



## CHELAN COUNTY

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### SEPA NOTICE ISSUANCE OF MITIGATED DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE FOR SE 2012-03 and WV 2012-04

**Description of Proposal:** A Shoreline Exemption, pursuant to WAC 173-27-040(2)(i) and Chelan County Code Section 11.78.020 Riparian Exemptions, and Wetland Variance applications were submitted for irrigation canal improvements that include relocating the point of diversion to a new pump station with intake and fish screen on the Wenatchee River near the SR 285 bridge; replace approximately 4 miles of the Gunn ditch with pressurized pipe; and, the removal of the diversion dam on the Wenatchee River side channel near Monitor, WA. The project is adjacent to the Wenatchee River, a shoreline of statewide significance, with a Rural and Conservancy shoreline environment classification within the project area. Pursuant to the National Wetlands Inventory Map, wetlands are present at the concrete dam removal site and may be present at the proposed intake location. The applicant provided a Wetland Delineation, dated June 2011 and January 17, 2012 prepared by Grette Associates.

**Proponent:** Dan Jaspers, Pioneer Water Users Association  
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**Agent:** Thom Kutrich, Forsgren Associates, Inc  
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**Location of Proposal:** The subject project is located along the PWUA right-of-way, approximately 4 miles of the Gunn ditch, adjacent to the Wenatchee River from the SR285 Wenatchee River Bridge to approximately the intersection of Red Apple Road and US Highway 2.

#### Conditions:

1. Prior to commencement of construction activities, the applicant shall submit a Mitigation Plan, pursuant to Chelan County Code Section 11.80.110 for the wetland buffer restoration. The plan shall be reviewed and approved by Chelan County Community Development.
  - 1.1. The applicant shall submit to Chelan County Community Development a monitoring report, showing the survival rate and any replanting, three (3) and five (5) years from the date of this decision.
  - 1.2. The applicant shall send a copy of the approved Mitigation Plan to the Chelan County Public Utility District No. 1, contact Steve Vaughn.

2. Existing native vegetation within the riparian buffers shall be maintained as riparian habitat. Disturbance of this vegetation shall be limited solely to the permitted activities outlined within this permit. Disturbed riparian vegetation shall be supplemented with native vegetation and plant materials selected from an approved plant list, developed jointly by Chelan County, the Washington State Department of Ecology and the Washington State Department of Fish & Wildlife, or as approved in a Habitat Management and Mitigation Plan for this site. New plantings shall consist of large nursery stock, commercial tublings or seedlings, and/or cuttings from local donor sites.
3. Any construction debris and excavated material removed from the riparian area shall be transported to a legal disposal facility located outside riparian and wetland buffers.
4. The applicant shall be responsible for properly installing and maintaining erosion control devices on the site to control silts, soils or other debris from entering the Wenatchee River, and wetland areas due to runoff across disturbed areas of the property. Erosion control shall be installed and maintained until such time that native vegetation has been planted and established in all disturbed areas.
5. Construction equipment will be limited to the minimum access and construction footprint required for this project.
6. Should heavy machinery be used, refueling of all heavy machinery shall occur at least 200 feet from the Wenatchee River.
7. Prior to entering the project area, all equipment shall be checked for leaks and cleaned free of any external petroleum products, hydraulic fluid, machinery coolants, dirt, weeds both aquatic and terrestrial, weed seeds, and/or any other deleterious materials. Equipment shall be maintained throughout all stages of construction activity.

**Lead agency:** Chelan County Department of Community Development

The lead agency for this proposal has determined that it does 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). The decision was made after review of a completed environmental checklist and other information on file with the lead agency. This information is available to the public upon request.

This MDNS is issued under 197-11-355, Optional DNS. No additional comment period is required.

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**Date:** 6-11-12

**Signature:** 