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RE: SP-24-00006; 202401850

Dear Zach Torrance-Smith,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Notice of Application for the **Hull Short Plat**. We have reviewed the application and have the following comment.

**Water Resources Program:** Groundwater Exempt Uses

In Washington State, prospective water users must obtain authorization from the Department of Ecology before diverting surface water or withdrawing ground water, with one exception. Ground water withdrawals for a project up to 5,000 gallons per day used for single or group domestic supply, up to 5,000 gallons per day used for industrial purposes, stock watering, and for the irrigation of up to one-half acre of non-commercial lawn and garden are exempt from the permitting process. Water use under the RCW 90.44.050 exemption establishes a water right that is subject to the same privileges, restrictions, laws and regulations as a water right permit or certificate obtained directly from Ecology.

If you have any questions or would like to respond to these Water Resources comments, please contact Nathan Longoria at (509) 907-1752 or email at [Nathan.Longoria@ecy.wa.gov](mailto:Nathan.Longoria@ecy.wa.gov).

Sincerely,

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