



## Snohomish County

### SNOHOMISH COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION

April 23, 2026  
Snohomish County Council  
County Administration Building  
3000 Rockefeller Avenue, M/S 609  
Everett, WA 98201-4046

**SUBJECT: Planning Commission recommendation on proposed code amendments to 2026 NPDES Stormwater Regulations Update**

Dear Snohomish County Council:

On behalf of the Snohomish County Planning Commission, I am forwarding our recommendation to amend regulations for the 2026 NPDES Stormwater Regulations Update. The Planning Commission had a briefing on this topic on February 24, 2026, and conducted a public hearing on March 24, 2026.

The proposed code amendments would update drainage regulations and administrative rules consistent with the 2024 Phase I Municipal Stormwater Permit issued by Ecology. The scope of this non-project action is largely dictated by the regulatory update Ecology is requiring the County to make, as described in Appendix 10 of the 2024 Phase I Municipal Stormwater Permit and as set forth elsewhere in the 2024 Phase I Municipal Stormwater Permit and the 2024 Ecology Stormwater Management Manual for Western Washington (SWMMWW). Those changes include the following:

- Redevelopment thresholds for road related projects, commercial projects, and industrial projects;
- Project exemptions;
- Wetland hydroperiod protection method 2;
- Minimum requirements and definitions related to minimum requirements;
- Runoff treatment performance foal thresholds and light rail dispersion BMP;
- Source control BMPs;
- Bioretention BMP;
- Stormwater facility maintenance standards; and
- Started construction standard

The following regulations and rules are proposed to be amended to reflect those updates: chapters 30.63A, 30.63B, and 30.91 SCC; SCC 30.70.310; the Snohomish County Drainage Manual; and the Engineering Design and Development Standards (EDDS).

In addition, these amendments propose limited, additional updates to chapter 30.63A SCC to address: (1) review processes and appeal procedures for land development projects with drainage components to clarify the County's procedure; (2) consistency with previously adopted changes in chapter 30.62A SCC; and (3) update reference to Ecology's SWMMWW.

There were four (4) written comments received by the Planning Commission from the public prior to the March 24, 2026 hearing, and no members of the public commented at the public hearing. Additionally, Planning Commission provided staff with questions and comments that prompted further amendments. Responses to these written comments and revised proposed amendments were addressed in a memo dated March 19, 2026.

**PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION**

At the March 24, 2026, Planning Commission meeting, Commissioner Busted opened the Public Hearing at 5:45 p.m. for the proposed code amendments. Three written comments were received by the Planning Commission from the public before the public hearing. No members of the public commented at the public hearing. The Public Hearing was closed at 5:45 p.m.

Commissioner Larsen made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Chandler, recommending **APPROVAL** of the proposed 2026 NPDES Stormwater Regulations Update amendments contained in the staff report and memo.

**Vote (Motion):**

10 in favor (*Ash, Bush, Busted, Chandler, Holtzclaw, Larsen, Morgan, Niemela, Sievers, Sheldon*)

0 opposed

0 abstentions

**Motion passed**

This recommendation was made following the close of the public hearing and after due consideration of information presented and is based on the findings and conclusions presented in the February 5, 2026, staff report, and the supplemental memo with revised changes presented on March 19, 2026, with which the Commission concurred.

Respectfully submitted,

*Kimberly Busted*

Kimberly Busted (Apr 27, 2026 16:00:04 PDT)

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Kimberly Busted, Chairperson

cc: Dave Somers, Snohomish County Executive

Mike McCrary, Planning and Development Services Director







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