



## Public Utility District #1 of Clallam County

# Memorandum

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CC: Nicole Kruse, P.E., MurraySmith Project Manager

DATE: July 28, 2021

RE: State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) Determination for the Clallam Bay Sekiu Water Main Upgrade Project

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Public Utility District No. 1 of Clallam County (the District) has reviewed the above referenced project to determine the appropriate environmental review process under the State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA). Based on the project description summarized below, we find that the project is:

- ☒ (X) Categorically exempt under SEPA – no further environmental review required
- ☐ ( ) Not Categorically exempt under SEPA – threshold determination required
- ☐ ( ) Other

If the project description changes, the appropriate environmental review process will be reconfirmed.

### **Project Description:**

The proposed project replaces aging water distribution infrastructure, pipelines, and service connections in the District's Clallam Bay and Sekiu Water System. The total length of pipeline to be replaced is approximately 12,950 linear feet. Existing asbestos cement water main will be replaced and upsized as needed, and water service lines, as well as fire hydrants and other similar appurtenances will be replaced. Approximately 45,000 square feet of area is anticipated to be disturbed, the majority of which is existing roadway pavement that will be restored to match existing conditions. Some work will be located in the shoulder of roadways where existing gravel and grass areas will be restored to match existing conditions. The ground disturbing

activities will primarily be the result of excavating a trench for pipeline removal and replacement. Pipe bursting techniques will be used in the lower Sekiu portion of the project area, which will require minimum excavation. The project is anticipated to have approximately 1,480 cubic yards of excavation and 130 cubic yards of imported fill.

The work will not be conducted on land covered by water; all of the project areas will be reconstructed within existing rights of way or existing utility easements. The project does not increase the capacity of the roadways, and does not involve any utility construction greater than 12-inches in diameter.

**SEPA Finding:**

The following codes exempt this project from threshold determination and EIS requirements.

- **WAC 197-11-800(3)** exempts "The repair, remodeling, maintenance, or minor alteration of existing private or public structures, facilities or equipment, including utilities, involving no material expansions or changes in use beyond that previously existing..."
- **WAC 197-11-800(23)(b)** exempts "All storm water, water and sewer facilities, lines, equipment, hookups or appurtenances including, utilizing or related to lines twelve inches or less in diameter."