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Subject: Galloway Proposed Amendments to Countywide Planning Policies / City-County Planner Group Recommendations

Hi Cathy:

The City/County Planner Group met this morning and made the following recommendations on Council Member Galloway's proposed amendments to the Countywide Planning Policies:

New Policy N-7:

The City/County Planner Group does not recommend proposed new Policy N.7, as the intent and language is not clear. The County and Cities already have to comply with GMA, but at a later time in the process. The Group has concerns about the language as drafted and how it would be implemented. What, specifically, does Council want to see from the Cities and the County prior to approving growth allocations? For example, what would Lynden have to demonstrate? Does this policy impose additional requirements, above and beyond what the GMA already requires? Is the intent to require demonstration of GMA compliance prior to initial growth allocations or final growth allocations?

Revisions to Policy I-9:

The City/County Planner Group recommends the following changes, shown in yellow:

"The County and the cities recognize the need for the protection and utilization of natural resources and resource lands including agricultural, mineral, forestry and fishing. As part of a broad based economy, productive timber, agriculture, ~~and~~ fisheries, ~~and~~ mineral ~~resource~~ industries should be supported ~~to operate~~ in a sustainable manner ~~and~~ ~~mineral resource extraction should be supported~~ to provide ~~necessary materials~~ for the local economy."

Matt
