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Further to an email from Aramburu's office concerning correct address for the SEPA Responsible Official, please make sure that comments from SLS are forwarded to the appropriate office, if it has not already been sent to the correct addressee. Thank you for your help.

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Save Lake Sammamish

From: Joanna Buehler [mailto:joanna@contractleathers.com]
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Subject: SLS COMMENT RE ECA AMENDMENT SEPA DNS

Good Afternoon:

Please find attached SLS comments concerning the DNS issued for the proposed changes to the ECA. We think a full EIS is necessary. Thank you.

Joanna Buehler
Save Lake Sammamish – and we all win!

EXHIBIT NO. CC082

SAVE LAKE SAMMAMISH

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June 3, 2013

SEPA Responsible Official
City of Sammamish
Community Development Department
801 – 228th Avenue SE
Sammamish, WA 98075

Dear Responsible Official:

RE: *Corrected* Determination of Non-significance (DNS) and Adoption of Existing Environmental Document for ECA Amendments to the Sammamish Municipal Code.

Save Lake Sammamish (SLS) is an all-volunteer, non-profit Washington corporation founded in 1989 to protect the water quality of Lake Sammamish and the environmental benefits of its watershed. On behalf of SLS, I offer comments concerning the subject Corrected DNS and Adoption of Existing Environmental Documents for the Environmentally Critical Areas Amendments.

We have reviewed this DNS and think that it has been issued in error. Proposed changes would drastically weaken protections of the most sensitive and landslide-prone lands on the Plateau, if not the entire region. Such proposed changes have the potential to put at risk, not only the health of Lake Sammamish and its eastern tributary streams, but also the health and safety of down-slope and shoreline residents and properties. Under such circumstances, potentially including road closures and broken utility lines, a significant financial liability could fall on the City and all of its taxpayers.

We have also reviewed the letter dated June 3, 2013 prepared by Richard Aramburu representing Wally Pereyra detailing extensive legal deficiencies in the DNS and calling for an Environmental Impact Statement of the proposed Amendments to the ECA. We agree with Mr. Aramburu's argument and incorporate his letter by reference in these comments from SLS.

SLS requests that the Responsible Official withdraw the DNS and enter a determination of significance (DS). We further request that the City prepare an EIS to examine and disclose the inevitable cumulative environmental impacts to Lake Sammamish water quality, fish and wildlife, and to its tributary streams of the proposed amendments to the City's ECA ordinance.

Thank you for your consideration of our comments.

Very truly yours,

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