BEFORE THE SKAGIT COUNTY HEARING EXAMINER

FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATION

Applicant:

Jeludiel and Marianne Araiza

Address:

620 N. 6th

Mount Vernon, WA 98273

File No:

CU Open Space Land App#18-2016

Request:

To transfer 20 acres from Current Use Farm and Agriculture to

Current Use Open Space Land

Location:

N1/2NE1/4SE1/4 Sec. 22, T34N, R2E, W.M.

Assessor's No:

P20659

Public Hearing:

After reviewing the report of the Assessor's Office, the Hearing

Examiner conducted a public hearing on February 8, 2017.

Recommendation/Date:

Approval. March 3, 2017

FINDINGS

- 1. Jeludiel and Marianne Araiza seek to transfer 20 acres from Current Use Farm and Agriculture to Current Use Open Space Land.
- 2. The property is the N1/2NE1/4SE1/4 Sec 22, 34N, R2E, W.M. The Assessor's Account No. is P20659.
- 3. The property now lacks access. It no longer meets the income requirements for Farm and Agriculture classification.
- 4. The new classification would conserve natural, cultural and scenic resources and protect wildlife and native plant habitats.
- 5. The hearing was held after due notice. There was no public testimony and there were no written comments.
 - 6. The Examiner admitted the exhibits submitted by Staff.
 - 7. The Examiner finds that the property meets the definition of the classification sought.
 - 8. The Staff recommends approval. The Examiner concurs with Staff.

RECOMMENDATION

The Examiner recommends approval of the application.

Wick Dufford, Hearing Examiner

Date: March 3, 2017

Copies transmitted to Applicant, Assessor's Office and County Commissioners: March 3, 2017.