

STAFF REPORT

Allyn & Belfair Urban Growth Area Stormwater Management Plans

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2. Introduction

The Western Washington Growth Management Hearings Board issued an Order dated August 15, 2006 wherein Mason County's Capital Facilities Element of the Comprehensive Plan was found to be non compliance with the Growth Management Act. The Order states that Capital Facilities element and funding plan for stormwater management in the Belfair and Allyn UGAs fails to comply with RCW 36.70.A.070(3)(d) because it did not contain "a forecast of the future needs for stormwater management facilities; the proposed locations and capacities of expanded or new capital facilities; and at least a six-year plan that will finance such capital facilities within the projected funding capacities and sources of public money for such purposes. The Order further required revising the Capital Facilities element and bringing the Comprehensive Plan into compliance by February 6, 2007. While making a good faith effort to draft the stormwater management plans necessary to address the concerns of the Board, Mason County was unable to meet the February 6, 2007 deadline and petitioned the Board for additional time. The Board granted the County an extension until August 6, 2007.

3. Discussion

Mason County Department of Public Works has contracted with Otak, Inc., a private consulting firm, to draft Stormwater Management Plans for the Allyn and Belfair Urban Growth Areas. Copies of both the Allyn and Belfair Stormwater Management Plans have been available for public review since June 12, 2007. In addition, the County issued a news release of the plans' completion and availability, as well as hosting a public workshop on June 20 at the Port of Allyn. Copies of the proposed Plans in their entirety were provided to the Planning Advisory Commission on or about June 14, 2007. The Planning Advisory Committee held a public hearing on July 9th and their recommendations are below.

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4. Summary

The Mason County Department of Public Works submits the proposed Stormwater Management Plans for the Allyn and Belfair UGAs as drafted for public hearing before the Board of County Commissioners on July 24, 2007 and for final adoption on July 31st. These plans were drafted to provide additional information as to the need, cost, funding, and schedule for implementation of stormwater management infrastructure improvements over the next six years within the Allyn and Belfair UGAs.

5. Recommendations

Planning Advisory Commissioner: The members of the Planning Advisory Commission determined that they, as well as the public, had not been given adequate time to review the Plans and as such would pass them on to the Board of Commissioners without recommendation.

Staff: Staff recommends the Board of County Commissioners adopt the Stormwater Management Plans for Allyn and Belfair.