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COVER SHEET
PROTECTED CRITICAL AREA AGREEMENT

GRANTOR: Michael D. Morgan, Christine Morgan

GRANTEE: Skagit County

LEGAL DESCRIPTION

Portion of the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ and portion of the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 29, Township 35 N, Range 6 E, W.M.

ASSESSOR'S PROPERTY TAX PARCEL NUMBER:

142017

PROTECTED CRITICAL AREA EASEMENT AGREEMENT

In consideration of Skagit County Code (SCC) 14.24.090, requirements for recording of Protected Critical Area easements (PCA), for areas included under PL09-0055, and mutual benefits herein Grantor(s) project does hereby grant, convey and warrant to Skagit County, a political subdivision of the State of Washington, a non-exclusive perpetual easement establishing a PCA over, along and across that portion of the project, denoted as PCA and described, hereinafter together with the right of ingress and egress to and from these easements for the sole purpose of monitoring and enforcing proper operation and maintenance of the PCA described herein.

These easements are granted subject to and conditioned upon the following terms, conditions and covenants:

1. The PCA legal descriptions are as follows:

Tract A as shown on Short Plat PL09-0055.

2. Grantor(s) shall here after be responsible for maintaining and repairing PCA areas as described herein and is hereby required to leave the PCA undisturbed in a natural state. With the exception of activities identified as Allowed without Standard review under SCC 14.24.070, any land-use activity that can impair the functions and values of critical areas or their buffers through a development activity or by disturbance of the soil or water, and/or by removal of, or damage to, existing vegetation shall require critical areas review and written authorization pursuant to SCC 14.24." (SCC 14.24.060) No clearing, grading, filling, logging or removal of woody material, building, construction or road construction of any kind, planting of non-native vegetation or grazing of livestock is allowed within the PCA areas except as specifically permitted by Skagit County on a case-by-case basis consistent with SCC 14.24.

3. Grantor(s) and Skagit County agree to the following special conditions requested by the Grantor(s) or required as part of mitigation pursuant to SCC 14.24.

- a. To the extent allowed under 14.24.070 permit the continuation of the existing uses within the buffer area.
- b. Grantor(s) shall be held harmless from any damage or injury to any property or person by any person entering the easement areas not expressly authorized to do so by the Grantor(s).

4. Grantor(s) retains the right to the use and possession of the real property over which the easements are granted to the extent permitted by Skagit County. Low impact uses and activities which are consistent with the purpose and function of the buffer and do not detract from its integrity may be permitted within the buffer depending on the sensitivity of the wetland involved; provided, that such activity shall not result in a decrease in wetland functions and values and shall not prevent or inhibit the buffer's recovery to at least pre-altered condition or function. Examples of uses and activities which may be permitted in appropriate cases, as long as the activity does not retard the overall recovery of the buffer, include removal of noxious vegetation, pedestrian trails and viewing platforms less than 200 square feet which may be covered but not enclosed. Provided further that the grantor(s) agrees not to interfere with, obstruct or endanger Skagit County's use of the easement.



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5. Should any human disturbance of the PCA occur, the fee owners shall have the obligation to restore and return the affected area to its natural state immediately, under the provisions of a County approved mitigation plan.

6. The parties recognize that this easement is created, granted and accepted for the benefit of the inherent natural functions provided by the PCA but shall not be construed to provide open or common space for owners within the project or members of the public. By acceptance of the easement for the purposes described, Skagit County does not accept or assume any liability of acts or omissions of the fee owners, his or her invitees, licenses, or third parties within the easement areas. Grantor(s) holds Skagit County harmless from any damage or injury to any property or person by any person entering the easement areas not expressly authorized to do so by Skagit County.

7. Grantor(s) agrees that these easements shall run with the land and that the rights and obligations of Grantor(s) and Skagit County shall inure to the benefit of each and shall be binding upon their respective heirs, successors, and assigns.

8. Grantor(s) covenants that they own the property legally described herein and has lawful right to convey the interest in the property to Skagit County for the benefit of the public forever.

Skagit County:

Leah Jones

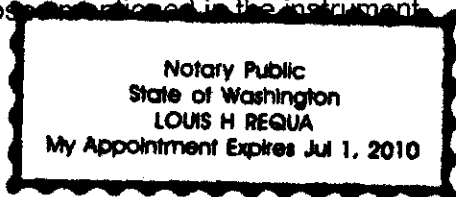
Owner:

Michael D. Morgan
Michael D. Morgan

Christine Morgan
Christine Morgan

State of Washington
County of Skagit

I certify that I know or have satisfactory evidence that Michael D Morgan & Christine Morgan are the persons who appeared before me that they signed this instrument and acknowledged it to be their free and voluntary act for the uses and purposes mentioned in the instrument.



Dated June 11th, 2010
Louis H. Regua
Signature

Notary _____

Title _____

My appointment expires July 1, 2010



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