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Subject: RE: Delay the Ag Study and Meet the Comp Plan Deadline

Date: Monday, May 5, 2025 11:15:42 AM

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Good day, Paul,

Thank you for submitting comments regarding the Ag Study for the Land Use Alternatives to be studied in the DEIS.

These will be entered into the Comprehensive Plan Index of Record.

Best regards,



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Hello,

Please ensure Clark County complies with state law by meeting the Comprehensive Plan update deadline and delay the study of agricultural land until after the Comp Plan is submitted in December 2025.

- Delaying the Comp Plan deadline delays adoption of all of the urgent climate
 and housing policies that are part of the Comp Plan Update. We do not have
 time to lose in implementation of these policies. The cities of Yacolt, Battle
 Ground and Camas, who have been playing by the rules, would be forced to
 delay their comprehensive plans as well.
- County staff have told the council time and again that we will not meet the Comp Plan deadline with the inclusion of a hasty study of agricultural land in the process, which will render the county out of compliance and ineligible for state grants and low-interest loans. These grants could be lost forever depending on the deadline and the county should not be in a position to delay applying for critical grant funds for potentially a year or more, which also delays getting the work done that the grants would fund.
- Ridgefield and La Center are encroaching upon agricultural land because of
 their own prior poor land use planning and are not building multifamily housing
 (0 new units over the past two years). City planners are well aware of state
 requirements as it is their job to know them. All of Clark County should not be
 punished for the negligence of Ridgefield and La Center to submit a plan that
 does not include de-designation of agricultural land.
- Recent discussion among La Center leadership demonstrates that La Center simply does not believe in the goals of the Growth Management Act to reduce sprawl, protect resource lands, or provide housing for all incomes, even as they are required to abide by it. The county should not enable La Center or Ridgefield in their efforts to defy the Growth Management Act and to implement exclusionary zoning.
- La Center and Ridgefield both are aware of the deadlines and the need for a study to de-designate ag land. They did not request this early in the process, so are clearly just reacting to developers/landowners, not acting in the best interests of their cities.
- Councilor Yung ran a campaign on upholding existing environmental law,

protecting natural resources, and reducing sprawl. Councilor Little ran a campaign on protecting farmland and Clark County's rural character. Both ran on affordable housing. How is helping La Center and Ridgefield de-designate ag land and intentionally going out of compliance with state law consistent with those campaign promises? How is delaying adoption of Comp Plan housing requirements and rewarding Ridgefield and La Center for choosing not to build multifamily housing consistent with those campaign promises?

Thank you for your time,

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