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Wick Dufford, Hearing Examiner  
Skagit County Office of Land Use Hearings  
1800 Continental Place  
Mount Vernon, WA 98273

**Subject: Shoreline Substantial Development Permit PL12-0191**

Dear Mr. Dufford:

I am writing you in support of approval for the Shoreline Substantial Development Application PL12-0191 as recommended by Skagit County to the 7 conditions in the Findings of Fact and Staff Report dated April 17, 2013.

I want to express our opposition to the verbal request by Skagit County for this project to delay work until after the GI Study is completed.

As I included in my narrative for this application, this project permit also includes the necessary "maintenance, repair, post-flood repair, backsloping, critical facility protection..." identified in the Golder report. Delaying this work would delay the adequate and necessary protection of the Burlington Sewer Treatment Plant. The most critical and important piece of levee needing work is located immediately upstream of Gardner Road and less than 800 LF upstream of the sewer plant. This piece of levee is 2 feet lower and 60 feet narrower than the levee on the west side of Gardner Road and 4 feet lower than the levee adjoining the sewer plant. This section of levee needs to go to construction this summer if at all possible.

The verbal request by the County to delay this work was a complete surprise and without explanation, reason or context to the permit. Regardless of the outcome of the GI study, these levees need to be maintained, repaired and improved to the Certification requirements and standards. Why would the GI Study even begin to ignore or not follow the findings of the EIS or 1984 Flood Insurance Study? Development in Burlington continues because flood protection is expected.

Not granting this Shoreline Permit when the District has adequately addressed the shoreline and critical areas requirements is a denial to the District to perform their legal and constitutional obligations.

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