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MEMORANDUM

To: Board of County Commissioners
From: Gary R. Christensen, AICP, Director
Date: January 20, 2009
Re: 2008 Accomplishments/Achievements

Before the Department and the Commissioners discuss the Department's 2009 work program, priorities, or otherwise - what lies ahead, I wanted to highlight and reflect on a number of major 2008 County accomplishments and achievements. Listed below are a number of, but not limited to, accomplishments and achievements that the Department, Planning Commission, Commissioners, various committees/boards, and others, as well as the public were involved in 2008 regarding legislative land use/growth management actions and project review/decisions. They are not listed in any order of importance. Countless hours and significant resources were committed to make this all happen. Kudos to all involved.

1. Town of Hamilton Relocation and Urban Growth Area (UGA) Modification
2. Janicki Industries Manufacturing Facility at Hamilton
3. Skagit County Critical Areas Ordinance (CAO) Legislative update
4. 2007 Skagit County Comprehensive Plan Amendment (CPA) Docket
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6. Bayview Ridge Subarea Plan Update (school location criteria, capital facilities, revisions, heavy industrial/light industrial map redesignations), WWGMHB Compliance Issues, Implementation Plan (contract for Phase 1 & 2)
7. US Environmental Protection Agency Grant for \$625,000 for Alternative Futures Study
8. Amendments to Skagit County Code Addressing Kennel Regulations
9. Alger Subarea Plan
10. Environmental Assessment/SEPA Review of Guemes Island Ferry Schedule
11. Shorelines Master Plan Map Amendment (Young Island)
12. 2005 Growth Management Act (GMA) Skagit County Comprehensive Plan/Implementing Regulations Update WWGMHB Compliance Issues
13. UGA Open Space Plan
14. Significant Current Planning/Natural Resource Management projects - Clear Valley Wetland Mitigation Bank; and, Hillside Motel
15. South Fidalgo Island Drainage Study and Community Meetings
16. Washington State Boundary Review Board (BRB) for Skagit County Decisions on Big Lake Sewer District Comprehensive Sewer Plan and Service Boundary Expansion; and, Chuckanut Metropolitan Park District
17. Administration: Department Relocation to College Way, and 2009 Department Reorganization