

**BEFORE THE SKAGIT COUNTY HEARING EXAMINER**

**FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATION**

**Applicant:** Ekstrom Revocable Living Trust

**Address:** c/o Hans Ekstrom  
3301 H Avenue  
Anacortes, WA 98221

**File No:** Current Use Open Space Land #10-2018

**Request:** To transfer a 27.70 acres from Farm and Agriculture to Current Use Open Space.

**Location:** South of SR 20, west of Pinelli Road, within SE1/4NW1/4, Sec. 17, T35N, R7E, W.M.

**Assessor's Nos:** P42923

**Public Hearing:** After reviewing the report of the Assessor's Office, the Hearing Examiner conducted a public hearing on October 17, 2018.

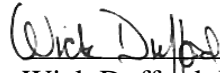
**Recommendation:** Approval

## **FINDINGS**

1. Hans Ekstrom on behalf of the Ekstrom Revocable Living Trust requests the transfer of property from Farm and Agriculture to Current Use Open Space Land. Ekstrom is owner of the property.
2. The property is Parcel No. 42923, located south of SR 20 and west of Pinelli Road, within SE1/4NW1/4 sec. 17, T35N, R7E, W.M.
3. The property is traditional farmland which no longer meets the income requirements for Farm and Agriculture. The request is to transfer 27.70 acres to Current Use Open Space.
4. According to the applicant the land is currently overrun with elk. The open space classification would preserve visual quality along the highway and scenic vistas.
5. The hearing was held after due notice. There was no public testimony and there were no written comments.
6. The Examiner finds that the property meets the definition of the classification sought.
7. The Staff recommends approval. The Examiner concurs with Staff.

**RECOMMENDATION**

The Examiner recommends approval of the application.



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Wick Dufford, Hearing Examiner

Date: November 2, 2018

Copies transmitted to Applicant, Assessor's Office and County Commissioners:  
November 2, 2018

Attachment: Staff Report and Exhibits