

**SKAGIT COUNTY PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT SERVICES
NOTICE OF DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION AND SEPA COMMENT PERIOD**

For
Western Valley Farms
File # **PL17-0489**

Notice is hereby given that on September 11, 2017, Jodi Boyden, on behalf of Western Valley Farms LLC, filed an independent State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) checklist #PL17-0489 for the construction of approximately 70,500 square feet of dairy barns (two 60' x 70' barns, one 65' x 340' barn, and a future 40,000 square foot future barn). The property is the location of an active dairy farm with approximately 89,000 square feet of existing dairy barns and associated agricultural accessory structures. The proposed project is located within the Agricultural – Natural Resource Lands (Ag-NRL) zoning/comprehensive plan designated area as indicated in the Skagit County Comprehensive Plan and associated maps adopted July 5, 2016 and as thereafter amended. A letter of completeness was not issued and the application was determined to be complete for review purposes on September 19, 2017.

The project is located at 18550 Hickox Road, Mount Vernon, within a portion of Section 6, Township 33N, Range 4E W.M., situated within Skagit County, Washington. (P16412, P16411, P46436, P46439)

A completed Environmental Checklist, site plan, and other application materials are on file with Skagit County Planning and Development Services. This information is available to the public on request. Other governmental approvals or permits that will be required for this proposal from Skagit County Planning and Development Services include: Approved building and floodplain permits.

A decision on the application will be made within 120 days of the date the application was determined complete, which was 9-19-17. A public hearing before the Skagit County Hearing Examiner is not required for this project. Any person desiring to express his or her views or to be notified of the action taken on this application should notify Brandon Black in writing of his or her interest within Fifteen (15) days of the date of publication of this notice which is 9-21-17. Failure to respond within the comment period could result in loss of the right to appeal. The file can be viewed at Planning and Development Services which is located at the Continental Place address listed below.

Written comments must be received no later than 4:30 pm on: **October 6, 2017**

Email correspondence **will not be accepted**, however, comments may be submitted via the PDS website under the “current legal notices” tab. (www.skagitcounty.net/pdscomments)

The Lead Agency expects to issue a DNS for this proposal and the Optional DNS process is being used (WAC 197-11-355). **This may be the only opportunity to comment on the environmental impacts of the proposal.**

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Transmitted to the Skagit Valley Herald and Mailed to applicant 9-19-17

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