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Margaret Fleek, Director
Planning and Community Development
City of Burlington
833 South Spruce Street
Burlington, WA 98233

**Re: Draft Environmental Impact Statement
Comprehensive Flood Hazard Mitigation in Burlington Urban Area**

Dear Ms. Fleek:

I am writing to confirm that you orally agreed to extend time for Diking District No. 3 and Consolidated Dike District No. 22 of Skagit County to comment further on the Burlington Comprehensive Flood Hazard Mitigation program described in the DEIS. The Districts commented on March 13, 2009.

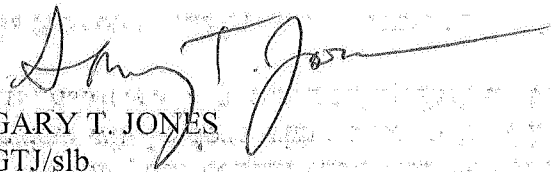
Based on your confirmation that this is a programmatic EIS and that further environmental review will be done with notice to the Districts before permits and implementation of the plan, the Districts are not commenting further at this time.

As the comments by Skagit County indicate and as the Districts comment letter dated March 13, 2009 states, the DEIS involves multiple levels of local, Skagit County and Burlington policy and planning; state shoreline and flood hazard mitigation planning regulated by the Washington Department of Ecology as well as Federal issues including the letter of map revisions by Federal Emergency Management Agency, as well as Coastal Zone Management consistency determinations. All this is in addition to the consultation under the Endangered Species Act required for the Corps of Engineers or FEMA to proceed with the comprehensive flood hazard mitigation in Burlington urban area.

Thank you for the courtesy extended to our clients. We wish Burlington well in its efforts to coordinate a comprehensive flood hazard mitigation program with other affected jurisdictions.

Respectfully yours,

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