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MEMORANDUM

To: Board of County Commissioners
From: Gary R. Christensen, AICP, Director
Date: January 19, 2010
Re: 2009 Accomplishments/Achievements

Below is list of major 2009 County accomplishments and achievements. The list, while not exhaustive, reflects a number of projects that the Department, Planning Commission, Commissioners, various committees/boards, and others, including the public, completed or made substantial progress toward in 2009. The accomplishments include legislative land use/growth management actions, project review/decisions, and Department administrative functions. They are not listed in any order of importance, except for the first one. Countless hours and significant resources were committed to make this all happen. Kudos to all involved.

1. Growth Management Act (GMA) Compliance; Bayview Ridge
2. Alternative Futures
3. 2008 Comprehensive Plan Amendments (CPA)
4. 2009 Comprehensive Plan Amendment (CPA) Docket
5. Sanfi Acres Comprehensive Plan Amendment Remand
6. UGA Open Space Concept Plan
7. 119 Miscellaneous Code Amendments (known as Phase 1 & 2)
8. Appointment of 4 New Planning Commission Members
9. Planning Commission By-Laws Update
10. National Pollution Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Interim Regulations
11. Planning Commission Skagit County Website Update
12. Skagit County Code Available on Code Publishing Website
13. Standard Format for Administrative Actions: Decisions, Variances, Preliminary Plat Approval, Legal Notices, Shoreline Exemptions, Administrative Special Uses and Others
14. Code Compliance Reorganization
15. Department Relocation to Continental Building
16. Administrative Official Interpretation Regarding the Siting of Residential Structures as an Accessory Use in the Ag-NRL
17. Sierra Pacific Binding Site Plan
18. Fire District Facility Permitting
19. Farm Power Rexville Permitting
20. Kennel Operations (8) Processed Under New Skagit County Code Regulations

21. Skagit County Critical Areas Regulations Training Sessions, Updated Forms, and Public Information Provided
22. Federal Emergency Management Agency Community Audit, Community Rating System
23. Skagit Instream Flow Rule Accounting of Permit and Land Division Activities
24. Edison Sub Area Large Septic System Administrative Management and Program Oversight
25. Department of Ecology Grant (\$650,000) Announcement for Shoreline Master Program Update
26. Department of Ecology Grant (\$33,700) Announcement for Samish Watershed Fecal Coliform Bacteria TMDL Implementation
27. Department of Ecology & Environmental Protection Agency Loan (\$2,000,000) Approval for On-site Septic Repair and Replacement Revolving Fund Program