

NOTICE OF DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE (DNS)

DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPOSAL: Public Utility District No. 1 of Clallam County (the District) intends to adopt an update of its Water System Plan. The plan addresses the improvement of existing and construction of new water supply, treatment, storage and distribution facilities to meet the needs of the population served by the entire system over the next 20 years. The following are among the subjects addressed in the plan: water distribution system improvements—replacement temporary booster pump stations to serve the upper Fairview Water System; replacement of the water transmission line from the City of Port Angeles to the Gales Addition Reservoir; expansion of the Carlsborg Water System to serve the entire urban growth area; replacement of undersized, deteriorating and leaking water lines located system-wide; and other hydraulic improvements designed to enhance the level of water service system-wide.

The plan addresses the District's water service area, which includes nine water systems: Evergreen, Carlsborg, Fairview, Gales Addition, Monroe, Mount Angeles, Panoramic Heights, Clallam Bay/Sekiu and Island View. Overall these water systems serve approximately 9,546 people. The plan is consistent with requirements of Chapter 246-290-100 WAC. The Environmental Checklist on the update of the Water System Plan can be obtained at the District's Water and Wastewater Systems Office.

PROPONENT: Public Utility District No. 1 of Clallam County

LOCATION OF PROPOSAL: The water service area of the nine water systems includes portions of unincorporated Clallam County and portions of the Carlsborg and Clallam Bay/Sekiu Urban Growth Areas. The Evergreen Water System is located south of the City of Sequim. The Carlsborg Water System also includes an area adjacent to the Urban Growth Area to the southwest. The District proposes to serve the entire Carlsborg Urban Growth Area in the future. The Gales Addition, Fairview, Monroe, Mount Angeles and Panoramic Heights System include areas outside the City of Port Angeles. The Island View System serves a small community along the Strait of Juan de Fuca about 9 miles west of Sekiu.

LEAD AGENCY: Public Utility District No. 1 of Clallam County

The District reviewed the proposed project under the provisions of the State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA). It has determined that the proposal will probably not have a significant adverse impact on the environment and, therefore, an environmental impact statement is not required under RCW 43.21C.030 (2) (c). This *determination of non-significance* (DNS) is issued under WAC 197.11.340 (2). The DNS was made after the District reviewed a completed environmental checklist, as required under WAC 197.11.330 (1) (a) (i), and other information relevant to the project, which is on file at the District's Water and Wastewater Systems Office.

SEPA rules require the lead agency to consider mitigating measures to be implemented by the project sponsor as part of the project [WAC 197-11-330 (1) (c)]. This DNS is based upon the District's contention that the requirements of applicable Clallam County codes will alleviate any adverse impacts associated with the proposed project.

The District will not act upon the proposed project for at least 30 days from the date that this DNS was circulated. Written comments should be submitted to the District's contact person identified below by May 21, 2017.

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