

BEFORE THE SKAGIT COUNTY HEARING EXAMINER

FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATION

Applicant: Laurel Perrigo

Address: 24919 Hoehn Road, Unit 52
Sedro-Woolley, WA 98284

File No: C/U TR OS#3-2009

Request: To transfer approximately 83.40 acres to the Current Use Open Space Farm Conservation Program.

Location: 37054 State Route 20, described as portions of Sections 17 and 18, T35N, R7E, W.M.

Assessor's Nos: P116600, P43006, P42921

Public Hearing: After reviewing the report of the Assessor's Office, the Hearing Examiner conducted a public hearing on January 13, 2010.

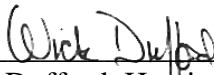
Recommendation: Approval

FINDINGS

1. This is a request for the transfer of land classified Farm and Agricultural to the Current Use Open Space Farm Conservation program. See definition in RCW 84.34.020(8). The applicant owns the property.
2. The transfer involves a farm of approximately 83.40 acres.
3. The property is located at 37054 State Route 20 within portions of Secs. 17 & 18, T35N, R7E, W.M. The parcels are P116600, P43006, P42921.
4. The applicant's husband farmed the property until his death in 1999. The applicant is 83 and unable to continue the farming operation herself. She wishes to preserve the acreage so that it can be farmed again in the future.
5. The proposed open space classification would accomplish this purpose.
6. The proposal appears to comply with all requirements for Current Use Open Space per RCW 84.34.020.
7. The Staff Report and Exhibits submitted by the Assessor's Office are attached hereto and incorporated herein.
8. The hearing was held after due notice. There was no public testimony and there were no written comments.
9. The Examiner finds that the property meets the definition of the classification sought.
10. The Staff recommends approval. The Examiner concurs with Staff.

RECOMMENDATION

The Examiner recommends approval of the application.



Wick Dufford, Hearing Examiner

Date: January 19, 2010

Copies transmitted to Applicant: January 19, 2010