

**Chelan County Natural Resources  
Department**

**SEPA Determination of Non-Significance**

October 19, 2020

Lead agency: Chelan County Natural Resources Department

Description of proposal: Chelan County is updating its regulations to ensure it is in compliance with laws and policies regarding water resources. Chelan County additionally has responsibilities to track water supply in parts of the County. In order to fulfill its obligations under existing instream flow rules and anticipated future requirements (e.g., 2016 Supreme Court case “Whatcom County vs. Hirst, Futurewise, et al.” and the 2018 Streamflow Restoration Act) counties in Washington must ensure water is physically and legally available when it issues a building permit or approves a subdivision. Chelan County is evaluating a range of projects, including new storage, improved operation of existing storage, and buying existing rights to offset new uses. Any projects proposed under the new Water Mitigation Program of the County Code will undergo environmental review at the time it is proposed.

Location of proposal: Wenatchee, Entiat and Lake Chelan basins in Chelan County

Chelan County has determined that this proposal will not have a probable significant adverse impact on the environment. An environmental impact statement (EIS) is not required under RCW 43.21C.030(2)(c). This information is available at <https://www.co.chelan.wa.us/natural-resources/pages/water-resources-management>.

Comment Period: This determination of non-significance is issued under WAC 197-11-340(2). The lead agency will not act on this proposal for 14 days from the above-stated date of issuance. Comments must be submitted by 5:00 p.m. on November 2, 2020, to the Responsible Official at Chelan County Natural Resources Department, 411 Washington Street, Suite 201, Wenatchee, WA 98801, or by email to [mike.kaputa@co.chelan.wa.us](mailto:mike.kaputa@co.chelan.wa.us). Upon review of any timely comments received during the comment period, the Responsible Official will, in accordance with WAC 197-11-340(2) and (3), reconsider the DNS and may retain or modify the DNS.

Appeals: There is no opportunity for appeal of the DNS at this time. Pursuant to CCC 14.12.040, any appeal of a SEPA determination must be linked to a specific government action on a permit, license, or other approval. No such action has occurred at this time. For more information on appeals, see CCC 14.12.030 and applicable SEPA statutes and regulations.

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