

## **WATER SYSTEM REVIEW**

### **WHAT IS A WATER SYSTEM REVIEW?**

A Water System Review is conducted by Island County Planning and Community Development as part of the process to amend or expand a Water System's Service Area. The review ensures that a Water System meets two requirements:

- 1) That the Current and Future Service Areas of a Water System do not overlap with those of a neighboring Water System, i.e. one parcel, one Water System.
- 2) That the Future Service Area and other aspects of the Water System are consistent with the area's Zoning.

A water purveyor should be able to provide service to any parcel within its service area within 120 days of a written request, per RCW 70.116.060(3)(b). If the purveyor cannot provide service in a timely manner, the parcel owner is free to request service from neighboring water systems and that parcel will be included only in the service area of the purveyor providing service.

### **WHY DO I NEED TO DO A WATER SYSTEM REVIEW?**

To meet the County requirements for an application to amend or expand a Water System as outlined in the Island County Coordinated Water System Plan (CWSP). These requirements have been established in order to provide a predictable scenario under which property owners are able to anticipate and expect water from a purveyor and so that water purveyors may plan according to a defined service area that they have first right to serve.

### **WHAT NEEDS TO BE IN MY WATER SYSTEM REVIEW?**

The elements listed on the form include legal descriptions of your current and future service areas with parcel numbers and sizes, a list of associated professionals, a description of the system's wells and/or surface intakes, and a description of the system's storage capacity, a plot plan, and a neighborhood vicinity map.

### **WHAT ABOUT FIRE FLOW, WATER QUALITY AND OTHER ISSUES?**

Other than the cursory questions in Part B of the Water System Review form, the Planning Department does not require detailed flow, quality, or capacity information. These issues are addressed during review of the actual engineered infrastructure plans, which is conducted by the County Health Department, and the Washington State Departments of Health and Ecology. Contact the appropriate department for guidance on these issues and others, including fire flow and water quality.

**DO I NEED TO FILE A COPY OF MY WATER SYSTEM PLAN WITH THE WATER SYSTEM REVIEW FORM?**

No, it is not necessary, but the Planning Department does require submittal of a current copy of the existing water system service area map, that is detailed in the Water System Plan, as well as that which is proposed for review (these two boundaries can be indicated on the same map).

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*IMPORTANT NOTE - "Development Information Bulletins" (DIBs) are intended to assist the general public in understanding the effect of codes and regulations. DIBs are not complete statements of the laws and rules and should not be used as a substitute for them. If conflicts and questions arise, the code and regulations are the final authority. Because these regulations may be revised or amended at any time, consult Island County staff to be sure you understand all current requirements before beginning any work. It is the responsibility of the applicant to ensure that the project meets requirements of all current codes and regulations.*

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