

BEFORE THE SKAGIT COUNTY HEARING EXAMINER

FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATION

Applicant: Darcy Mullins

Address: 1540 E. Gateway Heights Loop
Sedro Woolley, WA 98284

File No: C/U Open Space Land App#16-2018

Request: To transfer 18.8 acres from Current Use Farm and Agriculture and include 9.89 additional acres into Current Use Open Space Land (a total of 28.69 acres).

Location: Transfer Portion: S1/2 Lt 1 less hwy, Sec. 7, T36N, R4E, W.M.
New Inclusion: That portion of S1/2NE1/4NW1/4, Sec. 7, T36N, R4E, W.M., lying west of the right-of-way of the State Highway, except north 12 feet thereof and except 2.20 acres for homesite.

Assessor's Nos: P48982 and portion of P49065

Public Hearing: After reviewing the report of the Assessor's Office, the Hearing Examiner conducted a public hearing on June 26, 2019.

Recommendation: Approval

FINDINGS

1. Darcy Mullins seeks to transfer 18.8 acres from Current Use Farm and Agriculture to Current Use Open Space Land and to include an additional 9.89 acres in Current Use Open Space Land. She is the owner of the property.
2. The property lies between Interstate 5 and Old Highway 99. The transfer portion of the property is within the S1/2 Lt 1 less hwy, Sec. 7, T36N, R4E, W.M. The new inclusion is that portion of S ½ NE1/4NW1/4, Sec. 7, T36N, R4E, W.M., lying west of the right-of-way of the State Highway, except the north 12 feet thereof, and except 2.20 acres for homesite.
3. The land is currently unused, except as wildlife habitat. An apiary may be located there.
4. The new classification would protect streams, stream corridors and wetlands.
5. The hearing was held after due notice. Submitted exhibits were admitted. 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.



Wick Dufford, Hearing Examiner

Date: July 12, 2019

Copies transmitted to Applicant, Assessor's Office and County Commissioners: July 12, 2019

Attachment: Staff Report and Exhibits