



Snohomish County Council

Committee: Public Infrastructure and Conservation

Analyst: Deb Evison Bell

ECAF: 2023-0469

Proposal: Motion 23-179

Date: May 16, 2023

Consideration

The proposed motion would approve the termination of easements on County owned land within the Chinook Marsh Restoration Project area, where a merger of title exists. The proposed motion would also approve and authorize the Director of the Department of Facilities and Fleet, or his/her designee within the Property Division, to sign and record any and all termination of easements within the Chinook Marsh Restoration Project area on behalf of the County, under Snohomish County Charter 2.140.

Background

Snohomish County currently owns or has flood easements on approximately 450 acres of land within an area historically known as Drainage District 6, presently referred to as the Chinook Marsh Restoration Project area. Over the years, various predecessors-in-interest to Snohomish County granted easements to Diking District 6 for various purposes. In 2002 Diking District 6 was dissolved, and at that time all District assets were transferred to the County by operation of law pursuant to RCW 36.96.70.

The County now owns the dominant and servient estates of the land and title has merged in the County, thus the need for the easements has terminated.

Current Proposal

Scope: The proposed motion would remove the references to the easement grants to Drainage District 6, recording the Termination of Easement, substantially in the form of Exhibit A, for the purpose of clearing the title.

Duration: NA

Fiscal Implications: No fiscal impact.

2023 Budget: NA

Budget Impacts: NA

Handling: NORMAL

Approved-as-to-form: Yes

Risk Management: Yes

Executive Recommendation: APPROVE.

Request: The requested action is to move to GLS on May 24, 2023, for consideration.