



Memorandum

TO: Jack Louws – County Executive

FROM: Regina A. Delahunt, Director

DATE: 7/30/2019

RE: Whatcom County Water Utility Coordinating Committee (WUCC)

Background and Purpose

On June 19, 2018, The Whatcom County Council requested the Whatcom County Health Department to convene the Whatcom County Water Utility Coordinating Committee (WUCC) to review and make recommendations regarding “timely,” “reasonable” and “transparency” as it relates to the process of an applicant obtaining approval or denial of water from a Group A public Water System.

Seventeen WUCC meetings were held from late 2018 through 2019 to review the existing Whatcom County Coordinated Water System Plan (CWSP). A unanimous vote by all WUCC members approved the amended language regarding “timely,” “reasonable” and “transparency”.

“Timely” and “reasonable” definitions have been expanded as it relates to the process of an applicant obtaining new water service.

“Timely” and “reasonable” criteria for consideration during the appeal and dispute resolution process in a future service area have been added.

Additionally, Whatcom County Health Department added language to the Public Water System Water Availability form (WAF) and Public Water System Denial form to help ensure the applicant, utility and county are aware of applicable conditions of approval or denial of service.

Recommendations

Council review for consistency with the Whatcom County Comprehensive Plan

Please call John Wolpers, 360-778-6026 if there are any questions.

