

NOTICE SEPA DETERMINATION OF NON-SIGNIFICANCE

Description of Proposal: This proposal is a non-project action by Public Utility District No. 1 of Skagit County (PUD) to approve the PUD's 2024 Water System Plan (Proposal). The Proposal evaluates and updates, if necessary, future water supply, infrastructure projects, and operations and maintenance activities for the PUD's water systems as required based upon the Proposal's forecast of future water demands. The PUD is required to update its water system plan every ten years under Washington State Department of Health regulations. The Proposal has been prepared in accordance with Department of Health requirements and under the direction of a registered professional engineer.

The Proposal includes expansion of the PUD's Judy System retail service area into the PUD's designated Coordinated Water System Plan Future Service Area, and service area reductions to reflect the transfer of the Fidalgo Island satellite water system to the City of Anacortes.

Proponent & Lead Agency: Public Utility District No. 1 of Skagit County

Location of Proposal: All designated service areas of the PUD and any undesignated service area in the remainder of Skagit County and adjacent areas, per the Skagit County Coordinated Water System Plan Regional Supplement.

Threshold Determination: The PUD, acting as lead agency for this proposal, has determined the proposal does not have a probable significant adverse impact on the environment. An environmental impact statement (EIS) is not required under RCW 43.21C.030(2)(c). This determination was made after review of a completed environmental checklist and other information on file with the lead agency. This information, as well as the draft plan, is available to the public at: https://www.skagitpud.org/aboutus/governance/water-system-plan-2024.

This determination is issued pursuant to WAC 197-11-340(2). The lead agency will not act on this proposal for 14 calendar days from the date issued.

Comments: Comments regarding this Determination of Non-significance must be submitted to the Lead Agency in writing by August 29, 2024. Send comments to the attention of Wendy LaRocque at the address listed below.

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