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RE: Minutes of the November 6, 1992 Code Interpretation Meeting

Present: Terry Brunner, Ken Dinsmore, Harold Vandergriff, Lisa Lee, George McCallum, Laura Casey, Jeff O'Neill, Gordon Thomson

1. For non-single family exemptions, does "related activity" include parking and surface water management facilities? (K.C.C. 21.54.030(B))

The consensus of the group was that related activities for non-single family exemptions do include parking and surface water management facilities, because these are facilities required of most non-single family development by county code. The issue, however, is not as clear cut for a variety of other activities which are not required but may typically be associated with the development. The group agreed that a definition of "related activity" needs to be prepared.

2. Are private surface water management facilities defined as wetlands, and therefore not exempt from K.C.C. 21.54?

Unlike the definition for "streams" (K.C.C. 21.04.823), the definition for "wetlands" (K.C.C. 21.04.920) does not exclude storm and surface water runoff devices and other entirely artificial watercourses. The definition for "wetland functions" (K.C.C. 21.04.923), however, characterizes those functions as "natural processes." As a practical matter, Technical Services Section does not currently define artificial surface water management (SWM) facilities, including R&D ponds, as wetlands. The consensus of the group, therefore, was to interpret the definition of wetland as excluding SWM facilities and other artificial water bodies. The group, however, also agreed that clarification of the definition for wetland is necessary, and that a code amendment should be prepared to explicitly exclude SWM facilities and other artificial water bodies.



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