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July 10, 2014

Ms. Hannah Hadley  
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RE: Skagit River GI Study DEIS Comments

Dear Ms. Hadley:

Attached is Resolution 902-14 adopted by the Sedro-Woolley City Council on July 9, 2014 commenting on the Skagit River GI Study. Please accept those comments on behalf of the City of Sedro-Woolley.

Additionally, I would like to offer the following comments for your consideration, also on behalf of the City of Sedro-Woolley:

1. The Feasibility Report and DEIS includes mention of protection of the Sedro-Woolley Waste Water Treatment Plant. I understand that the method under consideration is a ring dike around the WWTP. A ring dike will not be adequate to protect the WWTP if there is standing water in the city. With water washing over our streets, the WWTP collection system will be overwhelmed and flood water will pressurize our collection system causing flooding into the WWTP from our internal piping. Additional measures will be necessary to protect the WWTP.
2. As our community learned after the collapse of the Skagit River I-5 Bridge, we are very concerned about accessibility, including emergency responders. Your TSP appears to jeopardize SR 20 west of Sedro-Woolley and SR 9 south of Sedro-Woolley. Any project should maintain thoroughfares for safety and emergency response.
3. Prior to selecting a final plan and as part of any final EIS, post-project modeling to show the extent of the transfer of risk is needed. In addition to modeling the Skagit River, Brickyard Creek should also be modeled to understand the effect higher water in the Skagit will have on the drainage and possible flooding from Brickyard Creek.
4. To state it bluntly, Sedro-Woolley has been very supportive of the GI Study, but always in the context of a river system-wide solution to flood risk. This TSP leaves Sedro-Woolley out when it comes to reducing flood risk and appears to increase flood risk to our community. We do not support a plan to increase the risk of flooding in the City of Sedro-Woolley. Indeed, the no action alternative appears to be better for Sedro-Woolley than the \$280,000,000 CULI plan. We need a plan that takes water out of the river system rather than moving water from high assessed value businesses to lower assessed value residents.

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I appreciate the opportunity to comment on behalf of the City of Sedro-Woolley; I sincerely hope that these comments, as well as the comments made in Resolution 902-14 are taken seriously and incorporated into the final EIS and a redesigned project. This TSP, as presented, is not something we can support and if the USACE and Skagit County insist on selecting the CULI, as presented in the feasibility report, our community will have no choice but to actively fight this project.

Sincerely,

CITY OF SEDRO-WOOLLEY

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Mike Anderson", written over the printed name.

Mike Anderson Mayor