



INFORMATIONAL MEMORANDUM

TO: Members of the Planning Commission

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DATE: June 17, 2013

SUBJECT: Comprehensive Plan Update– Shoreline Element

BACKGROUND

Ordinance 2345, approved by the Tukwila City Council on August 11, 2011, adopted new Comprehensive Plan shoreline goals and policies as part of the update of the City's Shoreline Master Program. The narrative background section in the Shoreline element of the Comprehensive Plan was not updated at that time – only the goals and policies were updated. For the 2015 update of the City's Comprehensive Plan, the narrative section of this Element needs to be updated to reflect the legislative intent behind the revisions to the new goals and policies. Materials related to the update of the City's shoreline Master Program can be found here: <http://www.tukwilawa.gov/dcd/shoreline.html>

DISCUSSION

A public hearing will be held on June 27, 2013 to consider the proposed revisions to the Shoreline Element narrative. Attached to this memo are two documents:

1. Shoreline Element narrative– Strikeout/Underline: this is the current Element from the Comprehensive Plan with proposed narrative revisions identified.
2. Shoreline Element narrative – Formatted: this is a clean version of the Shoreline Element with all proposed revisions accepted.

Please note that no revisions to the Shoreline goals and policies are proposed. The Washington State Department of Ecology would need to review and approve any revisions to shoreline goals and policies for consistency with the Shoreline Master Program.

RECOMMENDATION

Hold the public hearing to receive testimony on the revised narrative. Once the public hearing is closed, staff requests that the Planning Commission review staff proposed revisions to the narrative, consider public testimony and then make changes to the Shoreline Element narrative for City Council consideration.

Attachments:

1. Shoreline Element narrative – Strikeout/Underline
2. Shoreline Element narrative – Formatted