention.

Tammy M. Roberson, 424 W Brooks

NOTE: For Feb 7, 2023 city council meeting: My Witness Testimony. Please review my CAO Planning Commission handouts 27 Oct 2022, 17 Nov 2022 and 15 Dec 2022 as well as the UGA note sent to city planner.

Witness Testimony - 7 Feb 2023 - Anatomy of a Wetland or Forested Wetland

1- Why does Mother Nature create wetlands and forestlands?

We can all agree that Mother Nature plays a vital role in the formation of the surface of our planet. All bodies of water to include lakes, streams, wetlands, forested wetlands and just below the surface subsurface pockets of water are there to moderate temperature or balance our surface temperatures. If we did not have these surface and low subsurface waters our planet would be much hotter and much colder depending on the seasons and we would be living in dust bowls and frozen waste lands. So we owe much to Mother Nature and Her quiet wisdom to provide us humans, wildlife, beneficial insects and life at all scales (fauna) with a habitable planet. Why? So you and I can go about our lives in peace and happiness and not worry about the things she takes care of without our intervention. Ask yourself, how does the surface vegetation stay green when no one waters them and there are long spells without rain? Through OUR thoughtful actions we can give back to show gratitude for Her kindness of providing us with a planet that works so well and amazing to sustain life of every kind. NOTE: See Drawing on reverse side.

2-What is water body plume? (ground water, water table)

The area around a lake, stream, river, wetland pond, wetland lake etc. is saturated with water from that water body creating a plume or extension of underground water. You can see it on the map of Medical Lake Wetlands created by SCJ Alliance and on Google maps showing the wetlands in and around Medical Lake. A wetland boundary is not the same every year, it fluctuates based on the amount of moisture received every wet season. The boundary of a wetland pond may follow the pencil line of the water line but this alone does not define the wetland. The wetland is also defined by the extended subsurface water and associated wetland soils and vegetation that accompany it. Look at the map and you see a brownish green area defining the actual wetland pond boundary for that particular space in time and also you will see a lighter green surrounding it. This is the plume or ground water from that wetland. Some go out only a few feet and some go out several hundred feet depending on the type of material surrounding that particular wetland pond. I call it a wetland plume others may call it ground water, or water table. The water is the same water that is in the pond and the soils are the same specific wetland soils that are found in wetlands. Those wetland specialists (biologists) who do the wetland reports to determine category 1, 2, 3, or 4 usually draw a line on a map showing where the water boundary is at the time of the making of the map. If you have a low water year the map will show a smaller area and when you have a larger water year the map will show a larger area of the wetland. So a wetland specialist can fudge a wetland boundary by choosing the time of year to do the report. One can usually see if the wetland specialist is pro-saving wetlands or pro giving developers what they want especially if a wetland specialists works for the design teams hired by the developer.

REQUEST: I would like verbiage in the newly revised ordinance to the effect that each survey map accomplished by a neutral third party wetland specialist show BOTH the wetland boundary by a solid line AND the wetland plume extended waters shown with a dashed line. This plume generally can be seen on the map handed out by the city planner or from a Google map or can be located and shown by drilling test core samples. These core samples also show you the amount of moisture in the soils and the specific wetland soils in question. NOTE: See Drawing on reverse side.

3-Does the balance of our eco system effect the quality of life on this planet?

The uneducated and unconcerned think and say NO. The educated and concerned say YES. The wildlife says YES, the plants, trees, bushes flowers say YES. The honeybees and other pollinators that do so much pollinating of the food we eat say YES. Butterflies say YES. Fish, water fowl, and birds of all kinds say YES. Kids in all levels of school say YES. What happens when this balanced system gets out of balance? According to Dr Dasher at one of the past meetings, she says that world wide we have lost approximately 50% of wetlands. How much of our wetlands have been built on. A quick glance shows it to be near that figure. NOTE: Wetlands store carbon within their system, when trees are cut down and vegetation bulldozed over or under the carbon as carbon dioxide is released contributing to the issues we currently face. NOTE: Humans and wildlife exhale carbon dioxide and trees and vegetation absorb it (that is what makes them green) and in turn they give off oxygen that we cannot live without. We are symbiotically connected with our planet. We must take care of Mother Nature as She takes care of us. NOTE: See Drawing on reverse side.

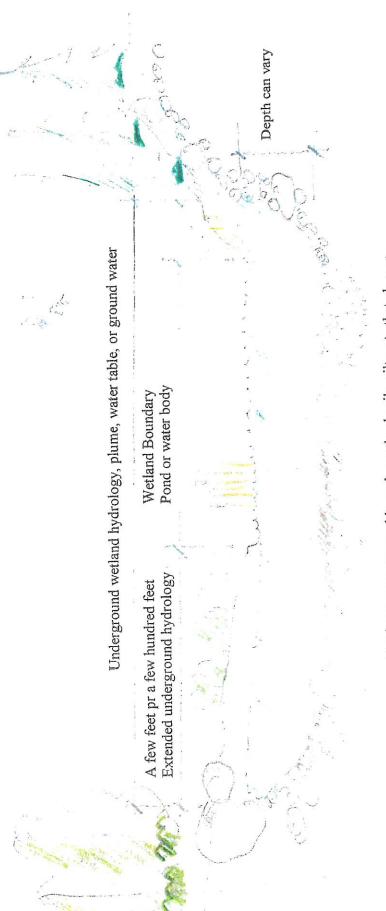
I affirm the information in this witness testimony is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Date 7Fcb 2023

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Anatomy of a Wetland or Forested Wetland

runway noise and neighboring communities and Wetlands all across the base (two different bases) and where you could and couldn't build and where Currently a retired Architect. I also worked approx 16 yrs for the AirForce (both active duty and civilian) in the Plans and Programming department where we handled planning for future projects, project design and production of construction drawings, AICUZ (noise contours) in relation to the you shouldn't build. To me our wetlands, forested wetlands, forestlands, and farmlands are recourses that should not be lost to development



Hard pan, non-permeable rock, wetland soils, silts, etc that clog up the rocks and prevents percolation of waters back to the aquifer.

Many conifer (Firs, cedars, hemlocks, spruces and some pines, etc) and deciduous trees (aspens, alders, dogwoods, willows, etc), many shrub (spireas, maples, etc) and herbaceous plants (catails, horsetail, aquatic plants and many grasses) just to name a few. Within the materials making up a wetland is stored carbon. Humans and wildlife exhale carbon dioxide and trees and vegetation absorb it (that is what makes them green) and in turn they give off oxygen that we cannot live without. When trees are cut down or clearing and grubbing of under brush is bulldozed over, carbon is released and fills our atmosphere which is what some of the worlds issues are currently center stage. We are symbiotically connected with our planet. We must take care of Mother Nature as She takes care of us. From: Diane Nichols < hsteacher509@gmail.com/>

Sent: Thursday, February 2, 2023 7:04 PM

To: Chad Pritchard <<u>cpritchard@medical-lake.org</u>>; Heather Starr <<u>hstarr@medical-lake.org</u>>; Art Kulibert <<u>akulibert@medical-lake.org</u>>; Tony Harbolt <<u>tharbolt@medical-lake.org</u>>; Bob Maxwell <<u>bmaxwell@medical-lake.org</u>>; Don Kennedy <<u>dkennedy@medical-lake.org</u>>

Cc: Mayor Terri Cooper < tcooper@medical-lake.org>; Sonny Weathers < SWeathers@medical-lake.org>;

Elisa Rodriguez < ERodriguez@medical-lake.org>

Subject: CAO Council Meeting Agenda

Dear Council Members, Mayor and City Officials,

My name is Diane Nichols. I have lived in Medical Lake for 37 years. I am emailing regarding the upcoming vote on the CAO proposal from the Planning Commission.

As I have stated in my previous email to the Planning Commission, I am for more restrictive ordinances concerning our wetlands. I am in full support of the proposed changes submitted by Tammy Roberson which I understand have been submitted to Council for review, so I will not itemize each one again. I believe her proposals are reasonable and offer a good balanced approach to our wetlands.

I think the Planning Commission erred in removing the additional 15 foot setback to the buffer that had been previous language. I believe the Stanley Wetlands is a prime example of why that is so important. Most of the city has focused on the new apartments and the encroachment on the buffer area. However, previous to that there were townhouses that were built on the eastern edge of the wetland on N Stanley. Those houses have backyards going right up to the edge of the buffer, possibly encroaching into the buffer area since there was no fence or delineation of any kind on that wetland area. The new townhouses do not have fences and as a result dogs, cats and people are roaming in the buffer/wetland area. The area that used to be birthing ground for deer and nesting for birds is now permanently gone. Now the apartments are encroaching on the other side of that same wetland area where pheasants and other birds nest. When the city does not provide sufficient protection for wetlands those precious wetland resources, animals and ultimately the citizens always suffer significant loss.

I was heartened to hear Councilman Pritchard questioning the statement by Ms Rodrigues at the last council meeting regarding the ability of an owner/developer to build on a wetland if the entire area is a designated wetland. While I certainly understand the need to balance the rights of the owner/developer to use the land while protecting the wetland, this city has a history of being lenient with developers. Councilman Pritchard brought up the development by Fairways as an example of allowing building where there are existing water problems. I believe there is ongoing litigation with that area by home owners regarding the lack of appropriate studies, surveys and drainage. I wanted to point out that Medical Lake has had a similar history. I know because I used to live on Pineview Drive, an area of very high water table, lots of ponds, rock and poor drainage.

When we moved to Medical Lake on January 1,1986 there were only a few homes on Pineview Drive and ours was the last one on the street. Our house sat up high on a rock dome so we never had water issues. However, as approval was given for development, more houses were built right up to the edge of Tule pond and other ponds in the area. Blasting and excavation was used to clear the lots which changed the water flow. As a result, water was constantly flowing or standing in the streets on Pineview, Evergreen, Stanley Dr. People had to install sump pumps and pumped water into the street to

keep their basements or crawl spaces clear. Sometimes in spring runoff we had pack rats swimming down the street from the pond. It was a source of problems for the City of Medical Lake for many, many years which I am sure maintenance supervisors can verify. Eventually the city put in a pump station to deal with the water. The ponds, buffers and change in the structure of the environment were not a consideration when all those additional houses were built. It created problems for the home owners and the city for decades. I had hoped the city had learned something from that experience but sadly the Stanley building projects indicate that there has not been much change, in my opinion.

I urge you to carefully consider the changes that Tammy Roberson has submitted and to amend the CAO accordingly.

We need to make sure that one unelected official in city government does not have the power to decide wetland boundaries or waive requirements without oversight by the Mayor and City Council. We need to make sure that the Council does not decrease protection of our wetlands which I believe the Planning Commission proposal does. Please err on the side of more restrictions not less.

I certainly know from history in Medical Lake that if the proper stipulations are not written into the ordinance they cannot be implemented. Specifics count when it comes to preserving our precious environment. It is worth the time involved to get the CAO right. It is also essential that all information will be public record so citizens can see who made the decision, how and why the decisions were made regarding any future development near wetland areas.

When Mayor Cooper was campaigning door to door this was one issue I asked her about. She assured me that she wanted to preserve our wetlands and the beautiful environment we have in Medical Lake. I hope she stands by her statement. I also hope that council members will decide to preserve what we have left since we have already lost so much to development.

Thank you for your time.

Diane Nichols

Comments – February 7, 2023 City Council Meeting (CAO Public Hearing) (As Of: 7 Feb 2023)

Again, good evening, Mayor, City Council members and City Officials.

The CAO is Medical Lake's first and most important line of defense against environment degradation in town. From wetlands to the wildlife that inhabit them, one of Medical Lake's most important assets is its critical areas.

As you may be aware, the Park at Medical Lake, a large apartment complex was recently constructed. During construction, I discovered that the City had either excused the developers from, or neglected to enforce, a number of important environmental processes.

- 1. City failed to require the developers to undergo State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) process before breaking ground.
- 2. No public hearing to the Planning Commission was held before the developer broke ground which violates the City's Municipal Code.
- 3. The developer was allowed to engage in wetland buffer averaging without producing a written record that the criteria for buffer averaging had been met which is in violation of the Code.
- 4. City granted the developers building permits without enforcing the required 15 foot buffer setback as required in the Code.

If one goes and looks at the project, these buildings are way too close to the wetlands. This is a direct result of the problems I just stated.

It is extremely important that any updates to the CAO are written in such a way to ensure the City Officials have limited discretion to excuse developers from compliance and that any decisions which do get made are accompanied by clearly written findings so that citizens can conduct reasonable oversight on permitting decisions.

In light of my experiences over the last couple of years, I would like to propose two simple goals:

- 1. Ensure the new CAO is at least as protective of the environment as the previous ordinance.
- 2. Ensure the new CAO clearly requires the City of Medical Lake to leave a thorough, written record of its decision making processes with regard to land development applications.

These two simple goals are expressed in the four amendments which are found in my letter dated 3 Feb 2023.

In conclusion, the City Council needs to ensure that the City leaves behind written records of its decision making and they also need to ensure that the new law is just as protective of critical areas as the old law. These four amendments accomplish these two simple goals.

I urge the City Council to adopt my amendments and approve the draft CAO thereafter.

As always, thank you so much for your time and attention in this serious issue.

Tammy M. Roberson, 424 W Brooks

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RE: PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE PROPOSED 2023 CRITICAL AREAS ORDINANCE SUBMITTED BY TAMMY M. ROVERSON

February 2, 2023

Dear Members of the City Council:

My name is Trevor Matthews, and I represent Tammy M. Roberson, a citizen of Medical Lake. I am writing on her behalf about the City's proposal to update the Medical Lake Critical Areas Ordinance ("CAO"). Ms. Roberson has been watching the process with great interest. The CAO is Medical Lake's first and most important line of defense against environmental degradation in town. Natural resources abound in Medical Lake. From wetlands to the wildlife that inhabit them, one of Medical Lake's most important assets is its critical areas.

Ms. Roberson became interested in the text of the CAO as result of events in town during the last few years. As you may be aware, the Park at Medical Lake, a large apartment complex was recently constructed. During construction, Ms. Roberson discovered that the City had either excused the developers from, or neglected to enforce, a number of important environmental processes:

- Medical Lake failed to require the developers to undergo State Environmental Policy Act
 process (SEPA) before breaking ground. After citizens complained, the City finally
 stopped work and required the developers to undergo SEPA. Unfortunately, ground had
 already been broken and much of the damage was done. It is much harder to change or
 oppose a partially completed project than to improve plans that can still be altered.
- In violation of MLMC 17.10.060(H), no public hearing to the Planning Commission was held before the developer broke ground.

- In violation of MLMC 17.10.060(D)(3), the developer was allowed to engage in wetland buffer averaging without producing a written record that the criteria for buffer averaging had been met.
- The City granted the developers building permits without enforcing the required 15-foot buffer setback imposed by MLMC 17.10.060(E).

These failures were disappointing, but what made them even more frustrating was the fact that the City left behind very few written records of its decision making, which made opposing—or even understanding—its actions difficult. If you go and look at the project, the buildings are too close to the wetlands. This is a direct result of the problems described above.

Thus, it is extremely important that any updates to the CAO are written in such a way to ensure the City Officials have limited discretion to excuse developers from compliance and that any decisions which do get made are accompanied by clearly written findings so that citizens can conduct reasonable oversight on permitting decisions.

In light of Ms. Roberson's experiences over the last couple years, She would like to propose a few minor improvements to the new version of the Critical Areas Ordinance. These proposals boil down to two simple goals.

- 1. Ensure the new CAO is <u>at least as protective of the environment</u> as the previous ordinance.
- 2. Ensure the new CAO clearly requires the City of Medical Lake to leave a thorough, written record of its decision making processes with regard to land development applications.

With all these things said, Ms. Roberson's proposed amendments to the law's text follow:

Amendment #1: Reintroduce Building Setback Requirement Contained in Current CAO.

Insert section 17.10.090(F)(2)(j) with the following text:

"j. Building Setback. A minimum building setback of fifteen feet is required from the edge of a wetland buffer. This building setback from the buffer shall be identified on the site plan."

Comment:

The presently effective version of the City Code, MLMC 17.10.140(E), contains this same requirement: "Building Setback. A minimum building setback of fifteen feet is required from the edge of a wetland buffer."

The current draft of the updated law does not contain this provision. If the Code is approved as is, The new CAO will be *less protective of the environment than the previous version*. This is totally unacceptable. The new law should be equally protective, if not more protective, of our

environmental resources. Therefore, Ms. Roberson proposes to preserve the buffer setback requirements in the new ordinance.

Amendment # 2: Ensure a Complete Record of Decision making.

Amend 17.10.040(A)(12) to read:

"12. Review. The planning official must provide a single <u>written</u> report stating the approval criteria for the permitting decisions, <u>information</u> <u>considered</u>, <u>issues to be decided</u>, findings, and a recommendation to the Planning Commission prior to the hearing. <u>The report shall be a public</u> record of the City of Medical Lake."

Comment:

One of the problems revealed by the Park at Medical Lake is the danger of silent discretion. When a City Official can decide things without leaving a record behind, that can hamper, or even eliminate public oversight. The goal of this comment is to make it clear that City Officials have a duty to leave a written record of the information they receive and what choices they make about the application. These small changes ensure that the public can see inside the process and participate in oversight.

Amendment #3: Leave a Record of Any Decision to Accept "Less Information."

Amend 17.10.050(E) to read:

"E. Critical Areas Report – Modifications to Requirements. Modifications to Required Contents. The applicant may consult with the planning official prior to or during preparation of the Critical Areas Report to obtain City approval of modifications to the required contents of the report where, in the judgment of a qualified professional, more or less information is required to adequately address the potential impacts to any critical areas or buffers and the required mitigation. The planning official may also initiate a modification to the required report contents by requiring either additional or less information, when determined to be necessary to the review of the proposed activity in accordance with this Chapter. Any time a planning official permits an applicant to submit less information in a critical areas report, the City official must clearly indicate that fact in his or her report to the Planning Commission or City Council. The notation must be written and indicate:

1. What information was eliminated from the report;

- 2. Why the applicant was excused from providing the information; and,
- 3. A record of the information supplied by the applicant to justify the request to submit less information."

Comment:

As described in the previous comments, silent discretion is dangerous and the law should be skeptical of it. This provision allows applicants to be excused from providing information that this Code otherwise requires them to provide. If such an exception is granted, the City must be required to clearly and openly state that fact and justify the decision. As written, the law allows a City Official to excuse an applicant from informational requirements and conceal that decision from the reviewing body. The public deserves to be sure it will know when this power is exercised.

Amendment # 4: Leave a Written Record of Delineation Decisions.

Alter 17.10.090(C) to Read:

"c. Delineation. Wetland delineations are valid for five years; after such date a qualified professional must determine and inform the City on the applicant's behalf, in writing, whether a revision or additional assessment is necessary. Thereafter, the planning official may elect to require a new delineation, an update to the report, or accept the existing report. The report described in 17.10.040(A)(12) must state the planning official's decision on this issue and the reasons therefor. "

Comment:

As with the previous amendments, this change is focused on leaving a record of decision behind so that citizens can have oversight of the full process.

CONCLUSION

Ms. Roberson believes that the proposed CAO is largely acceptable and reasonable, even if it is not her ideal law. She is not trying to torpedo this process but she does want to make improvements to the law. The City Council needs to ensure that Medical Lake leaves behind written records of its decision making. The City Council needs to ensure that the new law is just as protective of critical areas as the old law. Ms. Roberson's amendments accomplish these goals. Therefore, we urge the City Council to adopt Ms. Roberson's amendments and approve the draft CAO thereafter.

Sincerely,

Trevor Matthews

Trevos Matthews

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Attorneys for Tammy M. Roberson

Subject: Re[10]: Reply about Wetlands Update

From: "Tammy Roberson" < <u>tmroberson61@gmail.com</u>>

Sent: 10/11/2022 14:38:42

To: "PAINOVICH, ANNETTE (DNR)" < <u>ANNETTE.PAINOVICH@dnr.wa.gov</u>>; "GREENE, D J

(DNR)" < DJ.GREENE@dnr.wa.gov >;

CC: "Graham, Jason (ECY)" < <u>JASG461@ecy.wa.gov</u>>; "Elisa Rodriguez"

<<u>ERodriguez@medical-lake.org</u>>;

Good afternoon Ms. Annette,

Thank you for this explanation. Have info'd our City Planner.

Take care and God bless.

Tammy

----- Original Message -----

From "PAINOVICH, ANNETTE (DNR)" < <u>ANNETTE.PAINOVICH@dnr.wa.gov</u>>
To "Tammy Roberson" < <u>tmroberson61@gmail.com</u>>; "GREENE, D J (DNR)"
< <u>DJ.GREENE@dnr.wa.gov</u>>

Cc "Graham, Jason (ECY)" < JASG461@ecy.wa.gov>

Date 10/11/2022 09:04:50

Subject RE: Re[8]: Reply about Wetlands Update

Thank you DJ,

I appreciate you going out to determine whether this parcel is still considered forestland, and with the parcel being in the city limits, a Class IV-G FPA is needed. That also means a SEPA Checklist needs to be submitted by the landowner too. The City of Medical Lake may want to be the lead on the SEPA process. That would be the City Planner's call.

Tammy,

The Forest Practices Application that the landowner would have to submit would be a Class IV General application for conversion of forestland to a non-forestry use. This process also requires a SEPA review, which allows public comment on the project. The FPA and the SEPA review periods can run concurrently, but the FPA cannot be approved until a Notice of Final Determination has been issued by the SEPA Responsible Official, (whether that is City of Medical Lake or DNR needs to be decided).

If you need anything else, please reach out.

Take care,

Annette Painovich

Forest Practices Coordinator

Northeast Region Desk: 509-685-2796 Cell: 509-680-3584

annette.painovich@dnr.wa.gov

From: GREENE, D J (DNR) < DJ.GREENE@dnr.wa.gov>

Sent: Monday, October 10, 2022 3:52 PM

To: Tammy Roberson < tmroberson61@gmail.com>

Cc: KELLER, ERIC (DNR) < Eric.Keller@dnr.wa.gov >; Graham, Jason (ECY) < JASG461@ECY.WA.GOV >;

PAINOVICH, ANNETTE (DNR) < ANNETTE.PAINOVICH@dnr.wa.gov>

Subject: RE: Re[8]: Reply about Wetlands Update

Tammy

This would mean that the proponent would need to apply for a Forest Practice Application. Before work begins on a Forested parcel that application would need to be approved. Prior to approving a Forest Practice Application other regulatory agencies, including DOE, would get a chance to provide comments to the proponents plan.

Forest Practices falls under the, Forest Practice Act RCW 76.09, Forest Practice rules WAC 222, and the Forest Practice Board Manual.

Hopefully I was able to answer your questions. If not please do not hesitate to call me.

Thanks

DJ Greene

Forest Practices-Spokane/Lincoln Northeast Region Washington State Department of Natural Resources (509)262-8547 DJ.Greene@dnr.wa.gov

From: Tammy Roberson < tmroberson61@gmail.com>

Sent: Monday, October 10, 2022 1:06 PM

To: GREENE, D J (DNR) < DJ.GREENE@dnr.wa.gov>

Cc: KELLER, ERIC (DNR) < Eric.Keller@dnr.wa.gov >; Graham, Jason (ECY) < JASG461@ECY.WA.GOV >;

PAINOVICH, ANNETTE (DNR) < ANNETTE.PAINOVICH@dnr.wa.gov>

Subject: Re[8]: Reply about Wetlands Update

External Email

Good afternoon!

Thank you so very much for this update! I will pass this on to our City Planner to let her know that the proposed Ring Lake Estates is considered forested land if she was not aware of this before...

So, if a developer wants to come in and build a subdivision within this parcel - what does this actually mean then? Which regulations do you use regarding a situation like this? Sorry, I am new to how DNR fits into the picture. I am more familiar with DOE's role regarding wetlands than the DNR's role...

Thank you again for looking into this for me.

God bless and take care, Tammy

----- Original Message -----

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To "Tammy Roberson" < tmroberson61@gmail.com>

Cc "KELLER, ERIC (DNR)" < Eric.Keller@dnr.wa.gov>; "Graham, Jason (ECY)"

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Date 10/10/2022 12:48:29

Subject RE: Re[6]: Reply about Wetlands Update

Tammy

I wanted to let you know that I was able to get out there to the parcel today and do believe that this parcel would be considered forested land. Please feel free to contact me if there are any questions.

Thanks

DJ Greene

Forest Practices-Spokane/Lincoln Northeast Region Washington State Department of Natural Resources (509)262-8547 DJ.Greene@dnr.wa.gov

From: Tammy Roberson < tmroberson61@gmail.com>

Sent: Wednesday, October 5, 2022 7:19 AM

To: GREENE, D J (DNR) < DJ.GREENE@dnr.wa.gov>

Cc: KELLER, ERIC (DNR) < Eric.Keller@dnr.wa.gov >; Graham, Jason (ECY) < JASG461@ECY.WA.GOV >;

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Subject: Re[6]: Reply about Wetlands Update

External Email

Good morning!

Thank you for your update!

Have a great week.

Take care and God bless, Tammy

----- Original Message -----

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To "Tammy Roberson" < tmroberson61@gmail.com>

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Date 10/04/2022 16:26:08

Subject RE: Re[4]: Reply about Wetlands Update

Tammy

Good afternoon. My plan will be to try and get out there this week or early next week to take a look at this. I will let you know what I find once I have visited the site. Please feel free to contact me if there are any questions.

Thanks

DJ Greene

Forest Practices-Spokane/Lincoln Northeast Region Washington State Department of Natural Resources (509)262-8547 DJ.Greene@dnr.wa.gov

From: Tammy Roberson < tmroberson61@gmail.com>

Sent: Tuesday, October 4, 2022 12:11 PM

To: PAINOVICH, ANNETTE (DNR) < ANNETTE. PAINOVICH@dnr.wa.gov>

Cc: KELLER, ERIC (DNR) < Eric.Keller@dnr.wa.gov; GREENE, D J (DNR) < DJ.GREENE@dnr.wa.gov;

Graham, Jason (ECY) < <u>JASG461@ECY.WA.GOV</u>> **Subject:** Re[4]: Reply about Wetlands Update

External Email

Hi Annette,

Thank you so very much for keeping me posted on this.

Just curious on when you think Mr. Greene will be doing a site visit to confirm if its a forest land or not? Also, based on your comments below, then this parcel is currently considered "forest land" since it was never converted to non-forestland - correct?

Warmest Regards, Tammy

----- Original Message ----From "PAINOVICH, ANNETTE (DNR)" < <u>ANNETTE.PAINOVICH@dnr.wa.gov</u>>
To "Tammy Roberson" < <u>tmroberson61@gmail.com</u>>
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< <u>DJ.GREENE@dnr.wa.gov</u>>; "Graham, Jason (ECY)" < <u>JASG461@ecy.wa.gov</u>>
Date 10/04/2022 11:13:21
Subject RE: Re[2]: Reply about Wetlands Update

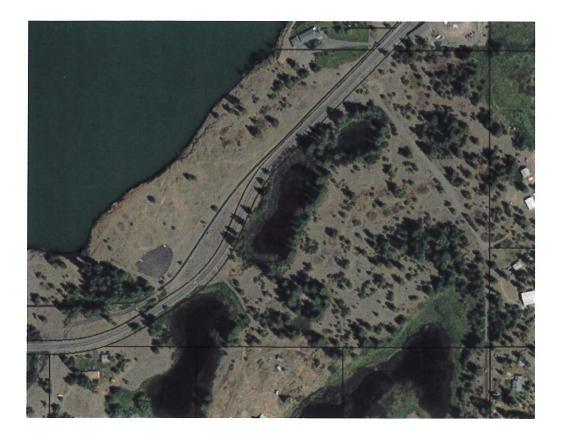
Hi Tammy,

Very interesting parcel. It is within the city limits of Medical Lake. **Owner Name:** CHENEY PROPERTIES LLC **Address:** PO BOX 620, Cheney, WA, 99004

The big questions is whether it's considered forest land by Forest Practices definition. WAC 222-16-010 of the Forest Practices Rules defines "Forest land" as all land which is capable of supporting a merchantable stand of timber and is not being actively used for a use which is incompatible with timber growing. I'm familiar with the specific area in that I have only seen recreational use of this parcel over the years, but I don't recall there being a merchantable stand of timber being allowed to grow on the parcel.

The aerial photo shows sparse tree growth except around the wetlands, and though it's never been officially converted to non-forestland, I'm not sure that it would really meet our definition. We need to have our field forester, DJ Greene, do a site visit and verify the status of the parcel and this will determine whether we have jurisdiction or not.

I also cc'd the field person from Dept of Ecology on this, so he can get eyes on this parcel too.



We will keep in touch on this issue.

Take care,

Annette Painovich

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From: Tammy Roberson < tmroberson61@gmail.com>

Sent: Monday, October 3, 2022 6:57 PM

To: KELLER, ERIC (DNR) < Eric.Keller@dnr.wa.gov>

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Subject: Re[2]: Reply about Wetlands Update

External Email

Oops, had forgotten to include Ms Painovich as an addressee - sorry.

Thank you and take care, Tammy ----- Original Message ----From "Tammy Roberson" < tmroberson61@gmail.com>
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Cc "Fandrey, Nichole (DNR)" < Nichole.Fandrey@dnr.wa.gov>
Date 10/03/2022 18:53:52
Subject Re: Reply about Wetlands

Hi and good morning!

Thank you so much for replying back. Is the location listed below considered on forest lands? if so, do you have (co-)regulatory power along with DOE (wetlands) regarding this land? I can provide more information if needed.

Parcel # 14192.0002

Section/Township/Range: T24N, R41E, S19NW Other identifying information: The proposed project site lies in the southwest portion of the City of Medical Lake in the NW1/4 of Section 19, Township 24 N., Range 41 E.W.M. Lefevre Street defines the north and west side of the site and Green Gate Lane forms the north and east sides of the triangular shaped parcel. The proposed development will be known as "Ring Lakes Estates".

Since I am not very knowledgeable in this subject, I looked up the definition of "forest lands" - Forest land is defined as land that is 10% forested by trees of any size. I would say this location is approximately 30-40% forest land...

Please advise.

Thank you and take care, Tammy

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To "tmroberson61@gmail.com
Cc "Fandrey, Nichole (DNR)" < Nichole.Fandrey@dnr.wa.gov
Date 10/03/2022 16:25:47
Subject Reply about Wetlands

Tammy: First I want to apologize for not getting back to you in a shorter time. We strive to get back to folks in a timely manner and we missed the mark. If after reading my reply you still have questions, please give me a call to discuss further.

To answer your question about wetlands, yes the DNR has regulatory authority in conjunction with Dept. of Ecology over wetlands but only on Forest Land. The Department of Ecology does not fall under the DNR for regulatory authority when it comes to wetlands but the rules are co-promulgated so that the DNR does take the lead on regulations for wetlands for Forest Practices on Forest land.

Again, I apologize and if you still have any questions, please give me a call.

Eric

Eric Keller
Forest Practices District Manager
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A team is not a group of people who work together. A team is a group of people who trust each other.

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To northeast.region@dnr.wa.gov
Date 9/10/2022 5:26:11 PM
Subject Wetlands

Hi!

Besides the Dept of Ecology, does the DNR in WA also have any regulatory power when it comes to wetlands (i.e., unauthorized activities in wetlands for example building a road, railroad, trail, water, sewer, stormwater conveyance, gas, power, cable, fiber optic or telephone facility that cannot feasibly be located outside of the wetland)?

If DNR does have regulatory power on wetlands, does the Dept of Ecology fall under DNR or are they their own entity?

Thank you for your assistance and time.

Warmest Regards,

Tammy Roberson SMSgt USAF Retired/Disabled Veteran

Final Comments – February 7, 2023 City Council Meeting (Interested Citizens) (As Of: 7 Feb 2023)

I am requesting please to be placed on the City Council's agenda as soon as possible (hopefully on 21 Feb) in order to give the World Wetlands Day Presentation which will keep the Council Members informed (continuing education) about wetlands.

I should only need 10-15 minutes.

We are a City of Wetlands.

Tammy M. Roberson 424 W Brooks