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Community Development Services
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Attention: Jeff Watson

Subject: CU-14-00003 – Osprey Solar Farm
US 97 MP 136.08 left vicinity

We have reviewed the proposed project and have the following comments.

- The project is adjacent to State Highways 97 and 10 (US 97, SR 10). The segment of US 97 adjacent to the subject property is a Class 1 access managed highway, while SR 10 is a Class 3 access managed highway. Both highways in this vicinity have a posted speed limit of 55 miles per hour. The property has an existing approach at US 97 milepost 136.08 Left. The applicant will need to use this existing approach, as no additional approaches to US 97 or SR 10 will be allowed. The approach permit will need to be updated. A fee will not be assessed to update the permit, however, it should be anticipated that we will require the applicant to extend the pavement of the approach to a point 50 feet back from the centerline of US 97. In addition, we require a copy of the fully executed BNSF Railway Company crossing permit to complete the approach permit update. The applicant is required to contact Mark Kaiser at the WSDOT - South Central Region Office at (509) 577-1668 to update the permit.
- The applicant identifies using the existing levy as part of the access route to the project. The Dry Creek levy is located within a perpetual easement conveyed to WSDOT for the purpose of levy maintenance. The segment of the easement adjacent to the proposed project has a width ranging from 40 feet to 50 feet east of the levy centerline. See attached plan entitled "PSH 3 (SR 90), WEST SIDE CANAL TO BULL ROAD, DRY CREEK DIKE, KITTITAS COUNTY, RIGHT OF WAY, STA. DK 45+00 TO STA. DK 79+21.61". WSDOT requires that this easement remain free of encroachments, including structures, fencing, parked vehicles and debris.
- Any proposed lighting should be directed down towards the site, and away from US 97/SR 10.

Thank you for the opportunity to review and comment on this proposal. If you have any questions regarding our comments, please contact Rick Holmstrom at (509) 577-1633.

Sincerely,


Paul Gonseth, P.E.
Planning Engineer

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cc: File #1, US 97
Terry Kukes, Area 1 Maintenance Superintendent
Christina Wollman, Planner III, Kittitas County
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REGION NO.	STATE	FED. AID PROJECT NO.	SHEET NO.
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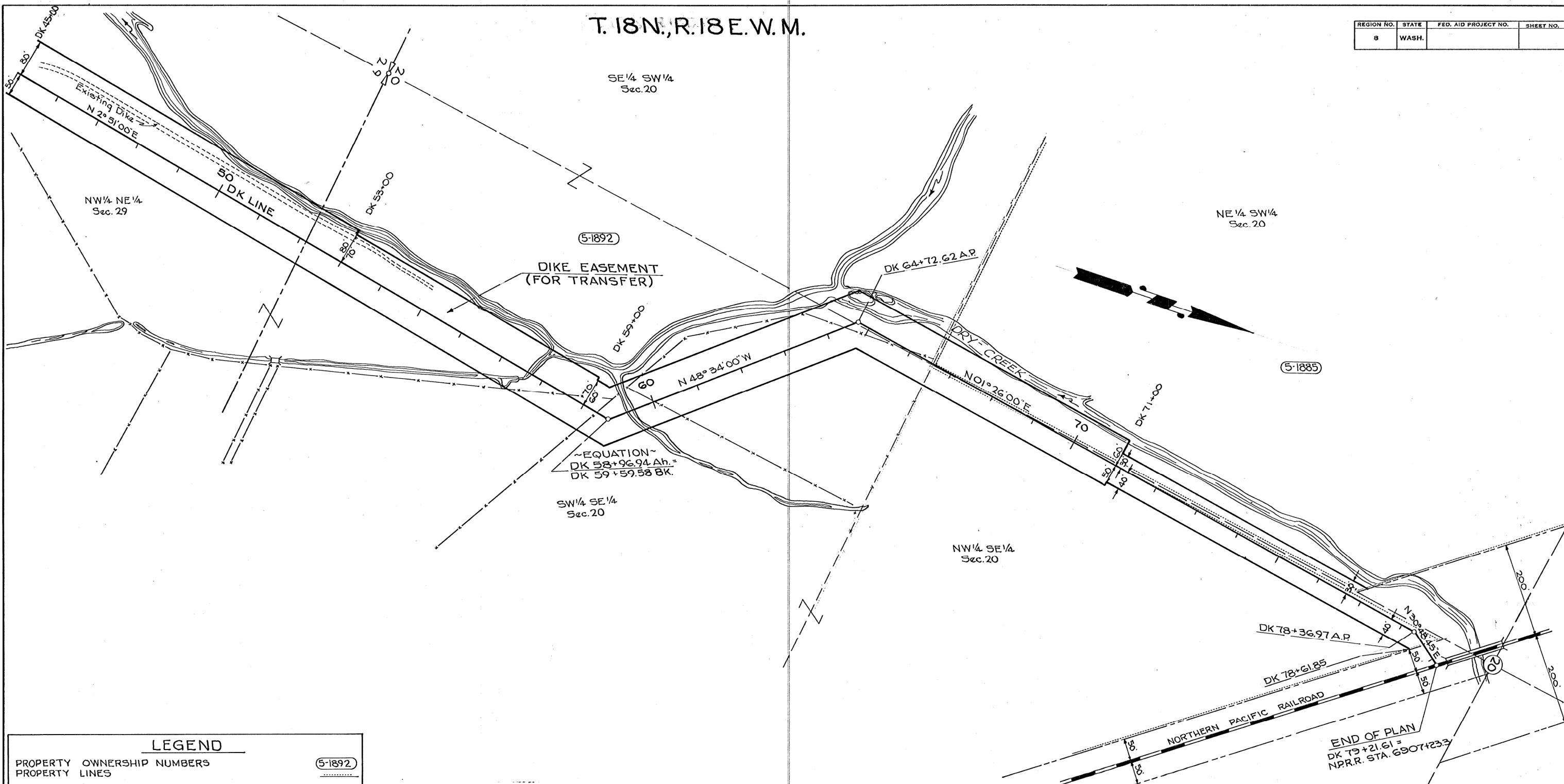
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LEGEND

PROPERTY OWNERSHIP NUMBERS
PROPERTY LINES

5-1892

OWNERSHIPS

PARCEL NO.	NAME	TOTAL AREA	TAKE	LT. REMAINDER	RT.	EASEMENT
5-1885	HAND	50.55 AC.				* 0.90 AC
5-1892	HOFFMAN & N.B. of C.	See Sheet No.				

* For Transfer



PSH 3 SR 90
WEST SIDE CANAL TO BULL ROAD
DRY CREEK DIKE
KITITIS COUNTY

RIGHT OF WAY
STA. DK 45+00 TO STA. DK 79+21.61

WASHINGTON STATE HIGHWAY COMMISSION
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OLYMPIA, WASHINGTON

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SECTOR OF HIGHWAYS

APPROVED

SHEET 3

OF 4 SHEETS

E. L. MIKALSON

G.D. ZAHN

APPROVED Sept. 27, 1966

3 SHEETS

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DRY CREEK DIKE
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