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EIS Scoping Meeting for the Shelton Hills Development

Shelton WA – Shelton Hills Planned Unit Development

The City is holding a Public Meeting/Open House to commence the environmental review of this proposed master-planned mixed use development. A public EIS scoping meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 26th, at 5:30 p.m. in the City of Shelton Civic Center, located at 525 W. Cota St. in Shelton. This meeting will provide an opportunity to learn more about the project and proposed actions, and to provide input on the environmental review process. A brief proposal description is provided below.

Agencies, affected Tribes, and members of the public are invited to comment on the scope of the EIS. You may comment on alternatives, mitigation measures, probable significant adverse impacts, and licenses or other approvals that may be required. Your comments must be submitted in writing and received before 5:00 p.m. on October 5, 2012. The following areas have been identified for discussion in the EIS: Earth, Aesthetics/Views, Critical Areas, Land and Shoreline Use, Recreation, Public Service Utilities, Vegetation, and Transportation/Traffic.

Location: Lands within the incorporated boundary of Shelton, west of US Highway 101, from the Wallace Kneeland Interchange extending south for approximately 1.5 miles to the C Street overpass.

Description: The project site is approximately 600 acres, and is zoned for commercial, industrial, and residential uses. At buildout, the development would include approximately 500,000 sq. ft. of commercial/retail, a 45-acre business park, and up to 1,600 predominantly single-family residential units, with associated infrastructure improvements. The applicant proposes to dedicate approximately 375 acres for public facilities, recreation and open space, including a site for a future school and sports park. The site contains 13 wetlands, and abuts the Goose Lake property, currently owned by Rayonier Corporation. Project phasing would commence with the reconstruction of the existing Wallace Kneeland /US 101 interchange, including the southbound ramps and the commercial pads to the south of the reconfigured ramps. It is anticipated the remaining commercial areas would be developed next, followed by the business park. Phasing for the residential development is unknown at this time.

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