



File Name: 2013-006-CPA
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Attached is an environmental Determination of Significance issued pursuant to the State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) rules (WAC 197-11). Consistent with WAC 197-11-408, the La Center Planning Commission will conduct a Scoping meeting on July 16, 2013 at La Center City Hall beginning at 7:00 PM. The public is invited to attend and participate. Written comments may be sent to:

Mayor James T. Irish
ATTN: SEPA COMMENTS (2013-006-CPA)
City of La Center
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La Center, WA 98629

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Federal Agencies:

National Marine Fisheries, PRD Division
US Army Corps of Engineers, Regulatory Functions
US Dept of Agriculture, Conservation Service
US Fish & Wildlife Service, Ridgefield, WA
US Fish & Wildlife Service, Portland, OR
US Forest Service, Vancouver, WA

Native American Interests:

Confederated Tribes of the Grande Ronde
Cowlitz Tribe, Longview, WA

State Agencies:

Dept of Commerce
Dept of Corrections
Dept of Ecology, SEPA/GMA Coordinator
Dept of Fish & Wildlife, Region 5
Dept of Natural Resources, SEPA Center
Dept of Social & Health Services
Dept of Transportation, Environmental Services
Dept of Transportation, SW Region
Office of Archaeology & Historic Preservation
Washington Parks & Recreation Commission

Local Agencies:

City of Battle Ground
City of Camas
City of Ridgefield
City of Vancouver
City of Washougal

Clark County, Board of Commissioners
Clark County, Dept of Community Development
Clark County, Dept of Health
Clark County, Dept of Parks & Recreation
Clark County, Dept of Public Works
Town of Yacolt

School Districts: La Center (WA) School District
Ridgefield (WA) School District

Special Purpose Agencies: Clark Public Utilities
Columbia River Economic Development Council
C-TRAN
Lower Columbia Fish Recovery Board
Puget Sound Water Quality
Southwest Clean Air Agency
Southwest Washington Regional Transportation Council

Libraries: Fort Vancouver Regional Library, La Center

Fire Districts: Clark County Fire Marshal
Clark County Fire & Rescue

Media: The (Battle Ground) Reflector
The (Vancouver) Columbian
The (Portland) Oregonian

Other Interested Parties: Audubon Society, Vancouver
Cascade Design Inc.
Clark County Natural Resources Council
H Lee & Associates
NW Natural
Qwest Communications
TDS Telecom
The Resource Co.
Vancouver Wildlife League
Wallis Engineering



**DETERMINATION OF SIGNIFICANCE
AND ADOPTION OF EXISTING ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTS**

Description of current proposal: Proposed amendments to the *La Center Urban Area Comprehensive Plan*, *La Center Municipal Code Chapter 13.10*, and *La Center Urban Area Capital Facilities Plan* in late 2013 to provide policies and criteria for the extraterritorial extension of La Center sewer service.

Proponent: City of La Center

Location of current proposal: Sections 3-5, 8-10, Township 4N, Range 1E, WM.

Title of documents being adopted: *Final Environmental Impact Statement, La Center Comprehensive Plan Amendment (2006)*, Smedes & Associates; *Final Environmental Impact Statement, Cowlitz Indian Tribe Trust Acquisition and Casino Project (2008)*, Analytical Environmental Services.

Agency that prepared documents being adopted: City of La Center; U.S. Dept. of Interior, Bureau of Indian Affairs

Date adopted documents were prepared: December 19, 2006; May 29, 2008.

Description of documents (or portion) being adopted: The City's 2006 SEPA EIS analyzes the impacts of amendment of the City's Comprehensive Plan and expansion of the City's Urban Growth Area to extend the City limits to the I-5 Junction, including the impacts of extending sewer and other urban services to the annexed area. The U.S. Department of Interior's 2008 NEPA Final EIS analyzes the impacts of development of the proposed Cowlitz Indian Tribe reservation, including a casino project on land addressed and included in the City's 2006 SEPA EIS.

If the documents being adopted have been challenged (WAC 197-11-630), please describe: The City's 2006 SEPA EIS was not challenged, and it is now beyond appeal and final. The federal NEPA Final EIS for the Cowlitz fee-to-trust decision and reservation development was challenged by two lawsuits filed in United States District Court for the District of Columbia. See *Confederated Tribes of the Grande Ronde Community of Oregon v. Salazar, et al*, Case No. 1:11-cv-00284 and *Clark County Washington, et al v. U.S. Dept. of Interior, et al*, Case No. 1:11-cv- 00278-RWR.

The document is available to be read at (place/time): Copies of both adopted documents may be inspected and reviewed at La Center City Hall (214 East 4th Street in La Center) during regular business hours. Copies may be obtained for a reasonable cost. Electronic copies are available at: http://www.ci.lacenter.wa.us/pdfs/DS_EIS_Cowlitz.pdf and

http://www.cowlitzzeis.com/documents/final_eis/report.htm

We have identified and adopted these documents as being appropriate for this proposal after independent review. The documents meet a portion of our environmental review needs for the current proposal and will accompany the proposal to the decision-maker.

EIS REQUIRED. The lead agency has determined this proposal is likely to have a significant adverse impact on the environment. To meet the requirements of RCW 43.21C.030(2)(c), the lead agency is adopting the documents described above, and is also preparing an EIS to address the specific amendments proposed to the City's Comprehensive Plan and development regulations.

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The public comment period on the Scope of the EIS will close at 4:30 PM on August 15, 2013. The La Center city council adopted a Public Participation Plan (Resolution 13-373) which is available for public review.

Name of agency adopting document: City of La Center

Contact person: Dale Miller, City Planner, (360) 263-2484

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Signature:  **Date:** 6-28-2013