ADDENDUM NO. 5
TO THE
FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT
FOR THE SNOHOMISH COUNTY
COMPREHENSIVE PLAN 2015 UPDATE

Adoption of Amendments to the General Policy Plan of the Snohomish County
GMA Comprehensive Plan Related to Innovative Water Supply (GPP11)

Prepared Consistent with

The Washington State Environmental Policy Act of 1971
Chapter 43.21C Revised Code of Washington
Chapter 197-11, Washington Administrative Code
Snohomish County Code Title 30

Snohomish County Planning and Development Services

Date of Issuance: May 20, 2016
2016 County Initiated Comprehensive Plan Amendments - Innovative Water Supply (GPP11)

The proposed non-project action is the adoption of an amendment to the General Policy Plan (GPP) to provide county policy support for identifying innovative water supplies, including individual rainwater catchment systems, for residential drinking water. The project is identified as GPP11.

This addendum adds information relating to the non-project programmatic county action described above. This information does not change the analysis of previously identified significant impacts of the alternatives to the county’s GMA Comprehensive Plan – General Policy Plan within the SEPA documents dated September 8, 2014, (Draft EIS) and June 3, 2015, (Final EIS).

This addendum is being issued in accordance with WAC 197-11-625 and WAC 197-11-630. The adopted environmental documents listed herein, together with this addendum, meet Snohomish County’s environmental review needs for the current proposal.

The purpose of the GPP11 proposal is to add a policy in the Natural Environment chapter of the GPP under Objective NE 9.A to encourage the use of innovative water supplies such as rainwater catchment as a source of drinking water. The proposed new policy reads as follows:

NE Policy 9.A.4 The county should encourage the development of innovative water supplies such as rainwater catchment systems as a source of domestic drinking water.

This proposed policy supports studies by the Snohomish Health District (SHD) to consider rainwater catchment as an approved sole source of domestic drinking water for new residential development. This innovative source of drinking water could be an option for land owners in rural water basins that are closed to the installation of domestic wells for new residential development due to low groundwater supply. In 2011, the Washington State Department of Ecology (DOE) closed a small drainage sub-basin within the Skagit River basin to new domestic wells as it was determined that additional groundwater supply in the sub-basin was not available. This sub-basin contains Carpenter and Fisher Creeks and is located primarily in Skagit County. Approximately 3.6 square miles of the Carpenter-Fisher sub-basin extends into Snohomish County.

The current rules used by SHD to assess domestic drinking water availability and potability do not address rainwater catchment as a sole source for new residential development. According to SHD, technologies have increased in the area of rainwater catchment and there is now public interest in having SHD consider policy and regulatory support of rainwater catchment as a source of
domestic drinking water. SHD is preparing a pilot study of selected sites to determine what policies, procedures, and rules would need to be applied to rainwater catchment systems in order to be approved as individual drinking water systems.

**Location of Proposal:**
The proposed policy amendment to the General Policy Plan would apply to unincorporated areas of Snohomish County that are not served by public drinking water.

**Action Sponsor Lead Agency:**
Snohomish County Department of Planning and Development Services
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**Required Approval Review:**
Snohomish County Council – adoption of an ordinance
Washington State Department of Commerce – coordination of state comments

**Circulation and Comment:**
This addendum, or notice of availability, is being sent to all recipients of the previously issued Final EIS for the Comprehensive Plan 2015 Update as required by WAC 197-11-625, and also to all commenters on that EIS. No comment period is required for this addendum under WAC 197-11-502(8)(c).

**The EIS Addendum is available by contacting:**
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ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

Overview:

The adoption of amendments to the GMA Comprehensive Plan is a non-project action under the Washington State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA). This Addendum is not intended to satisfy individual project action SEPA requirements (the review needed for a future site-specific land use or building permit application). This Addendum does not significantly change the analysis of impacts and alternatives contained in the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) prepared in 2015 for the Comprehensive Plan 2015 Update, nor does it identify new or significantly different impacts.

Prior Environmental Review

The county issued a Draft EIS for the county’s Comprehensive Plan 2015 Update on September 8, 2014, and issued a Final EIS on June 3, 2015. The elements of the environment addressed in both of these EIS documents included elements of both the natural and built environment: earth, air, water, plants and animals, land and shoreline use, population and employment, cultural resources, transportation, energy, public services, and utilities.

EIS Addendum

According to the SEPA Rules, an Addendum to an EIS provides additional analysis and/or information about a proposal or alternatives where their significant environmental impacts have been disclosed and identified in a previous environmental document (WAC 197-11-600(3)(b)(ii)). An Addendum is appropriate when the impacts of the new proposal are the same general types as those identified in the prior document, and when the new analysis does not substantially change the analysis of significant impacts and alternatives identified in the prior environmental documents (WAC 197-11-600(4)(c), WAC 197-11-706).

This Addendum to the Comprehensive Plan 2015 Update EIS is being issued pursuant to WAC 197-11-625 to meet the County’s SEPA responsibility. The Comprehensive Plan 2015 Update EIS evaluated plan alternatives and impacts that encompass the same general policy direction, land use patterns, and environmental impacts that are expected to be associated with the proposed amendments identified in this Addendum.

No additional significant impacts beyond those identified in the county’s EIS for the Comprehensive Plan 2015 Update are expected to occur as a result of the proposed amendments. No additional programmatic level environmental review will be required to the extent that the existing environmental documents listed in this Addendum or other published documents have analyzed the proposed amendments.
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Jordan Road Citizens
Kayak Pt. Citizens Group
Kennard Corner Homeowners
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Newberg Organization
North Creek Rural Areas
North Marysville Citizens
Picnic Point Community
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Possession Bay Association
Professional Consultants
Silver Lake Action Comm.
Smartgrowth Campaign
Snhoomish Arlington Trail Coalition
Snhoomish County Conservation District
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Snhoomish Wetlands Alliance
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Stillaguamish Citizens Alliance
Stillaguamish Flood Control District
Swamp Creek Reservatory
Tom Ehrlichman
Wandering Creek Homes

Neighboring Planning Departments
Island County Planning Dept.
Skagit County Planning Dept.
Dept. of Dev. & Environ. Services (King Co.)
Chelan County Planning Dept.

Tribes
Muckleshoot Tribes
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Tulalip Tribes
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Utilities
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Arlington Times
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Mukilteo Beacon
Monroe Monitor
Marysville Globe
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Lake Stevens Journal
Seattle Times-North Bureau
Seattle PI
Mill Creek Enterprise
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