### April 23, 2014

Newland Communities Attn: Scott Jones 33490-9th Avenue South, Suite 206 Federal Way, WA 98003

RE: Major Amendment to the Cascadia (A.K.A. Tehaleh)

**Employment-Based Planned Community (EBPC)** 

Planned Unit Development (PUD): Phase 1 Revision/Expansion

Application Numbers: 760298, 760302, 763634, 763635

# Dear Applicant:

Transmitted herewith is the Decision on Reconsideration of the Pierce County Hearing Examiner regarding the clarification filed in above-entitled matter along with a revised set of conditions.

Very truly yours,

STEPHEN K. CAUSSEAUX, JR.

**Hearing Examiner** 

SKC/jjp

cc: Parties of Record

#### OFFICE OF THE HEARING EXAMINER

#### PIERCE COUNTY

## **DECISION ON RECONSIDERATION**

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**PROPERTY** NASH Cascadia Verde, LLC

**OWNERS:** 16701 S.E. McGillivray Blvd., Suite 150

Vancouver, WA 98683-3462

Cascadia Resort Communities LLC 11747 N.E. 1st Street, Suite 320

Bellevue, WA 98005

**APPLICANT:** Newland Communities

Attn: Scott Jones

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**ATTORNEY:** William T. Lynn

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**PLANNER:** Robert Jenkins, Senior Planner

By Report and Decision dated April 7, 2014, the Examiner approved a Major Amendment to the Tehaleh Employment-Based Planned Community subject to numerous conditions of approval. On April 14, 2014, William T. Lynn, attorney at law, timely filed a Request for Reconsideration that requested clarification of several conditions of approval. The Examiner did not circulate the Reconsideration Request for comment because in Finding of Fact 12 on Page 14 of the Decision the Examiner advised that he had adopted Mr. Lynn's proposed changes of conditions for East Pierce Fire and Rescue and proposed conditions

substituting language for staff's conditions. Mr. Lynn also noted errors in the numbering of conditions. Since the Reconsideration is consistent with Finding 12 and the Examiner's intent, the Examiner elected not to circulate the request for comment.

Based upon Mr. Lynn's Reconsideration Request a new set of conditions is attached hereto and provided to all Parties of Record. Changes are made to Conditions 11, 18, 19C, 30, 32, and 37. Portions of Condition 38 that address Parcel O are renumbered 39, 40, and 41. Condition 40 is renumbered 42. In new Condition 41 the term "Condition 24" is changed to "Condition 23".

Mr. Lynn also requests the Examiner's express authorization to simplify and shorten the Development Agreement. He asserts that every time the approved land use plan is modified, it becomes necessary to modify the Development Agreement as well. Furthermore, the Development Agreement restates information set forth in other documents pertaining to the project, for example, details of the Waste Water Treatment Plant. Mr. Lynn suggests referencing the Agreement between Pierce County and the applicant concerning the plant rather than setting forth the Agreement in the Development Agreement.

While Development Agreement issues are beyond the scope of the Reconsideration procedure, the Examiner believes it appropriate to simplify procedural matters so that the project can proceed without having to obtain changes to multiple documents. The Examiner would therefore encourage simplification as much as possible, bearing in mind the impact on interested Parties of Record to include the fire district, school district, cities, and the owner of Parcel O.

Since the Examiner will review the Development Agreement, Parties of Record may want to stay involved in the process. However, prior to submitting the Development Agreement to the Examiner for approval, staff and the applicant should ensure that interested parties have the opportunity to provide comment at appropriate times. Should disputes arise, the Examiner does have authority to request that the matter be brought to public hearing for resolution.

#### **DECISION**:

The Request for Reconsideration is hereby granted.

**ORDERED** this 23rd day of April, 2014.

STEPHEN K. CAUSSEAUX, JR.

**Hearing Examiner** 

**TRANSMITTED** this 23rd day of April, 2014, to the following:

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# **APPEAL OF EXAMINER'S DECISION:**

The final decision by the Examiner may be appealed in accordance with Ch. 36.70C RCW.